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The general purposes and proposed scope of THE CITY RECORD are stated in the following extract from the Inaugural Address of Mayor Quincy, Jan. 3, 1898, by whose direction its publication is inaugurated, and in his circular to the heads of departments in relation thereto, which follows.

AN OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

I believe that the creation of some regular and systematic agency for giving full and speedy publicity to all official action taken by the executive departments would supply a want which is seriously felt in the present working of our city government. The reports of the proceedings of both branches of the City Council, which have been for some time published by contract in the daily press, afford the public full

information as to everything done by the legislative branch of our city government, and even as to everything said in debate by its members; but there is no method by which a citizen, or even a member of the City Council, can keep himself fully and correctly informed as to action taken by the executive departments except by visiting their respective offices. All official acts, become, of course, matters of public record, and any specific information regarding them that may be desired can therefore be secured by inquiry; but there is no method at present by which a person desiring to keep himself informed as to official action can do so without the trouble of a personal letter or visit, as such information now gets to the public only in a fragmentary and irregular manner, and sometimes not in an exact form, through the daily press.

In my last annual address I expressed the opinion that "the Executive should constantly be subject to close observation and intelligent criticism by the legislative branch of the government;" the absence of such criticism, made not merely for the purpose of manufacturing partisan capital, but in a fair spirit and with a desire of really benefiting the public, is one of the weak points in our city government at the present time. The powers of the Mayor and of the heads of departments are so great, and the action taken by them constitutes such an important part of the work of governing the city, that the interests of sound and efficient administration, coming up to the best standards and responsive to the demands of enlightened public sentiment, require that the fullest light of publicity shall be thrown upon all executive actions, as a basis for proper public criticism. The great power and value of mere publicity under our democratic form of government, as a force for checking abuses and securing needed improvements in public affairs, has been frequently demonstrated.

I believe that the regular publication by the city of an official gazette, containing a record of all official acts of every Board or officer at the head of a department, would have a most beneficial effect; first, in furnishing the members of the City Council with the information required in order to enable them to perform properly their important duty of scrutinizing the expenditure of the money appropriated by them; second, in affording to the writers who deal with municipal

matters in the press full and exact current information; and third, in stimulating the interest of citizens generally in the operations of the municipal government, by affording them the means of following these with ease. Such regular publication of all official action would also certainly have a tendency to make officials more careful in the performance of their duties.

Without undertaking at the present time to make an exhaustive category of all that should be included in such a municipal publication, it should contain, in my opinion, among other things:

1. A copy of every message sent by the Mayor to the City Council, or either branch, and of every ordinance, order or vote passed by the City Council, or either branch, and approved by the Mayor, or which has gone into effect without such approval.

2. A statement of every order or vote passed by the Street Commissioners and approved by the Mayor.

3. Notices of all public hearings to be held before committees of the City Council, or before the Mayor, or any head of a department, or before committees of the Legislature when such hearings relate to matters affecting the city—with perhaps a brief summary of such hearings.

4. A summary, or the full text, of all important bills affecting the city pending in the Legislature, and the full text of all laws affecting the city, as passed.

5. A copy, or a sufficiently full abstract, of the record of all meetings of Boards at the head of departments, and of all formal action taken by single heads of departments in the exercise of the powers vested in them by statute or ordinance.

6. A report of official action of record taken by the school committee, or by any sub-committee thereof.

7. Such vital and social statistics, and such statistical matter relative to the operations of the different departments, such as prices paid for supplies, number of employees, number of inmates of institutions, quantity of work performed, weekly receipts or expenditures, as the Board of Municipal Statistics may deem suitable for current publication, and such official information as to the operations of other municipalities, in this country or abroad, as said Board may deem valuable for the information of the executive departments.

8. A copy of every advertisement published by any department, a summary of all proposals received in response to the same, and a statement of all awards of contracts, giving work to be done and date of completion.

9. Special communications addressed to the Mayor by heads of departments relative to the operations or needs of their departments, and such notices as they deem it proper to issue to the public.

10. A record of the entry and nature of all law suits brought by or against the city, of any action therein in court, and of all settlements of claims against the city, whether made in court or outside of court.

11. An outline of the principal features of the city finances.

12. Such illustrations of any work proposed or executed by any department as may be desirable to give a clear idea of the same.

13. A statement of all action affecting the city taken by the Civil Service Commission, notices of all examinations or registrations relative to employment under the city to be held by said Commission, and a summary of the result thereof.

14. Such official information as to the operations of the several Metropolitan Commissions, or as to any action taken, or report made, affecting the city by any state commission or officer, as may be deemed of interest.

Such a gazette for the information and use of the departments and officers of the city, I am advised by the Corporation Counsel, can be published by order of the Mayor, each department being charged with its share of the expense; in order that it may begin with the present municipal year, I have already instructed the Superintendent of Printing to take charge of the printing of such a publication, and I have asked the Board of Statistics to assume the direction of receiving, arranging and editing matter to appear in it, and the heads of departments will be expected to furnish, as promptly as possible, information as to all the matters above referred to. This publication will be designated as "THE CITY RECORD, an official gazette of the Executive Departments of the City of Boston," and will be issued weekly, beginning with the present week; copies will be furnished to every head of a department or division, and to members of the City Council. While this publication is primarily for official use, I have no doubt that arrangements will be made by which any citizen can receive the publication by subscribing for it.

A daily official publication upon somewhat the lines above indicated, but more comprehensive in its scope, has been maintained for over twenty years by the city of New York, with successful results, and similar municipal publications are not uncommon in Europe. Boston cannot therefore lead the

way among American cities in the establishment of such a gazette; but she can be the second city to take such a step, and in view of the successful operation of our municipal printing plant, it seems particularly appropriate that this city—being now equipped to issue such a publication without having to make any contract therefor—should inaugurate this departure. The Superintendent of Printing estimates that an eight-page publication of suitable size can be issued weekly at an expense of about \$5,000 a year, and the effort will be made to have its general style and make-up as convenient and attractive as possible.

While, as above stated, this CITY RECORD will be started at once as an executive publication, I trust that the City Council will deem it proper to provide for its publication by ordinance, thus establishing it as the official gazette of the city, covering both the legislative and executive departments. I desire further to suggest the desirability of publishing the *verbatim* reports of the proceedings of the City Council in this manner, instead of by making a contract therefor with a daily newspaper.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 4, 1898.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the statement made in my Inaugural Address, to which your attention is called, you are hereby notified that a publication entitled THE CITY RECORD will hereafter be issued weekly, primarily to answer the purpose of an official gazette of the executive departments of the city, in which all official action taken by each of them, together with other information of official interest, will be recorded. This publication will be issued and continued by executive authority, primarily for the information and use of the executive departments, each of which will be expected to contribute its proper share of the expense involved; it is hoped, however, that the City Council will later provide by ordinance for the continuance of such a publication, and for meeting the expense of the same, and thus make it the official gazette of the city, covering the legislative as well as the executive department.

The editorial direction of THE CITY RECORD will be under the charge of the Board of Municipal Statistics, Dr. Edward M. Hartwell, Secretary, Room 71, City Hall, to whom all matter for publication should be sent. The regular weekly publication day will at present be Thursday, and all copy must be delivered not later than Tuesday; the issue of the present week, however, will appear upon Saturday, and copy will be received up to Friday morning.

You will please furnish for publication as

above, for each week ending on Monday, from and after Jan. 3, 1898; first, a copy or sufficiently full abstract of the record of all meetings of Boards, and of all formal action taken by single heads of departments in the exercise of the powers vested in them by statute or ordinance; second, a full copy of every advertisement issued, a summary of all proposals received in response to the same, and a statement of all awards of contracts; and third, such current statistical matter relative to the operations of your several departments—such as number of employees, number of inmates of institutions, permits issued, work done, etc.,—as you may deem suitable for regular publication, or for publication from time to time, the same to be approved before insertion by the Board of Municipal Statistics.

Further directions as to official information to be furnished for publication will be given later, and in the meantime heads of departments are requested to consider what further matters, relative to their several departments, could be published with advantage in THE CITY RECORD, and to communicate such suggestions to me in writing. Communications relative to the operations, or to the wants, of any department may be addressed to me with a view to their publication, and will be inserted in THE RECORD, subject to my approval.

Each single head of a department or division, and each member of a board, will receive a copy of the publication, and it should be regularly kept on file for reference at the office of each department.

Yours respectfully,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

THE CITY RECORD OF NEW YORK.

The following provision relative to publication of a City Record is contained in the Charter of the City of New York.—Chapter XXII., Revised Statutes:

TITLE 6.—A BOARD OF CITY RECORD.

Section 1,526. There shall be published daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted), under a contract to be made as hereinafter provided, a paper to be known as the City Record. And said City Record and the newspapers now by law designated as corporation newspapers in the present city of Brooklyn, shall be the only papers to be included within the term corporation newspapers as the same is used anywhere in this act. * * * The mayor, corporation counsel and controller shall constitute the board of City Record. Said board by a majority vote shall appoint a proper person, together with such assistants as may be required, to supervise the preparation and publication of the same, and they shall also fix the rates of compensation of said supervisor and his assistants. All the expenses connected with its publication and distribution, except the salary of the person appointed to supervise the same, and the salaries of his assistants, shall be covered by a contract for printing, to be made in the same manner as other

contracts. The board of estimate and apportionment shall provide for all the necessary expenses of conducting the said City Record. There shall be inserted in said City Record nothing aside from such official matters as are expressly authorized. The contract for the publication of the City Record shall provide for furnishing, free of charge, to the city of New York, not more than two thousand copies thereof, also for a gratuitous distribution to every newspaper regularly printed in the city of New York, when it shall apply for the same, of two copies and to every public library or public institution in said city which shall apply for the same, of one copy. Copies of the same shall be sold by the supervisor at a price to be fixed by the officers making the contract and the proceeds thereof shall be paid over to the city. All advertising required to be done for the city, except as in this act otherwise specially provided, and all notices required by law or ordinance to be published in corporation papers, shall be inserted, at the public expense, only in the City Record, and a publication therein shall be a sufficient compliance with any law or ordinance requiring publication of such matters or notices, but there may be inserted in two morning and two evening and two weekly or semi-weekly papers published in the English language and in one newspaper published in the German language, all in said city, to be designated, at any time, by said board of City Record, brief advertisements calling attention to any contracts intended to be awarded or bonds to be sold and referring for full information to said City Record; said designation of such newspapers to continue in effect until another or different designation shall be made by said board. * * * In case, however, of the sale of bonds or stocks of said city or of any real estate belonging to the city such advertisements may be also inserted in such other newspapers published in said city as said board may determine in the case of each sale. But nothing herein contained shall prevent the publication elsewhere of any advertisement required by law; provided, however, that no such publication shall be made unless the same is authorized by a concurrent vote of the members of said board. No money shall be paid from the city treasury and no action shall be maintained or judgment obtained against the city of New York, as constituted by this act, for any advertising done after April thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three except, such as is herein authorized or such as at the time this act takes effect is a lawful charge against a municipal or public corporation, or part thereof, hereby consolidated with the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of New York. The copies of the City Record furnished to the city shall be distributed to the several departments and officers, and to such persons and in such manner as the board of City Record shall direct. The controller shall cause a continuous series of the City Record to be bound as completed quarterly, and to be deposited with his certificate thereon, in the office of the Register of Deeds of the county of New York, in the county clerk's office of said county and in the office of the city clerk, and copies of the contents of any part of the same, certified by such register, county clerk, or city clerk, shall be received in judicial proceedings as *prima facie* evidence of the truth of the contents thereof.

THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF VIENNA.

By EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS.

Prior to 1890, the city of Vienna included ten wards or districts. In the year 1890 a large belt of suburban territory (including

some thirty-four village communes) was annexed, and the annexed territory was divided into ten governmental divisions or wards. The area of the enlarged municipality comprises nearly seventy square miles of territory, an increase of about fifty square miles over that included in the city prior to 1890. The ten districts of the old city embraced a population of 817,299, while the population of the nine annexed districts amounted to 524,598.

As a result of the union of the suburban communes with the capital city, it was necessary to organize for purposes of municipal administration eighteen magisterial district offices and nineteen communal district chanceries or offices of record. The need was felt for the establishment of an official organ, which should serve as a ready and permanent means of communication between the Magistracy, the different branches of the Municipal Council, various other departments, and the decentralized, administrative district boards, for the purpose of securing the prompt transmission of official notices and documents. It was also felt that an administrative district so important as Vienna could no longer properly do without an official gazette for bringing to the notice of the public, in an unchanged and authentic form, the enactments of the City Government, departmental reports, official notifications of various sorts, and invitations for bids and proposals from contractors on public work. A further argument for the establishment of the gazette was found in the desirability of consolidating a large number of municipal publications previously published separately. It was also argued that the maintenance of such an official gazette would serve as a means of preserving records of historical importance in the life of the municipality. The example of such municipalities as London, Paris, Berlin and a considerable number of other German cities in maintaining such official gazettes, was not without its influence upon the City Council of Vienna; and accordingly, by ordinance of the Council, passed October 20, 1891, the "Official Gazette of the Capital and Residence City of Vienna" was authorized. Its first number was issued on Friday, January 8, 1892.

The "Official Gazette," which appears every Tuesday and Friday, including from two to eight signatures, contains stenographic reports of the public sessions of the Municipal Council (*Gemeinderath*); detailed reports of the sessions of the City Council (*Stadtrath*); reports and information concerning means of subsistence, and military, industrial, school, conscription, poor, water and warehouse affairs; specifications contained in all petitions received within the previous three days in all the district offices

under the Magistracy for permits to build, and for the determination of building lines; quarterly statements relating to taxation, municipal indebtedness and real estate transfers; and a variety of notifications, among which calls for proposals from contractors occupy a prominent place. In addition, every month the "Official Gazette" publishes a separate supplement, which contains the ordinances and decisions of the Municipal Council and the Magistracy, together with a list of newly issued laws of the Empire and of the Kingdom. A second supplement constitutes the monthly bulletin of the Statistical Department of the Magistracy.

A few weeks after the close of the year, there appears a comprehensive, accurate index of the "Official Gazette," and a special index of supplementary ordinances.

The number of subscribers to the Gazette in 1895 was about 300 yearly, and the number of copies gratuitously distributed among state and city officials amounted to nearly 1,300. The annual subscription price is 6 florins.

It may be remarked that the official gazette of the city of Berlin for the year 1892-93 cost that city 64,628 marks, the income of the gazette for the same year being 1,038 marks. For the year 1893-94, the expenditures amounted to 61,863 marks, and the income to 1,207 marks. For the year ending March 31, 1895, the cost of the gazette was 57,449 marks, and 51,384 marks were expended in the year ending March 31, 1896. In Paris, the appropriation in 1894 for the publication of the "Bulletin Municipal Officiel" amounted to 112,400 francs, the actual expenditure being 109,268 francs.

GOVERNOR WOLCOTT'S INAUGURAL.

Extracts relating to matters affecting Boston, from the inaugural address of His Excellency, Governor Wolcott, January 6, 1898.

STREET RAILWAYS.

One of the most important measures passed by the Legislature of 1897 was the "Act to promote rapid transit in the city of Boston and vicinity." The petitioners for this legislation were men who, through the control of large means and by the possession of great business experience, were well fitted to prosecute an extensive and costly enterprise, which gave promise of overcoming, in part, at least, the difficulties which in Boston have made rapid transit so tardy of realization. It may be safely affirmed that the feeling was general in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and thus enabling them to carry into execution their elaborate plans of construction, provided, in bestowing so important a franchise, the rights and interests, both present and prospective, of the public should be safely guarded. With this purpose many important modifications of the bill as first presented were made by the Legislature, some of them immediately before its final passage, to meet objections raised by the executive, and as so amended the bill received my approval. This was given not without hesitation, but in

confident reliance that the discretion entrusted by the bill to the Board of Railroad Commissioners to pass judgment upon certain points necessarily left undetermined therein would be so exercised as to be consistent with the public interests and in accord with public policy. By the recent decisions of the Board upon the West End Railway lease this reliance is shown not to have been misplaced. The commissioners in my opinion, have treated the difficult questions submitted to them with ability, and with a single eye to the public welfare. Such action justifies the well-settled policy of the Commonwealth, in granting larger powers to corporations exercising their franchises under authority of the Commonwealth, to leave to the several commissions the decision of certain details, relying upon them to exercise with wisdom and fearlessness that supervision which the public interests require.

The section of the subway extending from the western entrance in the Public Garden to Park street and that from the southern entrance on Shawmut avenue to the corner of Boylston and Tremont streets have now been in operation for several months. It is gratifying to note the fact that they have already proved of great advantage in promoting the rapid transit of passengers, and in relieving the congestion of traffic on adjacent streets. Another year will witness the completion of the subway from Park street to the vicinity of the Union Station on Causeway street, and the full benefit of this great work in removing the burden of street car traffic from certain of our principal streets will, it is confidently expected, be then realized.

BOSTON HARBOR.

The much-needed improvements in Boston harbor, demanded by the importance of the commercial interests of the port have been forwarded during the year through both national and State agencies.

The main ship channel at the entrance to the harbor has been freed from rocks and shoals, so that there is now a uniform depth of twenty-seven feet at mean low water, with a width of 1,000 feet as far up as the Narrows. Under a contract with the Federal Government to continue the same width and depth of channel up to the city, the work of dredging is now going on, and will probably result during the coming season in the completion of a channel of like dimensions to President's Roads.

An examination of the proposed new ship channel through Broad Sound has been made, and it is expected that Congress will be asked during the coming session for an appropriation sufficient for the excavation of a channel by this route 1,200 feet wide and thirty feet deep at mean low water.

Boston has suffered in the past from the lack of a free and deep waterway for large vessels approaching her wharves. It has been a serious obstacle to the due expansion of her shipping interests, from the burden of which relief should not be longer delayed.

With the view of providing, for the future, still greater facilities for the commerce of the port, the Legislature of last year authorized the expenditure of a large sum to secure public ownership and control of certain portions of the foreshore of Boston harbor, and for the construction of a pier and dock on the Commonwealth's flats at South Boston. A contract for the foundations and care of this pier has been made by the Harbor and Land Commissioners, which it is expected will secure its completion and readiness for service before the contemplated improvements above referred to in the ship channel shall be fully carried out. Owing to the dislodgement of many industries and business firms through the location of the Southern Union Station, the attention of investors and business men has been turned in larger measure than heretofore to the undeveloped property of the Commonwealth at

South Boston, and to the increased use of the wharf properties of South Bay.

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD.

The great constructive work committed to this Board has been prosecuted with vigor and has made substantial progress during the past year. The tunnel, two miles in length, making the beginning of the aqueduct which is to connect the Nashua river at Clinton with the Sudbury water system of the city of Boston, has been completed, and the remainder of the aqueduct, with the open waterway, nine miles in length, has been so far finished that water can now be conveyed through it to the South-boro' reservoir. This large reservoir, covering an area of two square miles, and already connected with the Boston water system, is so far completed as to be now collecting and storing the waters of its own water-shed. The main supply pipes, generally four feet in diameter, have been laid through the greater part of the Metropolitan water district. A large additional water supply is therefore already assured, and it is believed that reason for apprehension of any serious trouble in the near future from a light rainfall no longer exists. The building of the dam and reservoir at Clinton and the other work connected with this great undertaking will require several years for completion. It is interesting to note that with increasing population certain municipalities within the ten-mile radius, but not originally included in the municipal water district, are already showing a desire to be admitted to share the benefits of the new water supply. The Commonwealth will finally be fully reimbursed for its great expenditure, and the several municipalities will obtain an abundant supply of pure water at a less expense than if each were forced to construct independent works.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR.

Appended is an extract from the minutes of a regular meeting of the Common Council, held January 6, at 7.45 P. M., President Connolly in the chair, showing the action of the Council on certain messages from the Mayor :

METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY. — The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 6, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

I desire to notify you that the Metropolitan Water Board, under the provisions of Chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895, has taken all the land, and all the ponds, basins, reservoirs, filter-beds, dams, aqueducts, conduits, pumping stations, pipes, pumps and other property held by the City of Boston, for the purpose of supplying water, or for the purpose of storing or of protecting or preserving the purity of the water, and situated westward of Chestnut Hill Reservoir and westward of the intersection of the main pipes recently laid by said Board from Chestnut Hill Reservoir to Spot Pond, together with the main pipes which convey water from the Mystic distributing reservoir, the pumping station at Chestnut Hill Reservoir and lands under and surrounding the same, and the pipes and aqueduct leading thereto, and that

said Board is now prepared to furnish water to the towns in the Metropolitan water district. The Act requires that said Board shall, on application, furnish water to any city or town in the Metropolitan district that at the time of the application owns its water-pipe system. It is therefore necessary that you should authorize such application for the furnishing of water to be made, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to make application to the Metropolitan Water Board to furnish water from the Metropolitan Water Supply, under the provisions of Chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895.

The message was sent up, and the order passed.

CHESTNUT HILL RESERVOIR GROUNDS.—

The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 6, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

In view of the fact that Chestnut Hill Reservoir up to the inner line of the driveway surrounding it, has now been taken by the Metropolitan Water Commission, and that only this driveway and the grounds outside of it are left in the custody of the Water Department of the city, I desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying order transferring the care and custody of the driveway and grounds from the Water Department, which no longer has any real connection with them, to the Park Department under which they now properly belong. The Water Commissioner is anxious to have this transfer effected as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the driveway and grounds around Chestnut Hill Reservoir, including all of the lands connected with said Reservoir, owned by the city, be transferred from the Water Department to the Park Department.

The message was sent up, and the order passed.

CUSTODY OF ROGERS PARK. — The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 6, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

I desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying order transferring the care and custody of Rogers Park, Brighton, from the Public Grounds Department to the Park Department. I understand that this transfer would be approved by both of the departments concerned, and it has been petitioned for in the past by the Citizens' Improvement Association of Ward 25. The character of this land is such that it seems desirable in many respects that it should be under park

administration rather than that it should continue to be treated as a public ground.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That Rogers Park, Brighton, be hereby transferred from the Public Grounds Department to the Park Department.

The message was sent up. On motion of Mr. Callahan of Ward 7, the order was referred to the Committee on Public Grounds Department, when appointed.

WIDENING NORTH HARVARD STREET.—

The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City Hall, January 6, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The necessity of widening North Harvard street from the Boylston-street Bridge between Boston and Cambridge, to Cambridge street, has been evident for some time, and there is pressing occasion for providing for this widening without delay, owing to the fact that the large water mains of the Metropolitan Water System must shortly be laid through the street. This work is recognized by the Street Commissioners as one of the most urgent coming under the Street Laying Out Department, and I earnestly recommend that the estimated sum required, amounting to \$25,000, be provided at once by loan.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be authorized to expend twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars for widening North Harvard street, from the Boylston street Bridge (between Boston and Cambridge) to Cambridge street; and that to meet the appropriation aforesaid the City Treasurer issue and sell, as may be required, either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston for the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars; said bonds or certificates to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer of the City of Boston twenty years from the date of the same, and bear interest at the rate of three and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of January and July of each year.

Ordered, That any premium obtained in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Fund for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

The message was sent up, and the question came on the passage of the order.

The order was passed. Yeas, 64; nays, 0. Mr. Wheeler moved to reconsider. Lost. Sent up.

BORROWING CAPACITY.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City Hall, January 6, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds estimating the amount which the city will be

able to borrow during the present municipal year within the debt limit.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUNDS.

City Hall, January 3, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 93, Acts of 1891, it is estimated that the amount which the city will be able to borrow during the present municipal year within the debt limit established by law is \$1,701,997.46, as per schedule annexed.

Respectfully,

HENRY R. REED,
NATHANIEL J. RUST,
SAMUEL JOHNSON,
JOHN H. SULLIVAN,
CHARLES H. COLE,
CHARLES E. MORRISON,

Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds.
ALFRED T. TURNER, City Treasurer.

JAMES H. DODGE, City Auditor.

Total Debt, City and County.....	\$79,696,166 41	
Less special loans (outside limit).....	\$26,640,000 00	
Cochituate Water Debt.....	17,911,273 98	
County Debt (outside limit).....	2,921,000 00	
		47,472,273 98
Sinking Funds.....	\$27,448,148 26	\$52,223,892 43
Less Cochituate Water Sinking Fund.....	\$9,852,192 55	
Special Loans Sinking Fund.....	3,367,457 91	
County Court House Sinking Fund.....	426,408 89	
	13,646,059 35	13,802,088 91
Debt excluding debts outside of limit and deducting sinking funds for said debt..	\$18,421,803 52	
Two per cent. on \$951,638,949 average valuation for five years, less abatements.....	\$19,032,778 98	
Debt as above.....	18,421,803 52	
Right to borrow, Jan 3, 1898.....	\$610,975 46	
April 1, 1898, Interest on Investments.....	138,304 00	
July 1, 1898, Interest on Investments.....	63,098 00	
Oct. 1, 1898, Interest on Investments.....	138,304 00	
Oct. 1, 1898, Debt paid from Appropriation (inside limit).....	17,000 00	
Nov. 1, 1898, Appropriation for Debt.....	1,176,790 00	
Dec. 31, 1898, Sterling Debt redeemed.....	90,000 00	
Dec. 31, 1898, Interest on Bank Deposits.....	54,428 00	
Jan. 1, 1899, Interest on Investments.....	63,098 00	
	\$2,351,997 46	
Less loans authorized, but not negotiated (inside limit).....	650,000 00	
	\$1,701,997 46	

LOANS FOR DEPARTMENTS.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 6, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I hereby recommend the passage of the accompanying orders providing for meeting the expenses of the Street Laying Out Department and of the Wire Department, by loan in the same manner as heretofore, the loans recommended being for the same amounts as were authorized last year. As

these departments will have no authority to incur expenses for the purposes contemplated after the first of February, unless these loans are authorized, the need of early action upon them is apparent.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners expend for making plans of territory or sections of land under the provisions of Chapter three hundred and twenty-three of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and Acts in amendment thereof or addition thereto, the sum of \$60,000, and that the proceeds of loans issued for the purpose specified in said chapter be applied to the payment thereof.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Wires be authorized to expend the sum of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars in carrying out the powers and duties conferred upon him by Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer, at his discretion, issue and sell coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount, payable at the office of the City Treasurer of Boston twenty years from their date, and bearing interest at the rate of three and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually at such times as said Treasurer shall determine.

The message was sent up, and the orders were passed. Yeas, 60; nays, 0.

GRANGER-STREET EXTENSION.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 6, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In connection with the proposed transfer of an appropriation of \$10,000 lately made from Leonard street to Granger street, and referring to the message which I addressed to the City Council of 1896, recommending that such an appropriation be made for Granger street rather than for Leonard street, I transmit herewith an estimate of the cost of each of these streets, lately made by the Street Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

City Hall, January 6, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sir: In reply to the note the Street Commissioners received from you on Tuesday, they wish to say that, in their opinion, under present conditions, an extension of Granger street to Dorchester avenue would require an appropriation of \$12,000, and that for an extension of Leonard street to Adams street an appropriation of \$15,000 would be needed.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Sent up.

REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1898. — The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 6, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a copy of an Ordinance for consolidating and arranging the Ordinances of the city, which was pending before the City Council of 1897, and was referred by that body to the City Council of 1898, for the purpose of bringing such ordinances before you for your early action thereon.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Annexed was a copy of the revised ordinances referred to.)

The message was sent up, and the question came on giving the ordinances a second reading. The ordinances were read a second time, and the question came on their passage. A motion to assign further consideration of the ordinances to the next meeting was carried.

BATH DEPARTMENT. — The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 6, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In view of the desirability of making early provision for the administration of the new bath-house on Dover street, I recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance providing for a new department of baths, upon the lines and for the reasons stated in my inaugural address.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

In the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

An ordinance to establish a department of baths. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1 of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 is hereby amended by striking out in the fourteenth line thereof, the words "shall establish and maintain bath-houses."

Section 2. A department of baths is hereby established, to be in charge of a board of seven members to be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, two of which members shall always be women. The members of said board may be appointed by the Mayor at any time after the date of the passage of this ordinance, to serve until the first day of May next. On or before said first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, the Mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen one member to serve for the term of five years, two for the term of four years, one for the term of three years, two for the term two years and one for the term of one year, beginning with said first day of May; and annually after the current year, in the years in which any term or terms shall expire, a member or members of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May in the year of appointment. Said board shall establish and maintain bath-houses, and shall

have the care and custody of all bath-houses, whether for all-the-year-round use or floating bath-houses in salt water for summer use, now or hereafter established by the city, and shall have the care and custody of all urinals or public convenience stations, now or hereafter established by the city, and shall have and exercise as to such baths and urinals all of the powers now vested in the Board of Health.

METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY. — The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 6, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The Act to provide for a Metropolitan Water Supply, Chap. 488 of the Acts of 1895, makes no provision for the disposition of the sums to be received by the city from the Metropolitan Water Board as compensation for the taking of its water-supply system, and no order has yet been passed by the City Council providing for the disposition of such funds. As I am given to understand that said Board will very shortly be ready to make a large payment on account to the city, it is very desirable that the City Council should provide at once for the proper disposition of any funds so received. There can be no question that any compensation received by the city for the taking of a portion of its water system can only be properly applied, so far as necessary, toward meeting the existing water debt of the city by increasing the sinking funds held therefor. I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That any sums that may be received by the city from the Commonwealth on the order of the Metropolitan Water Board, as compensation in whole or in part for the taking of any part or the whole of the water supply system of the city, be paid over to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds, to be added by said Board to any sinking funds held by it to meet at maturity any outstanding water bonds.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the School Committee, held December 28, 1897, Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, presented a report on school accommodations, which was accepted. The first part of the report is as follows:

The Committee on School Houses desire to present, for the information of the Board and of the public generally, a statement of what has been accomplished during the year 1897 in providing additional school accommodations, as follows.

Of the \$2,200,000 which the Legislature of 1895 authorized the School Committee to expend for the acquirement of land and the construction and furnishing of new school-houses during the five years 1895-99, \$500,000 was to be expended during 1895, an equal sum during 1896, and \$400,000 during each of the three following years. It seems to have been

assumed that this appropriation would not only be sufficient to provide the necessary additional Grammar and Primary accommodations during the term named, but would also permit of the construction of one or more High School-houses. It soon became evident, however, that the appropriation would be taxed to its utmost to meet the requirements of the rapidly increasing Grammar and Primary population, yet the necessity of providing additional High Schools had become imperative. A petition was therefore presented to the last Legislature asking that the School Committee be authorized to expend, or to contract to expend, \$500,000 during the year 1897, and \$500,000 during 1898, for the purchase and taking of land, and for the erection, enlargement and furnishing of High Schools in East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, West Roxbury, and for the Mechanic Arts High School and the Girls' Latin School, in addition to the amount already granted under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895. The Legislature failed to grant the amount asked for, but did amend Section 4 of the Act referred to, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 4. The city treasurer of said city, to pay the expenses incurred for the lands taken and the building and furnishing of school-houses as aforesaid, shall from time to time, on the request of said school committee, issue and sell negotiable bonds of said city to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars in the current year, which shall be outside of the debt limit, and five hundred thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, six hundred and fifty thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and six hundred and fifty thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, which shall all be within the debt limit. Of the amounts issued in the years eighteen hundred and ninety-seven and eighteen hundred and ninety-eight a sum not less than five hundred thousand dollars shall be used for the payment of expenses to be incurred for the taking of lands and the erection and furnishing of High School buildings in East Boston, South Boston, West Roxbury and Dorchester.

Thus it will be seen that instead of \$2,200,000 to be expended in five years, the School Committee have been authorized to expend \$2,300,000 in four years, of which amount not less than \$500,000 is required to be devoted during two specified years for High School purposes in East Boston, South Boston, West Roxbury, and Dorchester. It will be observed that no provision was made for the relief of the Girls' High School on West Newton street, which occupies, together with the Girls' Latin School, a building planned to accommodate 925 pupils, but which has been obliged to shelter no less than 1,326 pupils at one time. It may be said, in this connection, that no single measure would afford such needed relief as the erection of a new home for the Girls' Latin School, now housed in a building crowded almost beyond endurance. Nor should the claims of the Normal School and the Mechanic Arts High School for better facilities be overlooked. The Normal School has for many years occupied the upper floor of the Rice School-house, accommodations that are utterly inadequate for the needs of this school. Even the corridors are utilized for class-work, and the school is without a gymnasium; has no studio for drawing, no laboratory for physics or chemistry or zoology or physiology, or many of the essentials of a modern High School building. Such are the conditions in the school that it has recently been decided to close the daily sessions during the winter months at one instead of two o'clock, in order to relieve teachers and pupils from longer confinement in crowded and poorly ventilated rooms. The Mechanic Arts High School-house should be completed in accordance with the original plans, which can be done for a comparatively small amount. This school is inconveniently full this year and is

certain to be overcrowded next year, and this disadvantage will annually increase until the necessary relief is furnished.

The inadequacy of the appropriation placed at the disposal of the School Committee has been increased by the action of the Legislature at its latest session in amending the building laws so that every building hereafter erected or enlarged, or converted to use as a school-house, shall be a first-class building, i.e., of fireproof construction throughout. This means, according to the best authorities, an increase in cost of about fifteen per cent in buildings subject to this provision. In other words, a school-house that could formerly be built for \$100,000 will now cost \$115,000, or, stated in still another way, the appropriation granted to the School Committee has been reduced fifteen per cent.

It was our intention in this report to state the manner in which the appropriation for the current year has been expended, but we have felt it necessary to present the foregoing general review of the situation, in order that the conditions under which we labor may be clearly understood.

Out of the \$650,000 which the School Committee were authorized to expend during the year 1897, the following appropriations have been made:

West End School-house site, additional	\$70,000 00
Small wooden building in yard of Chapman School-house, additional	201 81
Small wooden building in yard of Hugh O'Brien School-house, additional	337 92
Small wooden building in yard of Lowell School-house, additional	69 52
Washington Allston Annex (Allston Club-house), furnishing, additional	42 29
New Primary School-house, North End, site, additional	100,000 00
One-room building in yard of Munroe-street Primary School-house building and furnishing, additional	478 59
New Primary School-house, Beech street, West Roxbury, additional	558 58
Roger Clap School-house, furnishing, additional	2,692 04
Beech-street School-house, furnishing, additional	179 30
Sharp School-house, enlargement of lot, grading and fencing	2,997 96
New Bowdoin School-house, furnishing and electric fixtures, additional	2,949 24
Paul Revere School-house, Prince street, additional	60,000 00
William Wirt Warren School-house lot, grading, additional	178 60
Longfellow School-house, Roslindale, west of the railroad, additional	6,000 00
Longfellow School-house, furnishing	10,000 00
Gilbert Stuart School-house lot, grading	8,000 00
William H. Kent School-house, Moulton street, Charlestown, grading	4,200 00
Primary School-house, Moulton street, additional land	2,000 00
Mayhew School-house, furnishing	10,000 00
Robinson-street School-house, furnishing	7,000 00
New Grammar School-house, Harris District, furnishing	12,000 00
New Grammar School-house, Harris District, additional	13,000 00
New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury, additional	14,000 00
West End School-house, building, additional	6,500 00
Cudworth School-house lot, grading	7,000 00

Dillaway School-house lot, grading	625 85
New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury, furnishing	5,000 00
Longfellow School-house, Roslindale, west of the railroad, additional	3,000 00
New Primary School-house, North End, site, additional	50,990 30
East Boston High School-house, site	58,000 00
West Roxbury High School-house, additional	150,000 00
New Dorchester School-house	42,000 00
	\$650,000 00

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

METROPOLITAN PARK COMMISSION,

114 Ames Building,

December 31, 1897.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In answer to your letter of December 27, I take pleasure in sending you the following data, and am at your service if further figures are required.

METROPOLITAN PARKS LOAN.

Original Appropriation, Chap. 407, Acts of 1893	\$1,000,000 00
1st Revere Beach Act, Chap. 483, Acts of 1894	500,000 00
2d Revere Beach Act, Chap. 305, Acts of 1895	500,000 00
General Appropriation, Chap. 466, Acts of 1896	1,000,000 00
General Appropriation, Chap. 464, Acts of 1897	500,000 00
	\$3,500,000 00
To provide for interest and Sinking Fund requirements to 1900, Chap. 311, Acts of 1897	900,000 00
Total amount of loans	\$4,400,000 00
To this should be added amounts received for sales of buildings, receipts from bath-house, fines, etc.	12,987 08
Making the total	\$4,412,987 08
Deducting from this amount the total of the amounts already charged to the loans	\$3,231,006 28
And the amounts reserved by the Auditor	296,574 40
	3,528,180 68
It appears that there remains in the hands of the State Treasurer the unexpended balance of	\$884,806 40
METROPOLITAN PARKS LOANS, SERIES II.	
Original Boulevard, Chap. 288, Acts of 1894	\$500,000 00

General Appropriation, Chap. 472, Acts of 1896	500,000 00
General Appropriation, Chap. 521, Acts of 1897	1,000,000 00
	\$2,000,000 00
To provide for interest and Sinking-Fund requirements to 1900, Chap. 311, Acts of 1897	100,000 00

Total amount of loans	\$2,100,000 00
Receipts from sales, etc.	3,947 00

Making the total . . . \$2,103,947 00

Deducting amounts already charged to the loans	\$813,782 16
And amounts reserved by the Auditor	52,171 30
	865,953 46

Balance remaining in the hands of the State Treasurer . . . \$1,237,993 54

CHARLES RIVER LOAN.

Chap. 509, Acts of 1894	\$300,000 00
Receipts from sales, rents, etc.	2,906 61

Making the total, \$302,906 61

Amounts already charged to the loan	295,844 14
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Balance remaining in the hands of the State Treasurer	\$7,062 47
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As to takings the past year, under the Park Act the Commission has either taken, or is about to take, the shores of the Charles river, so far as practicable, from the end of their previous takings at Watertown to Newton Upper Falls. It is estimated that the balance of the Parks Loans will be required for this purpose. Under Series II. a large amount of work has been done towards the investigation of the cost and feasibility of the various parkway schemes that were presented to the Legislature last winter, and these investigations have not been completed.

Plans for a speedway along the Charles river, from North Market street, in Brighton, to Soldiers' Field, have been prepared, and one series of bids obtained for doing the work. As these bids were not satisfactory they were all rejected and the specifications changed in some particulars and new bids asked for. These new proposals will be opened on January 24, and, if satisfactory, the work will begin this winter.

The report of the Commission is not yet in final form, but should be ready some time in January.

Very truly yours,
JOHN WOODBURY, Secretary.

Communications.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 28, 1897.

RUFUS A. FLANDERS, Esq.,

President Associated Board of Trade.

MY DEAR SIR: At the beginning of my present term of office as Mayor of Boston, I addressed communications to the Associated Board of Trade, the Boston Chamber of Commerce, the Boston Clearing House Association, the Boston Merchants' Association, the New England Shoe and Leather Association, and the Real Estate Exchange, inviting those bodies to appoint delegates to a committee of seven members designated as the Merchants' Municipal Committee, constituted for the purpose of making available to the Mayor, and through him to the City Council, the Legislature and the public, the advice and counsel, on business questions generally, and especially those relating to commerce, transportation, manufactures and taxation, of representatives of the leading business organizations of the city. This committee has now been in existence for two years, and has so fully answered the purposes for which it was constituted that I desire to continue it for the coming two years, in the hope and expectation that it may obtain such a strong foothold within that period as to become a recognized and permanent adjunct to the City Government.

I have come to the conclusion, however, after consultation with the present members of the committee, and with other representative business men, that it would be advisable to make some change in the method of choosing the members of this Committee. In view of the fact that practically all of the trade and business organizations of Boston either now are, or may be, represented in the Associated Board of Trade, it seems to me best, instead of renewing the invitation to the other organizations now represented, to invite the Associated Board of Trade to assume the whole responsibility of constituting the committee. I therefore hereby respectfully request the Associated Board of Trade, through you, to choose, in such manner as it may deem advisable, seven delegates to serve as members of the Merchants' Municipal Committee for the municipal years 1897 and 1898.

It is desirable that the new committee should be made up as soon as convenient, in view of the necessity of considering measures of legislation to be introduced in the Legislature.

Trusting that this invitation may be accepted by the Associated Board of Trade in the spirit in which it is extended, and that I may have the benefit of its co-operation, through its naming of the members of this

committee, in dealing with the broader municipal question coming before the City Government, I am,

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Department Communications.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, December 31, 1897.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Herewith is transmitted a statement of the assessed valuation for the preceding five years and the abatements thereon, allowed previous to the 31st day of December; also the average of such valuation reduced by such abatements.

VALUATIONS.	ABATEMENTS.
1893 — \$924,458,151 72 . . .	\$10,272,000
1894 — 928,469,042 53 . . .	8,928,000
1895 — 951,958,028 10 . . .	8,003,400
1896 — 981,984,614 43 . . .	8,319,800
1897 — 1,012,750,009 00 . . .	5,901,900
\$4,799,619,845 78 . . .	\$41,425,100
Less abatements, 41,425,100 00	
5)4,758,194,745 78	
\$951,638,949 15	{ average valuation for 5 years less abatements.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Board of Assessors,

FRANK A. DREW, Secretary.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

50 City Hall, December 29, 1897.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In answer to your inquiry as to what should be done to improve the condition of the water way of the Fens, I make the following recommendations:

First, That the conduit from the old Stony brook culvert to Charles river be extended to the Commissioners' channel and that tide gates be placed at the outlet of the Commissioners' channel.

Second, That all premises now draining into the Stony brook channel be connected with the common sewer system and that new sewers be constructed where necessary.

Third, That the water way of the Fens be emptied and filled with clean water from the Charles-river basin, and that this operation be repeated several times, and also that daily as large a quantity of clean water as is possible be admitted into the water way from Charles river.

Fourth, That the accumulation of filth at the outlets of Stony-brook, channels be removed.

Fifth, That a connection be opened from the Commissioners' channel into the main

drainage sewer, for the purpose of draining from time to time any accumulation of foul water in the channel.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON,

Copley Square, December 28, 1897.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Your Circular No. 29 calls for "any general suggestions in connection with the work or further wants" of this department which should be considered in the preparation of your inaugural address.

As the date—Dec. 30—at which you desire this statement precludes consideration of the matter by the Board of Trustees, I venture on their behalf to respond with two suggestions, which at least it would, I believe, be the unanimous desire of the Board to advance.

First, the new Library Building at Copley square is *unfinished*. An additional sum is required for its completion.

The needs were set forth in part on pages 9 and 10 of the last annual report of the Trustees, and endorsed by the Examining Committee in a passage appearing on pages 62 and 63 of that report. They were also explained in a communication addressed to you under date of April 30, 1897, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Second, enclosed also is a copy of a communication addressed to you under date of April 3, 1897, stating that in addition to the sum required for the completion of the building at Copley square, an appropriation is urgently needed for the purchase of land and the erection and equipment of a building for the East Boston Branch Library.

This need also was explained in the last annual report pages 8 (of Trustees) and 55 (of Examining Committee). As to this we can but reiterate that at present East Boston has the poorest library facilities of any district of its population in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

As to the importance of the needs at the Central Library we can but say, that it is a question, not of making additions to a building already complete, but of rendering a building which purports to do a certain work actually fit for the work it has to do.

As to the method of raising the sum requisite we do not venture a suggestion. Your Honor is aware that the main sum required for the erection of this building was raised by the issue of bonds outside of the debt limit.

Very respectfully,

FREDERICK O. PRINCE, President.

April 30, 1897.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Under date of April 3, 1897, the Trustees of the Public Library have at your invitation submitted to you specifications of certain needed expenditures for this department requiring consideration in the forthcoming loan bill. They specified the sum of \$100,000 as necessary to the "completion of the new Library Building." This sum is in fact a moderate one for the work needing to be done. In view, however, of the pressure of the needs of other departments it may be possible for the City Government to provide but a portion of the above sum at the present time. If this be the case, certain of the work needing to be done upon the Library Building must of course be deferred.

But we beg to reiterate that the items for which at least half of the above sum is needed will not admit of delay. What we refer to are items of machinery and equipment for administrative purposes, such as service (freight) elevators, etc., and certain alterations and additions indispensable to the convenience of the public and the actual work of distribution of books. In our communication a few of these were referred to as examples. There are two not mentioned, and the plans for which have but just matured, which we feel should be urgently impressed. One is a system of intercommunication between the stacks—requiring an additional staircase, additional electric book-elevators, and an auxiliary system of pneumatic tubes; the other is the enlargement of the room (termed the "tube room") behind the delivery counter, from which the issue of books takes place.

The issue of books through this department has reached a volume not provided for by present facilities. Under present conditions the force works to excessive disadvantage; the issue is at times clogged, and long delays occur, to the extreme inconvenience of the public. Towards remedying these three things are imperative: service-elevators, a system of intercommunication between the stacks, and the enlargement of the space for issue.

The summer is the time of the year when in a library such changes are feasible without excessive inconvenience. The Trustees would deplore delay for another year in these improvements, which touch the Library at its vital point, concern the comfort of thousands of readers, and affect the reputation of the institution upon its administrative side.

In their behalf, I beg to urge these considerations upon your attention.

Respectfully submitted,

F. O. PRINCE, President.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Jamaica Park, December 30, 1897.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: We have had made careful estimates of the cost of completing the parks and find that to finish and plant the Fens (including the part north of Beacon street on which no work has ever been done), the

Riverway, Leverett Park, Jamaica Park, the Arborway, the Arnold Arboretum, Franklin Park, Dorchester Park, Dorchesterway, Marine Park, Castle Island, Wood Island Park, North End Beach and Copp's Hill Terraces, will require \$1,000,200.

With this amount of money, we believe these parks can be completed, and that they can be equipped with all the buildings which will be required by the public for the best enjoyment of the park system, during the next twenty-five or thirty years. In making up these estimates we have endeavored, by giving up certain roads, walks and buildings not now needed, and by otherwise simplifying the designs which have been furnished by the landscape architects, to improve the parks as places of recreation for the public, and to reduce not only the cost of construction but also that of future annual maintenance, which, in any case, may be expected to increase as the parks are more used. This estimate for finishing the parks is about \$1,500,000 lower than the previous estimates which have been made for completing them.

A considerable part of the money now to be expended will be required in planting trees, as the south and east ends of Franklin Park, the Parkways, Jamaica Park, Leverett Park, and portions of the Fens which have never been planted. Trees on the parkways and groves and woods to protect the borders of the parks will add greatly to their beauty and usefulness; and as many years must necessarily elapse before trees which are planted now are large enough to fulfil their purpose, it seems particularly desirable that all the trees which are needed on the parkways should be planted without further delay, and that all plantations required for the embellishment of the different parks in the system should be completed as rapidly as material for them can be obtained. It is our intention to push this part of park construction as rapidly as possible.

It is impossible at this time to form an estimate of the cost of completing the Strandway, as the plans for this have not yet been developed. This improvement may be expected to cost, however, at least \$166,000.

To complete the following playgrounds, now under the charge of the Park Commission, namely, Franklin Field, Charlestown Heights, Charlestown Playground, Billings Field, North Brighton Playground, First-street Playground, Town Field, Dorchester, Mystic Playground, Neponset Playground, \$370,000 will be required. This amount, with \$166,000 for the Strandway, and \$964,000 for the parks and parkways, calls for \$1,500,000. The work on the parks and playgrounds can be most economically completed with an annual expenditure for three years of \$500,000, and we recommend that this amount be placed at our disposal.

In these estimates no provision is made for building the West Roxbury Parkway, with the exception of \$5,000 for tree planting, and \$34,000 for building an ordinary road in that part of the parkway between Weld street and Mt. Bellevue, being the part

leased to the city by the Metropolitan Park Commission, and nothing is allowed for the new Bussey street. Estimates for this work are omitted, because the construction of the West Roxbury Parkway can, we believe, be postponed for many years without injury to the public, and the new Bussey street cannot be built economically until the stone in the ledge which it traverses is used on the West Roxbury Parkway.

It seems unnecessary now to say anything on our needs for additional public playgrounds. The North End, Roxbury, Huntington-avenue district, South Bay district, Beacon Hill district, Jamaica Plain, Forest Hills and Roslindale need playgrounds. It appears desirable that the city should expend \$1,000,000 in buying land for playgrounds in different parts of the city. This money can be expended to best advantage by the Park Commission, subject to the approval of the Mayor, and, if the whole sum could be made available at once, the Board could probably buy land more economically than would be possible if limited to annual expenditures of portions of the whole amount.

Most of the land which it would be desirable to buy now would not have to be developed for several years.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

APPENDIX TO COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

November 23, 1897.

APPROXIMATE ESTIMATE OF COST OF CONSTRUCTION WORK TO BE DONE ON PARK SYSTEM.

COMMONWEALTH AVENUE:

Tool-house . . .	\$1,000	
		\$1,000

THE FENS:

North of Beacon street (includes 34,000 cubic yds. filling at 60 cts., amounting to \$20,400) . . .	\$71,000	
Plantations . . .	15,000	
One sanitary building	3,500	
One tool house . . .	1,000	
		90,500

RIVERWAY:

One tool house . . .	\$1,000	
Electric lights on Audubon road . . .	500	
Widening tree space and planting . . .	5,000	
		6,500

LEVERETT PARK:

Change in walks . . .	\$2,600	
Filling ponds . . .	2,700	
One sanitary building	3,000	
Widening tree space and planting . . .	2,500	
Plantations . . .	10,000	
		20,800

JAMAICA PARK:

Pine Bank drives, walks and grading	\$12,000	
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OFFICIAL VOTE FOR MAYOR, MUNICIPAL ELECTION, 1897.

Wards.	Precinct 1.			Precinct 2.			Precinct 3.			Precinct 4.			Precinct 5.			Precinct 6.			Precinct 7.			Precinct 8.			Precinct 9.			Totals by Wards.				Totals for all Candidates.	Wards.				
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24	177	3	223	10	202	5	160	13	306	1	157	8	249	1	139	10	291	2	96	10	243	3	150	6	340	4	148	11	346	8	2,389	30	1,415	85	3,919		
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Grand Totals																																	35,947	825	39,984	3,000	79,756

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT,
ARCHITECTURAL DIVISION,
City Hall, December 28, 1897.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In answer to your circular letter No. 29, dated Dec. 27, 1897, asking for suggestions which should be considered by you in the preparation of your inaugural address; I desire at this time to summarize in the fewest possible words, the work that has been performed by this office since I took charge over a year ago. I do this at this time on account of the Division being one of your creations and with the feeling that it has proved itself an office of usefulness.

All the buildings unfinished at the time of the abolition of the Architect Department, July 1, 1895, have been completed, and are now occupied, with the exception of the Surgical Building, City Hospital, and this latter construction will be completed and the workmen out of the way on or about March 1, 1898.

In addition to the above, the following architectural work has been performed by this Division, most of which has been completed or will be shortly:

Alterations, Cudworth School, East Boston	\$911 23
Alterations, tenders house, Essex street, Brighton,	500 00
Alterations, Water Board stable, Albany street	10,746 54
Alterations, water tower, East Boston	1,393 33
Alterations, dome, etc., City Hall	28,396 18
Alterations, steam mains, City Hospital.	1,222 00
Alterations, piping, boiler-house, City Hospital.	5,654 99
Alterations, ward room, Ward 7	5,640 00
Alterations, ward room, Ward 17	5,310 00
Alterations, ward room, Ward 19	5,000 00
Alterations, plumbing, Charity Building	4,150 00
Alterations, boiler setting, Parental School	2,920 00
Grading, Stoughton District Grammar School	7,547 00
Design for coal pocket, City Hospital	25,338 00
Design for sanitary, Chestnut Hill	1,348 00
Design for band stand, North End Park	500 00
Painting, City Hall corridors	1,765 00
Total	\$108,342 27

By the above account, you will see that there has been architectural work to the amount of \$108,342.27 performed, and as most of the work is of the nature of alteration, the saving to the city on account of architectural commissions, such work being charged for at the rate of 10 per cent in all first-class offices, would be approximately \$10,000.

For the different departments of the City of Boston the following work has been performed:

CITY MESSENGER DEPARTMENT. — Plans were furnished for a movable iron band-stand and also for a movable iron reviewing stand to be erected on certain occasions in front of City Hall yard.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT. — Plans and specifications and perspective drawings were furnished at the request of the chairman of that department for a gate lodge, chapel, etc., to be erected at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Estimates of cost were also furnished.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. — On account of property being damaged through change in grade of Gold street, South Boston, this division was asked to make an examination of the damaged properties, and furnish estimates for repairs to the same.

ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION DIVISION. — Whenever requested so to do, this office has furnished a draughtsman to do whatever architectural work was required. This has been the case many times.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. — Complete drawings and specifications have been furnished the Board of Health for the alteration of the morgue building, North Grove street, and estimates have been furnished for the work.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT. — This Division is still superintending the completion of the Surgical building, which will be finished in a short time. This Division has been consulted repeatedly by the Trustees on matters pertaining to the heating and ventilating of the old buildings, and on minor architectural matters; and drawings have been furnished, and the same followed.

At present the office is engaged in laying out and furnishing working drawings for the proper heating and ventilating of the new Laundry building and the new Nurses' Home. The engineer in charge of the planning, Mr. F. W. Howard, has no equal in this city on this kind of work. This work alone will result in a saving to the city of approximately \$2,000.

INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT. — A complete set of plans and specifications were furnished the Commissioner for the construction of boiler house and chimney at Deer Island. The work was performed by the inmates. Various drawings have been furnished relative to changes proposed to be made in different buildings under the charge of that department. Different schemes have been worked out for the Trustees of the Children's Institutions Department, showing arrangements for a new dormitory building.

PARK DEPARTMENT. — A sheepfold was designed for erection at Franklin Park and a complete set of drawings and specifications furnished. The estimated cost of this structure was \$12,000. This office has been consulted by the Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners at various times on matters pertaining to buildings. Estimates have been furnished for the cost of different buildings to be erected at Franklin Park. Drawings have also been furnished, showing

possible enlargement of bathing-closet space at Marine Park, South Boston.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT. — The drawings for the use of the Massachusetts Historical Society building as a building for city offices were practically completed by this division; and the systems of heating and ventilating the same were worked out by us. Drawings have been made, showing the practicability of utilizing the Old Court House as a part of City Hall. Various plans have been drawn, showing different arrangements of offices in the Old Court House.

When it was contemplated, some months ago, to put the old Faneuil Hall building in proper repair, this office prepared careful and complete drawings, based on careful measurements, of this building; and a proper system of heating and ventilating and refrigerating for the market part was designed. This old structure had never been measured before, and as no plans could be found anywhere, this work by itself will prove valuable. The estimated cost of the alterations amounted to about \$124,296. The architectural commission on the perfecting of drawings, etc., would be about 2 per cent, or \$2,485.92.

PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT. — Estimates have been furnished by this Division for the cost of beautifying Copley square, Boston.

STREET DEPARTMENT. — Plans and specifications, together with estimates for the erection of a veterinary hospital at the South Yard, have been furnished to the Superintendent. The plans also met with the approval of their veterinary surgeon.

A complete set of plans and specifications have also been furnished the Superintendent for the alteration of the stable and buildings in the Childs Street Yard, Jamaica Plain.

Plans were also furnished for altering the stable at West City Yard, and the work was done under the direction of the Street Department. The same is also true of plans furnished for the construction of an office building at the Charlestown Yard.

All the preliminary studies for the new Ferry Head House for the South Ferry, East Boston side, were prepared by this office and submitted to the Superintendent of Ferries.

This Division has also been consulted by the different deputies of the Street Department on architectural matters.

WATER DEPARTMENT. — Complete plans and specifications were furnished the Water Commissioner for the construction of an office building at Ashland, Mass. Estimates of cost were also sent to him.

The above department was also advised of the necessary alterations in the Mt. Bellevue Water Tower and plans were furnished.

The Water Commissioner has sought the advice of this office also in relation to other matters for advice.

This Division has also been asked both by you and by the heads of different departments to investigate and report on certain matters, among which may be mentioned:

Condition of engines, boilers, etc., of the Printing Plant.

Condition of all Street Department buildings.

Condition of plumbing and heating apparatus, Marcella-street Home.

Condition of plumbing, Charity Building.

Condition of garbage plant, Gibson street, Dorchester.

Condition of dredging plant, Whitehall Pond.

Condition of heating apparatus, R. G. Shaw School.

Condition of heating apparatus, S. M. Weld School.

Condition of heating apparatus, Hugh O'Brien School.

Condition of heating apparatus, Hyde School.

Condition of heating apparatus, Martin School.

Condition of walls and ceilings, Charity Building.

EXPERT SERVICES.

Under Professor Chandler's directions, this office has carefully gone over all plans and specifications prepared for the construction, heating and ventilating, and plumbing of the different buildings designed to be erected during your administration in all cases; and the suggestions made by this office have been followed.

The plans and specifications for the correction of errors in the heating and plumbing apparatus of different schools, to be paid for out of the special loan of \$300,000, were also considered by this Division.

Under Professor Chandler's supervision this office has also carefully checked up all orders of additions or deductions from the different contracts on buildings now in process of erection, and in many cases a considerable saving of money to the city has resulted.

COST OF DIVISION TO THE CITY.

Since I took charge of this Division, the expenses of this office have been, approximately, \$11,800 for a period of sixteen months. Had the city employed outside architects, the cost would have been certainly in the neighborhood of \$18,000. This shows a saving of approximately \$6,200 to the city for the above period. If we were able to take into consideration the expert work performed, the actual cost being hard to determine, a very considerable additional saving to the city would be shown.

SUGGESTIONS.

Although the work of this office has been intermittent, I venture to say that it has, even with the amount of work performed, proved itself of value to the city, and should be continued as at present.

The office force as now constituted, both architecturally and as regards the ability to settle questions of heating and ventilation, always perplexing, is far superior to most architectural offices in the city to-day.

I would suggest that the work of the office be enlarged by instructing the head of each department to turn over to this Division all architectural work for advice; and where any alteration work is contemplated, that the work be performed under the supervision of this office.

I would also suggest that all heavy alteration work now being performed by the Public Buildings Department by day labor be turned over to this Division, and that drawings be made and estimates received on specifications furnished as is the practice in first-class offices. If this were done, I venture to say, a large saving to the city would result.

I am, very respectfully yours,
MATTHEW SULLIVAN, Chief of Division.

PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

CITY GREENHOUSES,

East Cottage Street, Dorchester,
December, 29, 1897.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In reply to Circular No. 29, it gives me pleasure to state that this department is in a healthy and flourishing condition, although it is necessary to suggest some needed improvements and acquisitions.

In the first place, I would recommend the purchase of enough land on the Massachusetts avenue side of the City Greenhouse grounds to straighten or square the lines, thereby increasing the frontage of the city property on this avenue and the value of the taxable property on either side of the city grounds. Herewith I send you a rough sketch, showing the land now owned by the city and the parcel of land proposed to be acquired.

For the past two years the department has been paying a yearly rental of three hundred (300) dollars for land on Cottage street, opposite the City Greenhouses, which has been used as a nursery for young trees, shrubs, etc. Experience has demonstrated the fact that trees transplanted from mercantile nurseries require treatment at the city nurseries for at least two years to enable them to fibrate their roots suitably for successful planting in the public streets. Not more than one per cent of the trees thus treated ever fails when planted out, while a large percentage of the trees transplanted from mercantile nurseries directly into the streets of Boston in former years died prematurely, not having sufficient root growth to enable them to withstand the hardships of street life. Therefore, I would, in the interests of good economy, recommend the purchase of this lot of land while it may be had at a reasonable price.

It seems hardly necessary to call your Honor's attention to the generally dilapidated and unsightly condition of the trees now standing in the public streets. So much has been said and written upon this subject for many years past that everybody interested in municipal affairs is well acquainted with the obvious fact that a thorough and systematic course of treatment is necessary to renovate them properly. For this purpose I have again included in my annual esti-

mates the amount of ten thousand (10,000) dollars, and trust this item will receive favorable consideration. In this connection it may not be out of place to recommend the revival of an old custom of the department of distributing shade trees free, semi-annually, to citizens who are willing to defray the expense of planting them in the public streets in front of their own property, under the direction of this department. This plan was very popular when in vogue, and I know of no better way to keep our streets beautified at a small expense to the city.

To ensure proper protection to the property of the department which requires to be stored at certain seasons of the year, two new storehouses should be erected at an estimated expense of fifteen hundred (1500) dollars each—one on the City Greenhouse grounds for vases, sash, wagons, carriages, etc., which experience more or less deterioration annually by exposure to the action of the weather, and the other on the storage grounds on Massachusetts avenue, near the N. Y. & N. E. R.R. for plank walks, settees, etc. Here a suitable fence should also be erected at an additional expense of fifteen hundred (1,500) dollars. Figures for these improvements have also been included in my annual estimates, as I consider them actual necessities. For want of these accommodations the department sustained a loss during the past year of about twelve hundred (1,200) dollars' worth of plank walks, which were burnt up on the storage grounds. This was not the first fire set there by boys, but it was the most disastrous. At the present time, some two thousand settees, a large proportion of which cost five (5.00) dollars each, are stored there, liable to the same fate, day or night.

The old iron fence around Independence square is in a very dilapidated and unsafe condition. With the hope of having it repaired, I had it examined by expert iron-workers, who informed me that it was in such very bad shape and the portion which might be utilized was so insignificant comparatively, that it would not be economy to repair it. Therefore I have also included the amount of five thousand (5,000) dollars in the annual estimates for a wrought iron fence for this square.

Trusting these suggestions may receive your Honor's approbation, I beg to remain

Your obedient servant,
WM. DOOGUE, Superintendent.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
City Hall, Room 38.

December 30, 1897.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Board of Street Commissioners would like to say in reply to the request in your circular of December 27 for sugges-

tions in connection with the work or the future wants of their department to be considered by you in your inaugural address, that they have to present a number of street improvements in different parts of the city which, in their opinion, deserve to be brought to the public notice, and from which as many as can be carried out should be selected for recommendation for appropriations.

The Board of State Highway Commissioners have projected a highway from Newburyport which touches Boston at the Revere boundary line. The Commissioners are of opinion that it should be continued from that point, by the widening of Bennington and Chelsea streets to one hundred feet, to Maverick square and the South Ferry, thus continuing in Boston the plan of direct road that the State has built through the adjoining towns to Newburyport.

The widening of Rutherford avenue, in Charlestown, and its extension to City square has been repeatedly recommended by the Commissioners, and for access to the Boston and Maine Railroad freight-yards and for light travel to Somerville and Cambridge will be even more needed than heretofore, owing to the proposed location of the elevated system of the Boston Street Railway Company through Main street to Sullivan square. Estimates have been made for this street, and its expense the Commissioners do not believe unwarranted in view of the great benefit it would be to all classes of travel through Charlestown.

The widening of Pleasant street, a continuation of Broadway Extension, from Washington street to Park square, it is considered should be made to seventy feet. An additional reason at the present time for the carrying out of this improvement over the former and ordinary necessities of travel through the street is found in the location of the entrance of the elevated railroad to the subway at the intersection of this street with Pleasant street.

The widening of Washington street, from Pleasant street northwardly to Warren street, for the short distance of one block, has been repeatedly suggested, and is now more needed than ever, owing to the crowded condition of Washington street, and the extremely dangerous relation of the street railway there to the other traffic through the street.

Kneeland street, from Harrison avenue to Albany street, it is suggested should be widened to sixty feet. The reasons for it are stronger to-day than before, owing to the location of enlarged freight terminals by the Boston and Albany Railroad that will front upon the street.

Albany street, which has a width of eighty feet from Roxbury to Troy street, the Com-

missioners think should be continued at that width from Troy street to Beach street. The street covers the whole western side of the Boston and Albany freight terminal and passes over the bridges and way that are to be enlarged for the consolidated roads' access to the New Union Station.

Harrison avenue, which has been widened to about eighty feet from Essex street to Beach street, should be continued at the width of sixty feet from Beach street to Dover street. Parts of this widening have been made, and the work should be completed before the contemplated construction of the Boston Street Railway elevated system, which the Commissioners understand is to occupy this street from Beach street to Motte street.

Hampden street, in Roxbury, requires immediately for the needs of the present travel in it, a width of sixty feet from Albany street to Dudley street.

Ruggles street, which has been located by the Board of Survey plans at a width of fifty feet from the Fens to Tremont street, the Commissioners would suggest should be widened to sixty feet from Tremont street to Washington street, and extended thence in a direct line to the junction of Dudley and Dearborn streets. This would provide a very direct cross thoroughfare from Dorchester to Brookline by way of the Parks.

Upon the Board of Survey plans, Washington street, in West Roxbury, has been located at a width of one hundred feet. This widening can be carried out upon that part of the street as work is done there. The same width should also be carried to Dudley street at Guild Row, and, if possible, the money appropriated to carry out that portion of the work between that point and Forest Hills station before the land upon the sides of this thoroughfare is more closely built upon.

The widening and repairing of North Harvard street is something very much needed in Brighton to furnish easy communication from the middle of that section with Cambridge. As the Metropolitan Water Board is about to lay a large main pipe in this street, and needs additional width for that purpose, if it is not to interfere with the present system of pipes and sewerage in the existing street, it is suggested that, either by negotiation with the State authorities, or legislation, some method be arranged by which the Metropolitan Water Board should pay some share of the cost of the widening and construction of the street as located anew.

The Commissioners wish also to urge in the several cases above mentioned where the widenings are greatly to the advantage, if not necessary, for the proposed work of the Boston Street Railway Company in the erection of elevated or new surface lines, that

application be made to the Legislature to provide means by which they can legally be required to pay such part of the cost of these street improvements as designated parties shall decide to be due from them.

It is also desirable that an appropriation of at least one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars be made to enable the city to take advantage of opportunities that may arise for street widenings and extensions from the taking down of buildings and changes in lines of estates that often occur unexpectedly. The Board of Street Commissioners have had no money appropriated in this way and for these purposes during the last three years, and are prevented at times from making small improvements that would be of great advantage to the city and the public by reason of the want of such funds.

The Street Commissioners wish to recall your attention to their letter of the fifteenth of February, 1897, concerning the determination of lines of streets in the city, and a general survey of estates for purposes of taxation and record, and to say, though no action has been taken upon it, that they are even now more strongly of opinion than when their letter was sent you of the exceeding value the adoption of their suggestions therein contained would be to the city.

Another street, which the Commissioners do not wish to overlook in making these statements of their views of the improvements required in the city, is the widening and extension of Preble street, from Swett street to a direct connection with the new Parkway laid out as Columbia Road from Franklin Park to the Marine Park. This will furnish a direct street from the Marine Park and Strandway across the South Bay to the western part of the city and the Back Bay Fens.

Respectfully,

JOHN P. DORE, Chairman.

Record of Contracts.

Copy of Contract for compensation for a location entered into by the Eastern Cold Storage Company.

Whereas, The Eastern Cold Storage Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Maine and having a usual place of business in the city of Boston, is desirous of obtaining the approval by the Mayor of said city of an order passed by the Board of Aldermen of said city, December 28, 1897, granting to said company the right to lay and maintain underground conduits, with iron pipes enclosed therein, in and under certain streets of said city, said pipes to be used for refrigerating purposes; and

Whereas, The City of Boston is required to keep said streets in good repair and safe

for public travel, and the operations of said company will be liable to keep said streets out of such repair and in an unsafe condition, and to cause said city loss, expense and damage; and

Whereas, The Mayor of said city is unwilling for these reasons, with others, to approve such order unless said company enters into the obligations hereinafter stated;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises, and to secure the city from all such expense, loss and damage caused by the doings of said company, and thereby to remove the objections of the Mayor and to obtain the approval by him of said order, the said company agrees with said city as follows:

1. Said company, after its pipes have been laid in place in trenches in the streets in which it shall be authorized to place them, shall re-fill such trenches, and restore the surface of such streets, as directed by, and under the immediate direction of, the Superintendent of Streets of said city and his assistants.

2. Said company, at the expiration of each of the first three years from the date when any of its pipes laid in or under any of said streets are first used for the purpose of furnishing refrigeration to customers, shall pay to said city one per cent of the total amount of the gross receipts of said company within each of said years from customers supplied with refrigeration by means of said pipes; and thereafter said company, as long as it shall continue to operate any pipes laid for refrigerating purposes in the streets of said city, shall annually pay to said city two per cent of the total amount of its gross receipts during the year from customers supplied with refrigeration by means of such pipes as aforesaid.

3. The Mayor of said city for the time being, and any person designated from time to time by him, may inspect the books and accounts of said company covering the business transacted by it in supplying refrigeration to customers by means of any pipes laid in or under the streets of said city, and shall be furnished by the officers of said company with such figures and other information relating to the operation of such pipes, or the receipts and expenditures of said company in connection therewith, as the Mayor may require.

In testimony whereof, the said company has caused this agreement to be signed and sealed by its President, thereto duly authorized, this thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

EASTERN COLD STORAGE Co.,
By WALTER L. HILL, President.

Board Meetings.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

City Hall, January 6, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners met and organized, Monday, January 3, 1898, with John P. Dore as Chairman, and J. H. Jenkins as Secretary.

On Wednesday, January 5, 1898, the Board of Street Commissioners issued two orders of notice returnable January 20, 1898, one for

the relocation of Tenean Creek, between King street and Dorchester avenue, and the other for the relocation of Tenean Creek, from Ashmont street to Lonsdale street; an order of notice returnable January 20, 1898, for the construction of a sewer in Middleton avenue; an order of notice returnable January 20, 1898, for the construction of a sewer in land of the New England Railroad Company, between Faxon street and land of Charles H. Greenwood; and an order of notice returnable January 19, 1898, for the laying out and construction of Arundel street, at West Roxbury, from Walter street to Selwyn street, with the name of Arizona street.

An order was received from the School Committee requesting the condemnation of a parcel of land on School street, at West Roxbury, for the enlargement of the lot of the George Putnam School-house.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT,

Meeting held January 4, 1898.

Present: Professor Sedgwick, Chairman, Mr. Hunnewell, Mr. Rutan, Mrs. Fallon, Miss Morse, Mrs. Lincoln, Secretary.

The following votes were passed:

Voted, That the recommendation of the Superintendent, that two nurses from the Long Island Hospital be discharged, for cause, is hereby adopted and confirmed by the Board.

Voted, That the recommendation of the Superintendent in regard to the employment of only one paid official in the pharmacy at Long Island be accepted and adopted.

Voted, That the employment of another officer for duty at Long Island be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to secure the appointment of two of his officers as special police at Long Island.

Voted, That the permanent employment of a painter at Long Island be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Voted, That the recommendation of the Superintendent that proper hospital beds be provided in the male wing of the Hospital at Long Island be referred to the Committee on Finance, with request that they report.

CENSUS OF LONG ISLAND ALMSHOUSE AND HOSPITAL.

	Male.	Female.	
January 3, 1898.			
In Hospital	85	155	
Children	4	10	
Institution	383	—	
Women's Dormitory	—	192	
Totals	472	357	829
January 3, 1897			807
Increase			22
Men working January 3, 1898			258
Women working January 3, 1898			104

CENSUS OF CHARLESTOWN ALMSHOUSE.

	Male.	Females.	
December, 1897.			
Inmates	58	80	
Totals	58	80	138
For the Trustees,			
ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.			

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The total number of deaths reported to the Board of Health for the week ending January 1, 1898, was 194, against 250 the corresponding week last year, showing a decrease of 56 deaths, and making the death rate for the week 19.5. Of this number 97 were males and 97 were females; 193 were white and 1 colored; 120 were born in the United States and 74 in foreign countries; 38 were of American parentage and 156 of foreign parentage.

The number of cases and deaths from infectious diseases reported this week is as follows: Diphtheria, 47 cases and 6 deaths; scarlatina, 33 cases and 1 death; typhoid fever, 11 cases and 3 deaths; measles, 17 cases. The deaths from consumption were 34; pneumonia, 24; whooping cough, 1; heart disease, 17; bronchitis, 11; and marasmus, 4. There were 9 deaths from violent causes.

The number of children who died under one year was 37; the number under five years, 49.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF POLICE,
BOSTON, January 1, 1898.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT RULE 55 OF THE POLICE MANUAL RELATING TO HACKNEY CARRIAGES IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

By adding to Section 2, after the second paragraph, a new paragraph to read as follows: "Applications for licenses under this rule must be filed with the Board of Police prior to the first day of July, and shall be examined and reported on by the Inspector of Carriages. Such licenses and permits shall continue in force until July 1, next succeeding this date."

Section 3. By adding thereto the words, "Provided, however, that hansom cabs shall be considered in all respects as hacks."

Section 4. By inserting in the 15th line, after the word "read," as follows: "Provided, however, that the Board of Police may for good cause exempt any owner, or lessee, and driver of any hackney carriage from so marking and numbering such carriage, such exemption to be noted by the Inspector of Carriages upon the inspection stamp in said carriage."

Also by adding a new section to be numbered 5, reading as follows: "No person or corporation shall set up and use or have charge of any hackney carriage unless a card furnished by the Inspector of Carriages setting forth the rates of fare in the city proper; applicable to such hackney carriage, is displayed and hung up therein, in a conspicuous position and so hung that it may be readily removed and read. Provided, however, that the Board of Police may for good cause exempt any owner (or lessee) and driver of any hackney carriage from so displaying and hanging up such card in such carriage, such exemption to be noted by the Inspector of Carriages upon the inspection stamp in said carriage."

Section 6, by inserting between the words "copy" and "of" in the second line, the words "of this rule and," and in the fourth line after the word "demand" the following, "he shall further carry at least 4 copies, to be furnished by the Inspector of Carriages, of the rates of fare of the city proper, applicable to such hackney carriage, each one of which shall have his driver's license number stamped, written or printed thereon, and he shall on demand deliver a copy of the said rates of fare applicable to the city proper, to any passenger, to be kept by such passenger."

Section 10. By striking out the words "Inspector of Carriages may" in the fifth line, and inserting in place thereof the words "Board of Police may for good cause"; also by striking out in the eighth line of said section the words "said Inspector," and inserting in place thereof the words "Inspector of Carriages."

Also by renumbering Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

APPENDIX F OF THE POLICE MANUAL RELATING TO RATES OF FARE FOR HACKS AND CABS

is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph as follows: "Every hackney carriage having the doors opening on the sides shall be held to be a hack; and every other hackney carriage, except an omnibus or a park carriage, shall be held to be a cab, provided, however, that hansom cabs shall be considered in all respects as hacks. All hacks standing upon public stands shall be considered in all respects as cabs."

Also by striking out in the third line of the second paragraph the words, "any house on."

The foregoing amendments will take effect on the tenth of January, 1898.

By order of the Board of Police,
THOMAS RYAN, Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CITY COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

SALE OF ESTATES FOR UNPAID SEWER AND EDGESTONE ASSESSMENTS.

The owners of the following-described parcels of real estate, situate in the City of Boston, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public, are hereby notified that the assessments on said parcels for the years hereinafter specified for Sewers and Edgestones remain unpaid, and that said parcels will be offered at Public Auction, for sale, at the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board, 7 Exchange Place, in said City of Boston, on Thursday, Feb. 3, 1898, at 10 o'clock A.M., for the payment of said assessments, with the costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

SEWERS.

WARD TWENTY-THREE.

Daniel A. Noonan, supposed present owner Catherine McMahon—About 6,945 feet of land on the southerly side of Wenham street, between an estate now or formerly of John A. Kiggen and an estate now or formerly of Rebecca Halfenstien, being lot 78, J. E. Jones's plan, June 21, 1881, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Volume 1737, Page 450, sewer assessment for 1896..... \$50 00

Julia E. Bradford Heirs, supposed present owner Christian Wurttenberger—About 6,250 feet of land on the northerly side of Belgrade avenue, between an estate now or formerly of James Matthews and an estate now or formerly of Mary Wild, being lot 222, Garbett and Wood's plan, May 11, 1892, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Volume 2075, Page 241, sewer assessment for 1896..... 50 00

WARD TWENTY-FOUR.

Timothy J. Sullivan, supposed present owner Mary Law—Buildings and about 32,006 feet of land on the southerly side of Codman street, making the southeasterly corner of Hutchinson street, and adjoining an estate of the City of Boston, sewer assessment for 1896..... 165 85

EDGESTONES.

WARD TEN.

James Stevenson—Buildings and about 38,061 feet of land on the southeasterly side of Warren avenue, between an estate now or formerly of Thomas J. Thorley and another estate of said Stevenson, numbered 8 Warren avenue, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 181 25

Also about 7,500 feet of land on the southeasterly side of Warren avenue, between an estate of the city of Boston and an estate of Sarah E. Hahn, numbered 16 Clarendon street, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 14 75

Thomas J. Thorley, supposed present owner David Greer—About 125,000 feet of land on southeasterly side of Warren avenue, making the northeasterly corner of Clarendon street, and adjoining an estate of James Stevenson, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 76 00

Dwight Braman—About 11,750 feet of land on the westerly side of Parker street, making the southwesterly corner of a passageway leading from Parker street, and adjoining land of the City of Boston, known as the Back Bay Feas, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 83 86

Mary A. Farrington, supposed present owner Frederick J. Hertel—About 10,686 feet of land on the southerly side of Parker street, running through to a passageway leading from Parker street, being lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, as shown on a plan of William H. Whitney, dated June 1, 1888, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds at end of Volume 2032, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 117 64

David Greer—About 11,977 feet of land on the easterly side of Parker street, making the northeasterly corner of Westland avenue, and adjoining an estate now or formerly of Joseph A. Jackson, being lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, as shown on a plan of S. L. Minot, dated February, 1880, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Volume 1828, Page 237, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 71 25

WARD ELEVEN.

Jerome A. Bacon—About 113,052 feet of land on the southerly side of Commonwealth avenue, between an estate of Francis A. Osborn, Robert M. Morse and Lewis W. Tappan, Jr., Trustees, and an estate of Samuel Stillings, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 181 71

Dwight Braman, supposed present owners Anelia C. Braman, heirs or devisees—House and about 2,760 feet of land, numbered 714 Commonwealth avenue, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 14 37

WARD SIXTEEN.

Francis A. Tracy, supposed present owner James R. Gallivan—About 4,000 feet of land on the southerly side of Bellflower street, between an estate of Catherine A. Roche and an estate now or formerly of Julia E. and Edward B. Clapp and Martha L. Blake, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 28 00

WARD EIGHTEEN.

John S. Ourish, supposed present owner J. Alfred Anderson—House and about 1,728 feet of land, numbered 84 Sterling street, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 39 75

WARD TWENTY-ONE.

Annie M. Robbins, supposed present owner Rachael Isaacs—House and about 5,006 feet of land, numbered 35 Gaston street, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 31 25

WARD TWENTY-FOUR.

James F. Jones—House and about 4,481 feet of land, numbered 852 Adams street, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 37 50

John D. Sargent, Trustee, supposed present owners John D. Sargent, Trustee, and J. Winthrop Dutton—About 258,637 feet of land on the southerly side of Minot street, bounded northerly by Minot street, easterly by an estate now or formerly of Ellen M. T. Pierce, southerly by Marsh street, and westerly by Adams street, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 175 29

Georgianna Stone, supposed present owner Samuel P. Curtis—House and about 5,937 feet of land on the northeasterly corner of Ashmont and Alban streets, numbered 156 Ashmont street, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 58 56

NATHANIEL H. TAYLOR,
Collector of Taxes for the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, December 29, 1897.

The Engineering Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building a portion of the Sea Wall on Dorchester Avenue Extension, Boston, Mass.

The office copy of the contract and plan for the work may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston, Mass. A bond of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety, for faithfully doing the work will be required.

The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an envelope, endorsed "Proposal for Building Sea Wall, Dorchester Avenue Extension," and with a certified check for five hundred (\$500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, left at said office, before 12 o'clock M., of Wednesday, January 12, 1898. This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

Proposals filled out and left with check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

City Hall, January 5, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a new channel for the stream or water-course, in Dorchester, known as Tenean Creek, or Smelt Brook, be located, between King street and Dorchester avenue, and that said stream or water-course be diverted from the present channel thereof, and that the parts of the original channel from which said stream or water-course is so diverted be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twentieth day of January, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

City Hall, January 5, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a new channel for the stream or water-course, in Dorchester, known as Tenean Creek, or Smelt Brook, be located, from Ashmont street to Lonsdale street, and that said stream or water-course be diverted from the present channel thereof, and that the parts of the original channel from which said stream or water-course is so diverted be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twentieth day of January, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

City Hall, January 5, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a sewer be constructed in Middleton avenue, at Dorchester, from Norfolk street, and in private lands to, and in, Willowwood street, and that lands be taken for said purposes, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twentieth day of January, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

City Hall, January 5, 1898.

Ordered,—That due notice be given,—That this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that, for the purposes of the sewerage works of the city, there be taken for said city the right to lay and maintain a sewer in land belonging to the New England Railroad Company, at Dorchester, between Faxon street and land of Charles H. Greenwood, and that land be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said land deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twentieth day of January, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

City Hall, January 5, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Arundel street, at West Roxbury, be laid out, from Walter street to Selwyn street, as a highway, with the name of Arizona street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board; that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto; and that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the nineteenth day of January, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

CITY HALL, BOSTON, January 4, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating for the City of Boston, about 3,260 linear feet of telford macadam roadways, planting spaces, and crushed stone sidewalks, in the section of Columbia Road, between Stanwood street, and about 220 feet beyond Glendale street, Ward 20, Boston, Mass.

A bond of eighteen thousand (\$18,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety, for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an envelope, endorsed "Proposal for Roadways in Columbia Road," and with a certified check for five hundred (\$500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, left at said office, before 12 o'clock M., of January 14, 1898.

This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

Proposals filled out and left with check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

LABOR OF PRISONERS.

Proposals are invited for the employment at cane seating chairs, of about seventy-five prisoners in the House of Correction at Deer Island. Full information as to shop room and other facilities may be obtained upon application to either of the undersigned.

Bids will be received until Saturday, January 8, 1898, at twelve o'clock noon, when they will be publicly opened in the office of the General Superintendent of Prisons, in the State House.

JAMES R. GERRISH,
Master House of Correction, Deer Island, Mass.
F. G. PETTIGROVE,
General Superintendent of Prisons, State House, Boston.

THE CITY RECORD.

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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
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PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
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Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale at the Old Corner Book Store, 283 Washington street.

The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DIRECT EMPLOYMENT OF LABOR.

The following extract from the inaugural address of Mayor Quincy and circular to heads of departments explains a new policy which has just been put into effect relative to repairs on municipal buildings:

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

I am strongly in favor of the adoption by the city, in the execution of all of the extensive and varied municipal work in the nature of repairs in, or new work on, existing buildings—particularly carpentering, plumbing and painting—of the same policy which has been successfully put in practice in the Electrical Construction Division, namely, that of the direct purchase of materials and the direct employment of labor, under competent technical supervision and executive direction. It is as true in connection with carpentering, plumbing and painting as it is in connection with electrical work that small repairs, aggregating a large amount in the course of a year, are constantly being called for, and that jobs of considerable importance are required at intervals.

I believe that it would be perfectly feasible to organize a small, permanent force, to be increased whenever special work might require, to execute all work of this character, and that expense could be saved, and a better quality of work secured, through the adoption of this policy. I think it might even prove desirable to have such a force do some special portions of the work on new buildings—just as the wiring on such buildings is now done by the Electrical Construction Division—or even wholly to construct small buildings. All such work, unless of the simplest nature, should be done according to definite plans and specifications, prepared for each job by the Architectural Division, so that competent technical advice would at all times be taken before anything was undertaken.

The experience of the last two years has decidedly strengthened my belief in the desirability, from many standpoints, of substituting the direct employment of labor for the contract system, wherever the conditions are such as to make this feasible and reasonably economical. The practical advantages of having a permanent staff, familiar with all of the work of the city of a given character, instead of distributing such work among a large number of contractors, not all of whom are likely to do good work, are very considerable. In one or two other departments, such as the Bridge Division, the city already does its own carpentering and painting upon a considerable scale, and it seems to me that there is no great difficulty in the way of adopting the same policy in respect to repairs on all of its public buildings. I may add that I think it would have a decidedly beneficial effect upon municipal politics to place this work upon a basis where it would no longer be competed for by a large number of contractors.

CIRCULAR NO. 32.

Establishment of Repair Division and Transfer of Architectural Division.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby notified that in pursuance of the policy outlined in my inaugural address, and already in force in respect to all electrical construction work, a Repair Division has now been established under the Public Buildings Department, and that Mr. Charles Logue has been appointed chief of this division. The work of this new division will consist of executing all kinds of repairs—including carpentering, plumbing, painting, mason work, steam-fitting, gas-fitting, plastering, roofing and glazing—upon all city buildings, except in cases where such repairs are now made by regular employees of the different departments. The Repair Division will purchase all materials, and employ all labor, necessary

for such purposes, and work done for other departments will be charged to them: itemized bills for work performed will be rendered monthly, and should be promptly approved for payment when found correct.

All orders for such repair work are to be sent directly to the chief of this division, in the office of the Public Buildings Department, Old Court House, and no work of this character is hereafter to be done by contract. Estimates of the probable cost of proposed repair work will be furnished to the different departments when desired, and estimates of the probable cost of alterations on new buildings for which plans have been prepared, will also be furnished on request.

You are requested to report to me as soon as convenient a list of any mechanics in the building trades now regularly employed by your department, with a designation of the character of work performed by each.

You are further notified that the Architectural Division has been detached from the Public Buildings Department and placed under the Engineering Department. Mr. Matthew Sullivan has resigned the position of chief of this division, and Prof. F. W. Chandler, heretofore designated as consulting architect to the Mayor, has been appointed at its head, under the designation of Consulting Architect. The work of this division will be entirely that of a consulting or expert force, and it can be called upon by any of the departments for technical advice on matters of building, heating, ventilation or steam engineering. Plans or specifications of work to be done by the Repair Division will be prepared by the Architectural Division whenever the nature of the work is such as to make them desirable, and the latter division will have a general supervision of the work done by the former.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

January 13, 1898.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CHIEF OF REPAIRS DIVISION.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 13, 1898.

MR. CHARLES LOGUE, Chief of Repairs Division, Public Buildings Department.

DEAR SIR: In approving your appointment as chief of the newly established Repairs Division of the Public Buildings Department

ment, I desire to impress upon you the importance of making a success of the new departure of having the city maintain its own force of mechanics for the execution of all repairs upon its own buildings. You have been selected for this responsible position solely because it was believed from your past record that you were fitted, as to character, capacity and experience, for performing its duties successfully. I have every confidence that the results which you will accomplish will justify your selection, and the establishment of your division. I shall take a personal interest in its work, and shall advise with you from time to time in regard to it.

I am advised that all mechanics are within the classified service, and you will therefore have to make requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for any employees that you may need. It is my desire that the wages of the mechanics in the different building trades, to be employed under your division, be fixed at the established Union rates for first-class workmen, and that their hours of labor be the same as those so established. I am particularly anxious that only skilful and industrious workmen of the different trades be employed by you, and that the quality of all work done shall be first-class.

It is necessary for the financial success of the work of your division that it should be distinctly understood by every mechanic employed that his position is not a permanent one, and that he will continue on the pay-roll only during such time as there is work for him to do. While the services of a small number of mechanics may be constantly needed, the amount of work to be done will fluctuate largely, and it is essential that you should be perfectly free to decrease or increase your force as may be demanded. I therefore desire you to have every mechanic who is to be employed by your division sign a statement, before his name is placed upon the pay-roll, accepting the above conditions in respect to the duration of his employment.

The city should be able not only to save the profit upon materials now charged by contractors, but to purchase in sufficient quantities to obtain lower prices than small contractors, at least, can secure. I desire you to give special personal attention to this matter. Office quarters will be assigned you at once by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and a storeroom will be provided as soon as possible, in which to carry such stock as it may seem desirable to keep constantly on hand.

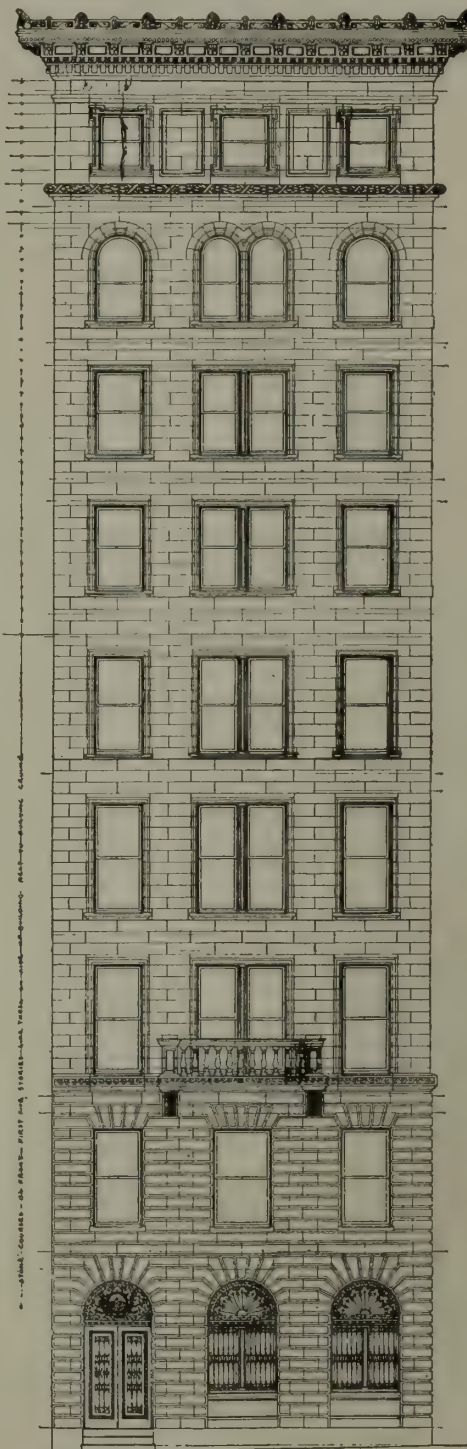
Whenever the nature of the job seems to require it, plans or specifications for the work to be done by your division are to be first prepared by the Architectural Division, which has just been placed under the En-

gineering Department, and you are to call upon that division for this purpose whenever necessary.

Yours very truly,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

PROPOSED ALTERATION OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING.

It is proposed that the building formerly occupied by the Massachusetts Historical



Society and recently acquired by the city, shall undergo a thorough overhauling internally, and also receive an addition of four stories above its present height; accordingly

architect's plans for the proposed alterations and additions have been prepared by Mr. A. W. Longfellow, Jr., Tremont Building, Boston.

Appended is a plan, showing the elevation of the proposed structure, and a general statement as to its main architectural features.

The plans provide for supporting the weight of the proposed additional stories by means of a skeleton frame of steel, resting on a concrete foundation below the cellar bottom and the Subway on Tremont street; for changing the lower portion of the present facade on Tremont street so as to give it a more substantial appearance; for installing a pair of high speed elevators at the rear of the building, at a point which will be readily accessible from the old Probate Building; for furnishing heat from a central plant located in the City Hall, where the electric plant is also to be located; and for a new chimney stack at the corner of old Probate Building, nearest the City Hall.

The construction would be like that of all first-class office buildings, with floors of brick arches and steel beams, corridors and toilet rooms tiled and wainscotted in marble, and the roof of brick pavement. The use of wood as a finish would be reduced to a minimum, only doors, windows and floors of offices being of this material. Oak would be used for all standing finish, office floors to be of maple, elevators, screens and staircases to be of iron.

The style of the proposed building is renaissance, with a Greek touch in the detail and ornament. The material called for in the exterior is granite, to correspond with the present building. Approximate bids have been received as to cost, which would amount to \$130,000. The total office area planned to be added amounts to 20,000 square feet.

Through the purchase of this property an entrance from an extremely important street is had to the bulk of the city property, i.e., Probate Building, City Hall and Old Court House. Since the property adjoins the King's Chapel burying-ground, an abundance of direct light may be had, free from any possible danger of overshadowing from abutters.

In point of width the building is admirably suited for division into department offices. Should the building be completed, the Probate Building would later be razed and an extension made in the rear, with connections to all floors of the present City Hall.

THE COMMERCIAL VALUE OF COAL ASHES.

The City Record, New York City's Official Journal, in issue No. 7495, contains a report dated December 27, 1897, by the ex-Commissioner of Street Cleaning, George E. Waring, jr. The report, which is voluminous and abounds in illustrations and statistical tables relating to the work of the department during Mayor Strong's administration, con-

tains the following statement regarding the money value of coal ashes derived from domestic fires:

A very thorough investigation has been made, running over most of the past year, by Mr. Craven, Mr. Koyl and Mr. Joseph A. Shinn, of Pittsburgh, looking to the possibility of developing a money value from the coal ashes of domestic fires. The following results have been reached, and I think that the conclusion to which they point may be regarded as sound.

We are now collecting about 800,000 loads of domestic ashes per annum, equal to 1,200,000 cubic yards. Repeated experimental analysis of these ashes indicates that they will yield on the average:

	Per. cent. age.	Amount.	Value per unit.	Total Value.
Coal (recoverable) ..	20	144,000 tons.	\$2.50	\$360,000
Clinker	15	180,000 cu. yds.	.75	135,000
Fine ash	50	600,000 "	.28	168,000
Coarse ash and stone,	15	180,000 "	—	—
	100			\$663,000

The cost of collection and delivery at the present dumps, based on department wages, purchases, rentals, administration, etc., is, per cart load, 80 cents; per cubic yard, 53 cents—making the total cost of collection \$640,000.

The cost of separating one cubic yard of ashes into its available parts is estimated at 12½ cents per cubic yard, or for the total output, \$150,000.

The fine ash, when properly mixed with lime, makes a building mortar which has a greater tensile strength, and a proportionately higher crushing strength, and is of much less specific gravity than sand mortar. Therefore, if the use of such mortar could be legalized, it should at least have as good or perhaps better sale than sand mortar. The cost of manufacture and delivery would be about \$2.20 per cubic yard. Machine mixed sand mortar is selling in market for \$3.45, delivered.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. E. WARING, JR., Commissioner.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the School Committee of Boston was held at its rooms at 7.30 P.M., January 10, 1898, for the purpose of organization. Mr. Willard S. Allen occupied the chair, all the members of the committee being present.

Following is the list of persons elected, December 21, 1897, to the School Committee, according to the certificate of the Election Commissioners, dated January 1, 1898:

Edward I. Aldrich, 35 Gardner street.
George W. Anderson, Robinwood avenue.
Charles L. Burrill, 9 Beacon street.
Samuel H. Calderwood, 2512 Washington street.
Samuel E. Courtney, 98 West Springfield street.
Archibald T. Davison, 394 Washington street.
William J. Gallivan, 743 East Broadway.
Thomas F. Strange, 644 Dudley street.

The Chair appointed a committee on credentials, who reported that all the newly-elected members, except Messrs. Anderson

and Davison, had presented their credentials. It was unanimously voted that the members declared elected by the Election Commissioners, and who had not furnished their certificates, should be allowed to take part in the proceedings of the committee.

The rules and regulations of the public schools of the year preceding were adopted for the present year, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the Board balloted for a president of the School Committee. The result was as follows:

Total number of votes	24
Necessary for a choice	13
Isaac F. Paul had	1
Edward H. Dunn had	6
Henry D. Huggan had	17

Mr. Huggan was declared elected.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the Board proceeded to the election of Secretary, with this result:

Whole number of votes cast	23
Necessary for a choice	12
Thornton D. Apollonio had	23

Mr. Apollonio was declared elected.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board proceeded to ballot for Auditing Clerk, with this result:

Whole number of ballots	24
Necessary for a choice	13
William J. Porter had	24

Mr. Porter was declared elected.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the Board proceeded to ballot for Messenger, with this result:

Whole number of ballots cast	22
Necessary for a choice	12
Alvah H. Peters had	22

Mr. Peters was declared elected.

On motion of Mr. Davison, the Board proceeded to ballot for Treasurer, with this result:

Whole number of votes	17
Necessary for a choice	9
James A. McDonald had	17

Mr. McDonald was declared elected.

The meeting adjourned at 9.25, till Thursday, January 13, at 5 P.M.

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION FOR LIBRARY SERVICE.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

January 11, 1898.

On Wednesday, January 19, an examination will be held for Grade B of the Library Service. No present vacancies exist in the general Grade B; and the examination is to be held chiefly for the purpose of determining the qualifications of a long list of applicants. The character of the examination will be made known on inquiry at the Library. It involves a knowledge of at least two for-

eign languages—preferably German and French. Any candidate presenting in addition a familiarity with the use of the typewriter will have the opportunity of temporary employment.

The salary of Grade B is for the first year \$11 per week; rising to \$14 per week at the end of three years.

Applications on the blanks furnished by the Library must be in the hands of the Librarian not later than Tuesday, January 18.

Candidates will present themselves on Wednesday, January 19, at 2.30 P.M., on the special Libraries floor of the Central Library Building, Copley Square.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Librarian.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

The Civil Service Commissioners will hold a special competitive examination at an early date of all applicants for appointment to the position of visitor to the Board of Overseers of the Poor of Boston. Applicants must be citizens of the United States, who have been residents of the State for the past year and of the City of Boston for the six months last past. Besides an educational examination, applicants will be examined upon their knowledge of settlement laws. Persons desiring to be examined should place their applications on file with the Civil Service Commissioners at once, and blanks for that purpose may be obtained at the office of the Commissioners, Room 152, State House.

Award of Contract.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, January 12, 1898.

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BUILDING A PORTION OF THE SEA WALL ON DORCHESTER AVENUE EXTENSION, AT MT. WASHINGTON AVENUE BRIDGE.

A canvass of bids was made this day, in accordance with a notice dated December 29, 1897. The result of the canvass is appended:

No.	Name of Bidder.	Address.	Amount of Bid.
1.	William J. Lawler.	Boston.	\$10,454 00
2.	W. H. Ryan.	"	11,047 74
3.	Ross & Fowler.	{ Ipswich and } Northbridge.	11,542 00
4.	C. E. Trumbull.	Boston.	13,039 00
5.	W. L. Miller and } W. H. Ellis.	"	13,769 00
6.	Benj. Young.	Chelsea.	14,300 00

The contract was awarded to William J. Lawler.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

VOTES CAST FOR ALDERMEN—MUNICIPAL ELECTION, 1897.

WARDS.	William Berwin, Rep.	Salem D. Charles, Dem.	Michael H. Cleary, Dem.	Franklin L. Codman, Rep.	John H. Colby, Rep.	Joseph A. Conry, Dem.	Edward W. Dixon, Dem.	Perlie A. Dyar, Rep.	Leon Greenman, Soc. Lab.	Conrad Kersten, Soc. Lab.	William H. Lott, Rep.	Joseph J. Norton, Dem.	James R. Nugent, Soc. Lab.	Frank J. O'Toole, Dem.	Patrick J. O'Toole, Dem.	Milton C. Paige, Rep.	Edward W. Presho, Rep.	Henry Stammerjohann, Soc. Lab.	James F. Stevens, Soc. Lab.	Albert Stieg, Soc. Lab.	Henry C. Wehner, Soc. Lab.	Scattering.	WARDS.
1	2,062	1,225	1,134	2,066	1,956	1,560	1,163	2,016	26	23	1,966	1,132	36	1,092	1,094	1,997	2,008	13	24	13	19		1
2	804	2,231	2,240	806	745	2,464	2,247	810	64	44	764	2,164	74	2,212	2,163	762	840	33	55	35	24		2
3	738	1,513	1,439	743	718	1,481	1,436	759	31	35	714	1,416	135	1,386	1,354	769	1,202	21	33	24	22	2	3
4	925	1,134	1,087	916	900	1,135	1,083	918	38	36	887	1,060	51	1,032	1,012	920	1,242	24	33	21	23	1	4
5	740	1,224	1,171	728	720	1,215	1,206	733	32	23	721	1,158	60	1,111	1,049	758	1,225	26	35	22	23		5
6	900	1,729	1,697	795	734	1,724	2,238	791	76	63	719	1,648	118	1,597	1,588	743	895	44	59	41	39		6
7	742	1,296	1,259	747	719	1,155	1,110	809	55	46	719	1,141	111	1,117	1,124	794	764	41	50	42	37		7
8	1,147	1,942	1,845	1,027	977	1,885	1,758	1,014	135	118	947	1,781	128	1,786	1,716	973	1,020	79	119	72	79		8
9	1,080	1,749	1,693	984	950	1,715	1,652	1,033	110	103	972	1,668	121	1,623	1,630	1,022	999	74	89	71	73		9
10	2,264	777	619	2,284	2,196	688	622	2,284	54	54	2,192	618	60	592	545	2,207	2,181	35	52	36	41		10
11	2,070	937	704	2,189	2,157	774	719	2,050	32	29	1,980	723	34	649	639	2,030	2,028	30	33	23	24		11
12	1,795	1,097	977	1,767	1,790	1,003	956	1,732	51	56	1,726	965	61	913	889	1,737	1,711	38	54	45	50		12
13	374	2,204	2,098	396	347	2,244	2,052	394	69	67	393	2,361	114	2,165	2,495	960	635	50	71	53	48		13
14	1,129	1,853	1,749	1,184	1,104	1,876	1,734	1,180	49	47	1,201	2,174	82	1,728	1,824	1,826	1,281	41	44	48	26	1	14
15	947	1,556	1,470	976	929	1,555	1,413	979	69	71	995	1,809	88	1,427	1,544	1,496	1,103	74	63	74	59		15
16	1,544	1,328	1,163	1,599	1,515	1,326	1,157	1,584	67	65	1,897	1,296	80	1,199	1,197	1,694	1,584	58	60	59	53		16
17	1,261	2,079	1,983	1,262	1,203	2,056	1,893	1,294	67	69	1,292	1,962	81	1,966	1,889	1,261	1,285	44	54	37	41	3	17
18	1,071	1,558	1,594	1,061	1,009	1,548	1,442	1,074	94	99	1,023	1,469	121	1,810	1,488	1,017	1,045	88	95	78	88		18
19	979	2,280	2,430	966	927	2,232	2,067	1,017	157	109	942	2,087	157	2,190	2,075	917	943	103	93	95	100		19
20	2,307	1,485	1,275	2,514	2,331	1,379	1,319	2,355	42	35	2,417	1,355	57	1,262	1,224	2,367	2,358	23	51	25	27		20
21	2,460	1,128	943	2,457	2,399	1,019	956	2,448	77	103	2,393	921	68	924	859	2,442	2,436	31	38	28	34	2	21
22	1,660	1,876	1,401	1,684	1,618	1,405	1,333	1,687	137	106	1,641	1,334	98	1,328	1,272	1,663	1,698	86	88	80	95	4	22
23	1,807	1,647	1,256	1,850	1,787	1,313	1,221	1,811	89	75	1,791	1,239	80	1,226	1,187	1,781	1,783	61	74	52	60		23
24	2,366	1,388	1,194	2,647	2,336	1,302	1,204	2,389	46	42	2,389	1,245	59	1,215	1,179	2,354	2,361	41	39	30	32		24
25	1,619	1,276	1,147	1,642	1,584	1,201	1,129	1,702	35	35	1,546	1,195	60	1,122	1,113	1,574	1,622	23	22	14	17		25
Tot'ls	34,791	38,507	35,568	35,290	33,651	37,255	35,110	34,863	1,702	1,553	34,227	35,921	2,134	34,672	34,149	36,064	36,249	1,181	1,438	1,118	1,134	13	

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS,

M. W. BURLIN, Secretary.

BOSTON MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

List of Representatives of Boston in the Legislature of 1898, and the names of the Committees to which they are assigned :

SENATE.

District 2—James E. Hayes, lawyer. Member of Committees on Libraries, Liquor Law, and Metropolitan Affairs.

District 3—Daniel D. Rourke, paper-hanger. Member of Committees on Federal Relations, Manufactures, and Printing.

District 4—Charles I. Quirk, lawyer. Member of Committees on Judiciary, Engrossed Bills, and Election Laws.

District 5—William W. Towle, lawyer. Member of Committees on Labor, Metropolitan Affairs, and Probate and Insolvency.

District 6—James A. Gallivan, newspaper correspondent. Member of Committees on Ways and Means, Rules, and Mercantile Affairs.

District 7—Charles E. Folsom, dealer in paints and oils. Member of Committees on Cities, Manufactures, and Public Health.

District 8—William W. Davis, hotel manager. Member of Committees on Election Laws, Fisheries and Game, Libraries, and Mercantile Affairs.

District 9—Joshua B. Holden, real estate. Member of Committees on Rules, Railroads, and State House.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Ward 1—Hon. John L. Bates, lawyer; Speaker of the House. Hugh L. Stalker, dealer in groceries; member of Committee on Railroads.

Ward 2—John L. Kelley, dealer in groceries; member of Committees on Mercantile Affairs and Public Health. James O'Connor, plasterer; member of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Ward 3—T. Frank Noonan, lawyer; member of Committee on Judiciary. Peter F. Tague, book-keeper; member of Committee on Cities.

Ward 4—William E. Mahoney, caterer; member of Committee on Constitutional Amendments. Jeremiah J. McCarthy; member of Committee on Railroads.

Ward 5—William J. Miller, lawyer; member of Committee on Judiciary. Edmund J. Toomey, storekeeper; member of Committee on Drainage.

Ward 6—Daniel J. Kane; member of Committee on Cities. John A. Rowan, cutler; member of Committee on Liquor Laws.

Ward 7—William T. A. Fitzgerald, lawyer; member of Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. Thomas Mackey, metal cornice worker; member of Committees on Printing, and Pay Roll.

Ward 8—Francis J. Horgan, lawyer; member of Committee on Probate and Insolvency. Daniel J. Kiley, building contractor; member of Committee on Insurance.

Ward 9—John J. Gartland, jr., book-keeper; member of Committee on Printing. David A. Mahoney, dealer in knit-goods; member of Committees on Public Health, and Elections.

Ward 10—Charles S. Clerke, wholesale tobacco dealer; member of Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. Charles H. Innis, lawyer; member of Committee on Judiciary.

Ward 11—Francis C. Lowell, lawyer; member of Committees on Ways and Means, and Rules. Charles R. Saunders, lawyer; member of Committees on Constitutional Amendments, and Election Laws.

Ward 12—John B. Dumond, mechanical engineer; member of Committees on Liquor Law, and Elections. Alfred S. Hayes, lawyer; member of Committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Ward 13—Hugh W. Bresnahan, sanitary engineer; member of Committee on Election Laws. James B. Clancey, telegrapher; member of Committee on Street Railways.

Ward 14—John E. Baldwin, book-keeper; member of Committees on Libraries, and Prisons. David J. Gleason; member of Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Ward 15—William Kells, jr., shirt-cutter; member of Committee on State House. John A. McManus, fruit dealer; member of Committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Ward 16—Osgood C. Blaney, metal refiner; member of Committee on Election Laws. Albert W. Lyon, lawyer; member of Committees on Constitutional Amendments, and on Harbors and Public Lands.

Ward 17—Richard W. Garrity, clerk; member of Committee on Labor. George H. Norton, real estate; member of Committee on Education.

Ward 18—Thomas A. Conroy, clerk; member of Committee on Federal Relations. Michael E. Gaddis, clerk; member of Committees on Libraries and on Public Service.

Ward 19—John J. Feneno, salesman; member of Committee on Liquor Laws. Oliver S. Grant, electrical contractor; member of Committee on Manufactures.

Ward 20—Thomas C. Bachelder, lawyer; member of Committees on Insurance, and on Probate and Insolvency. Joseph I. Stewart, real estate; member of Committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Ward 21—Richard F. Andrews, jr., real estate; member of Committee on Insurance. William E. Skillings, lumber manufacturer; member of Committees on Manufactures and on State House.

Ward 22—John Bleiler, provision dealer; member of Committee on Liquor Laws. Randolph V. King, law student; member of Committee on Probate and Insolvency.

Ward 23—Frank W. Estey, book-keeper; member of Committee on Cities. Lemuel W. Peters, lawyer; member of Committee on Judiciary.

Ward 24—Jonathan B. L. Bartlett, real estate; member of Committees on Taxation and on Elections. Edward B. Callender, lawyer; member of Committees on Public Health and on Street Railways.

Ward 25—Frederick Hammond, merchant; member of Committee on Cities. Leonard W. Ross, horticulturist; member of Committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Communications.**CIRCULAR NO. 31.****OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.****TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.**

GENTLEMEN: It is desirable, especially in connection with the work of the Board of Statistics, that, in the keeping of accounts, the items of expenditure of each department shall hereafter be classified in the same manner by the Auditor and by the department itself. Please notice carefully, before the beginning of the next financial year, whether the classification of the items of expenditure of your department made in the last annual report of the City Auditor is the same as that followed by your department in

the keeping of its accounts and the making up of its financial statements in its annual report. If any variation is found in such classifications, I desire your department either to adopt the classification used in the Auditor's report, or to confer with the Auditor as to agreeing upon a common classification. There is no objection to a more detailed statement of expenditures in department reports than that contained in the Auditor's report, but it is desired that the general classifications used shall exactly correspond.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

January 12, 1898.

Department Communications.**BUILDING DEPARTMENT.****OFFICE OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER,**

January 10, 1898.

The following table shows by wards, the number of permits granted, material of buildings, nature of permit, and plans approved or disapproved, for the week ending January 8, 1898 :

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED FOR						
	Ap-proved.		Not ap-proved.		Brick Buildings.	Wood Buildings.	Alter and Repair.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	
2...	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
6...	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	28	
7...	-	4	-	1	-	-	5	1	7	53	
8...	-	1	-	4	-	-	1	-	2	14	
9...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	7	
10...	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	4	
11...	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	21	
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	7	
13...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	3	
14...	2	1	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	15	
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	
16...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	11	
17...	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	2	4
18...	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	
19...	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	4
20...	2	-	1	-	2	2	-	4	8	30	
21...	1	-	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	8	
22...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	4
23...	3	2	4	-	-	2	1	-	-	5	8
24...	2	-	2	-	-	9	-	2	15	15	
25...	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	8	5	
Totals	18	17	19	7	4	20	17	16	71	268	

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

January 6, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: At a meeting of the Board held on January 3, 1898, sixteen assistant registrars were suspended, their services not

being required at present, the same to date from January 3, 1898, until otherwise ordered.

At a meeting of the Board on January 4, 1898, the annual estimate of this department was adopted and submitted to the City Auditor.

M. W. BURLIN, Secretary.

ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT DEEMED NECESSARY TO MEET THE EXPENDITURES OF THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 1898.

New booths, caused by the recent action of the School Committee depriving us of the use of from 75 to 100 school-houses which have been used as polling-places in previous years . . .	\$30,000
Salaries, Commissioners . . .	\$14,500
Salaries, secretary, deputy, messenger and permanent force	17,000
Extra assistant registrars in office	15,000
Assistant registrars, for outside registration	7,000
Election officers	23,000
Printing voting lists, ballots for elections and caucuses, etc.	26,000
Advertising	4,000
Stationery	2,000
Assessors' clerks, taking polls, Election and maintenance of booths and ward-rooms . . .	12,500
Janitors	5,000
Carriages	4,000
Rent of stores for polling-places	2,000
Rent of storehouse	1,000
Teaming	2,500
Lighting and heating	1,000
Posting sample ballots, voting lists and notices	1,000
Incidentals	3,500
	\$145,000
	\$175,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER.

Bristol Street, January 11, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The official action taken by the Fire Commissioner from January 3 to January 10, inclusive, may be summarized as follows:

January 3. One (1) horse, price \$150, purchased of A. W. Davis.

January 4. Four (4) pieces of hose condemned.

January 5. Order for \$475, given John U. Sperry, for painting elevator wells at repair shop.

January 6. The appointments were confirmed of seven permanent substitutes, with an increase of salary from \$720 to \$900 per annum, to date from January 2, 1898.

January 6. A special draft was drawn for \$2,446.85 in favor of L. K. Marston in part payment for construction of engine-house at Grove Hall; with the amount previously paid, \$2,389.35, making total payments to date \$4,836.20.

January 6. Order for two (2) large sized hose wagons, price \$450 each, from Charles Waugh & Co.

January 7. Combination Co. No. 3, placed in service in house of Engine 43, Andrew Square.

Eight men were assigned as permanent substitutes at a salary of \$720 per annum.

January 10. Special draft was drawn on the City Auditor for \$4,581 in favor of L. K. Marston, for construction of new engine-house in Ward 23, making with amount previously paid, \$10,213.24, the total payments to date to be charged to that appropriation, \$14,794.24.

Two men were assigned to serve as permanent substitutes at a salary of \$720 per annum.

J. F. Houghton & Son were given an order to change heating apparatus in Engine House 42 at a cost of \$105.

The Walworth Construction and supply Company, were given an order for new steam heating apparatus and hot water boiler at Chemical Engine House 10, to cost \$426.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House,

December 17, 1897.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Health respectfully calls attention to the bad sanitary condition of the ponds of water in the Back Bay Fens and the probable cause of the same.

Stony brook has always served the uses of a public sewer and formerly discharged into Charles river. When the Fens were constructed, a dozen years ago, the ponds in them were formed by a dam on the brook at Charles river. The ponds then became practically a settling basin for the sewage and other filth in the brook; and notwithstanding the efforts of the Park Commissioners to keep the waters clean by frequent, but partial, exchanges, for the Charles river waters, these ponds have never been clean, and at times have been unsightly in appearance, and have emitted most nauseous odors from stagnant sewage.

Within the last few weeks the condition of these ponds has been much worse than ever before, and it has brought many complaints to this department from people living on the Fenway, and others. The waters have been turbid with filth, and the fishes have been killed in large numbers. In 1892, this department made an examination, and found eighty-five dwellings with 200 families, six factories and one car-house with 500 persons and two livery stables with sixty horses, draining into Stony brook for want of public sewers. These facts were reported to the Sewer Department and to the Mayor and City Council, and the hope expressed that the necessary sewers for the relief of Stony brook would be provided. Up to the present time we find that such relief has been provided for only about two per cent of the whole, which must have been more than balanced by the increase.

In view of the present bad sanitary condition of these waters, and the inevitable increase of their pollution, we respectfully and

earnestly recommend an early provision of sewers for the relief of Stony brook and the ponds of the Back Bay Fens.

Respectfully,

THE BOARD OF HEALTH,

SAMUEL H. DURGIN, Chairman.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, January 8, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The matter contained in the inclosed letter from the Board of Health, referred to this department, is receiving attention, and conference has been held with the Board of Health and the Park Commissioners, and recommendations will be made as soon as estimates and plans are completed.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, January 5, 1898.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER.

The Eastern Division will be known, hereafter, as the Distribution Division.

The General Superintendent of the Eastern Division will, hereafter, be entitled General Superintendent of the Distribution Division.

The duties of said General Superintendent will be the same as were formerly those of the General Superintendent of the Eastern Division. In addition, he will assume charge of the Brookline Reservoir, Fisher Hill Reservoir, and such portions of the grounds, driveways, etc., around the Chestnut Hill Reservoir as were not included in the taking made by the Metropolitan Water Board.

Hugh McNulty, formerly known as General Superintendent of the Eastern Division, is hereby appointed General Superintendent of the Distribution Division of the Boston Water Department.

JOHN R. MURPHY,

Water Commissioner.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ELECTION OFFICERS.

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

Old Court House, January 12, 1898.

The pay-roll of the election officers and supervisors has been sent to the City Auditor, and it will be necessary before the clerks and supervisors are paid by the Treasurer for them to get a certificate from the Secretary of the Board of Election Commissioners showing that they have served as such.

M. W. BURLIN, Secretary.

LEGAL ACTIONS.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Tremont Building, January 12, 1898.

There have been commenced since the first of January, 1898, by this department, the following complaints for violation of the building law:

Commonwealth vs. Casperkarlish — Violation of gas-pipe statute.

Boston vs. Hyman Alman — Violation of building law, building numbered 186 Chambers street.

Boston vs. David Milton — Building on public street, Blue Hill avenue, near Quincy street.

Boston vs. Ashermunk et al. Building without permit in Charter street.

In three of these, Boston vs. Alman, Boston vs. Milton and Boston vs. Ashermunk, injunctions have been issued on the complaints.

There were pending February 1, 1897, in the different courts, exclusive of trustee cases against the city and county, 897 cases, which may be grouped in the following classes:

Betterments, taxes, etc.,	89
Building law violations	55
Land and other takings	217
Injuries by street and other defects	412
Water pollutions	20
Miscellaneous	104
Total	897

There were brought by the Law Department between January 1, 1897, and January 1, 1898, 359 cases, which may be grouped as follows:

Betterments, taxes, etc.,	13
Building law violations	38
Land and other takings	105
Injuries by street and other defects	156
Miscellaneous	46
Water pollutions	1
Total	359

The following cases were entered in the Superior Court during the past week, in which the City of Boston is defendant or trustee:

John Berry, action of tort; Carmelite Convent, action of contract; A.-G. Frost, land taking; F. M. Frost, land taking; Joseph A. McClosky, land taking; Agnes T. McGrath, land taking; P. B. Goodsell, action of trespass; A. A. Ranney, action of trespass; Thomas Merrill, action of tort; Kate Sullivan, action of tort; Timothy J. Twomey, action of tort.

Also the suit of City of Boston vs. George C. Dobson, for amount of judgment in Bradley vs. City of Boston.

Also trustee cases of Patrick Bresnahan vs. William N. McKenna; John McShane vs. Quimby & Ferguson; Patrick Dunn vs. Edward M. Curran; Willis H. Crowell vs. Thomas F. White.

THOMAS M. BABSON, City Solicitor.

Board Meetings.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

January 11, 1898.

At a meeting on Monday, January 10, 1898, the Board of Street Commissioners passed two orders of notice returnable for hearings, January 25, 1898, one, of its intention to lay out and construct Whitten street, at Dorchester, from King street to Centre street; and the other, of its intention to construct a new channel for the Oakland Garden Fork of the Canterbury branch of Stony Brook.

Orders were also passed for the construction of an overflow for a sewer in Roland street, at Charlestown; an outlet for a sewer in Proctor street, West Roxbury; and a surface drain for Capen street and vicinity, at Dorchester.

Petitions were received from Henry J. Wright, for abatement of a sewer assessment on his estate on Comins terrace, at Roxbury; from Jonathan Bigelow, trustee, for abatement of a sewer assessment on his estate on Parsons street, at Brighton; from Joseph W. Hill for a hearing in the matter of damages occasioned his estate by the widening of Green street, at Charlestown; from Augustine Rafter, that the name of part of School street, at Dorchester, between Bradlee and Harvard streets, may be changed to Bradlee street; and from Elizabeth A. White for a sewer in Elm Hill avenue, at Roxbury, between Wenonah and Waumbek streets.

The Board voted, and the same was approved by the Mayor, to pay Albert Geiger \$13,000 for land taken from, and all damages occasioned his estate, corner of Boylston and Ipswich streets, by the laying out of Ipswich street—the city assuming all assessments for improvement or betterment to the said estate occasioned by the laying out of Ipswich street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

At a meeting of the Trustees for Children held January 3, 1898, Mr. Lamb being in the Chair; there were present also Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Dewey, Mr. O'Hare, Mr. Dasey and Dr. C. P. Putnam.

Several applications for release on probation were acted on. Application was made for the admission of an epileptic boy to the epileptic hospital when it shall open.

It was voted to secure the services as supervisor and head teacher at the Parental School of a lady of eminent reputation and experience in Normal School teaching.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

Board of Health Statistics for the week ending Saturday, January 8, 1898:

Death rate for the week	20.40
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	22.30

Number of deaths:

Males	104
Females	104
Total	208
Total for corresponding week, 1897,	222
Decrease	14

White, 204; colored, 4; born in United States, 128; in foreign countries, 80; American, 54; foreign, 130; unknown, 24.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	46	5
Scarlatina	35	1
Typhoid fever	7	3
Measles	31	0

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	21
Pneumonia	25
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	27
Bronchitis	4
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	13

Total	104
Other causes	104

Deaths of children under 1 year	37
Deaths of children under 5 years	55
Deaths of persons over 60 years	51
Deaths in public institutions	53

Following is a summary statement of the cases of contagious disease which have been reported to the Board of Health during the week ending January 10, with a statement for the same week in 1897:

	1898.	1897.
Diphtheria	61	123
Scarlet fever	34	43
Measles	32	211

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HEARINGS BY STREET COMMISSIONERS.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON. January 10, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that a new channel for the Oakland Garden Fork of the Canterbury Branch of Stony Brook be located at Dorchester, between Park street and Columbia road, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of the year 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fifth day of January, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON. January 10, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Whitten street be laid out as a highway, at Dorchester, from King street to Centre street, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fifth day of January, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

NOTICE OF PAYMENT OF ELECTION OFFICIALS.

OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER.

January 12, 1898.

The Precinct Election Officers and Supervisors will be paid at the office of the City Treasurer, City Hall, on Monday next, January 17, 1898, commencing at 10 o'clock, A.M.

ALFRED T. TURNER, City Treasurer

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CITY COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

SALE OF ESTATES FOR UNPAID SEWER AND EDGESTONE ASSESSMENTS.

The owners of the following-described parcels of real estate, situate in the City of Boston, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public, are hereby notified that the assessments on said parcels for the years hereinafter specified for Sewers and Edgestones remain unpaid, and that said parcels will be offered at Public Auction, for sale, at the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board, 7 Exchange Place, in said City of Boston, on Thursday, February 3, 1898, at 10 o'clock A.M., for the payment of said assessments, with the costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

SEWERS.

WARD TWENTY-THREE.

Daniel A. Noonan, supposed present owner Catherine McMahon—About 6,945 feet of land on the southerly side of Wenham street, between an estate now or formerly of John A. Kiggen and an estate now or formerly of Rebecca Halfenstein, being lot 78, J. E. Jones's plan, June 21, 1881, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Volume 1737, Page 450, sewer assessment for 1896..... \$50 00

Julia E. Bradford Heirs, supposed present owner Christian Wurttenberger—About 6,250 feet of land on the northerly side of Belgrade avenue, between an estate now or formerly of James Matthews and an estate now or formerly of Mary Wild, being lot 222, Garbett and Wood's plan, May 11, 1892, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Volume 2075, Page 241, sewer assessment for 1896..... 50 00

WARD TWENTY-FOUR.

Timothy J. Sullivan, supposed present owner Mary Law—Buildings and about 32,006 feet of land on the southerly side of Codman street, making the southeasterly corner of Hutchinson street, and adjoining an estate of the City of Boston, sewer assessment for 1896..... 165 85

EDGESTONES.

WARD TEN.

James Stevenson—Buildings and about 38,061 feet of land on the southeasterly side of Warren avenue, between an estate now or formerly of Thomas J. Thorley and another estate of said Stevenson, numbered 8 Warren avenue, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 181 25

Also about 7,500 feet of land on the southeasterly side of Warren avenue, between an estate of the city of Boston and an estate of Sarah E. Hahn, numbered 16 Clarendon street, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 14 75

Thomas J. Thorley, supposed present owner David Greer—About 125,000 feet of land on southeasterly side of Warren avenue, making the northeasterly corner of Clarendon street, and adjoining an estate of James Stevenson, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 76 00

Dwight Braman—About 11,750 feet of land on the westerly side of Parker street, making the southwest corner of a passageway leading from Parker street, and adjoining land of the City of Boston, known as the Back Bay Fens, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 83 86

Mary A. Farrington, supposed present owner Frederick J. Herthel—About 10,596 feet of land on the southerly side of Parker street, running through to a passageway leading from Parker street, being lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, as shown on a plan of William H. Whitney, dated June 1, 1888, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds at end of Volume 2032, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 117 64

David Greer—About 11,977 feet of land on the easterly side of Parker street, making the northeasterly corner of Westland avenue, and adjoining an estate now or formerly of Joseph A. Jackson, being lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, as shown on a plan of S. L. Minot, dated February, 1880, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Volume 1828, Page 237, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 71 25

WARD ELEVEN.

Jerome A. Bacon—About 113,052 feet of land on the southerly side of Commonwealth avenue, between an estate of Francis A. Osborn, Robert M. Morse and Lewis W. Tappan, Jr., Trustees, and an estate of Samuel Stillings, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 181 71

Dwight Braman, supposed present owners Amelia C. Braman, heirs or devisees—House and about 2,760 feet of land, numbered 714 Commonwealth avenue, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 14 37

WARD SIXTEEN.

Francis A. Tracy, supposed present owner James R. Gallivan—About 4,000 feet of land on the southerly side of Bellflower street, between an estate of Catherine A. Roche and an estate now or formerly of Julia E. and Edward B. Clapp and Martha L. Blake, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 28 00

WARD EIGHTEEN.

John S. Ourish, supposed present owner J. Alfred Anderson—House and about 1,728 feet of land, numbered 84 Sterling street, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 39 75

WARD TWENTY-ONE.

Annie M. Robbins, supposed present owner Rachael Isaacs—House and about 5,006 feet of land, numbered 35 Gaston street, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 31 25

WARD TWENTY-FOUR.

James F. Jones—House and about 4,481 feet of land, numbered 852 Adams street, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 37 50

John D. Sargent, Trustee, supposed present owners John D. Sargent, Trustee, and J. Winthrop Dutton—About 258,637 feet of land on the southerly side of Minot street, bounded northerly by Minot street, easterly by an estate now or formerly of Ellen M. T. Pierce, southerly by Marsh street, and westerly by Adams street, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 175 29

Georgianna Stone, supposed present owner Samuel P. Curtis—House and about 5,937 feet of land on the northeasterly corner of Ashmont and Alban streets, numbered 156 Ashmont street, edgestone assessment for 1896..... 58 56

NATHANIEL H. TAYLOR,

Collector of Taxes for the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,
City Hall, January 5, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a new channel for the stream or water-course, in Dorchester, known as Tenean Creek, or Smelt Brook, be located, between King street and Dorchester avenue, and that said stream or water-course be diverted from the present channel thereof, and that the parts of the original channel from which said stream or water-course is so diverted be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twentieth day of January, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,
City Hall, January 5, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a new channel for the stream or water-course, in Dorchester, known as Tenean Creek, or Smelt Brook, be located, from Ashmont street to Lonsdale street, and that said stream or water-course be diverted from the present channel thereof, and that the parts of the original channel from which said stream or water-course is so diverted be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twentieth day of January, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.
City Hall, Boston, January 4, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating for the City of Boston, about 3,260 linear feet of telford macadam roadways, planting spaces, and crushed stone sidewalks, in the section of Columbia Road, between Stanwood street, and about 220 feet beyond Glendale street, Ward 20, Boston, Mass.

A bond of eighteen thousand (\$18,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety, for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an envelope, endorsed "Proposal for Roadways in Columbia Road," and with a certified check for five hundred (\$500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, left at said office, before 12 o'clock M., of January 14, 1898.

This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

Proposals filled out and left with check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,
City Hall, January 5, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a sewer be constructed in Middleton avenue, at Dorchester, from Norfolk street, and in private lands to, and in, Willowwood street, and that lands be taken for said purposes, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twentieth day of January, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,
City Hall, January 5, 1898.

Ordered,—That due notice be given,—That this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that, for the purposes of the sewerage works of the city, there be taken for said city the right to lay and maintain a sewer in land belonging to the New England Railroad Company, at Dorchester, between Faxon street and land of Charles H. Greenwood, and that land be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said land deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twentieth day of January, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,
City Hall, January 5, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Arundel street, at West Roxbury, be laid out, from Walter street to Selwyn street, as a highway, with the name of Arizona street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board; that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto; and that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the nineteenth day of January, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WIRE COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

By authority vested in the Commissioner of Wires by chapter 454, of the Acts of 1894, the section of the city prescribed for this calendar year, viz., 1898, within which any poles or structures used in the streets, and all wires, cables and conductors, except such as are excepted by said chapter 454, shall be removed or placed underground, is that portion bounded by the line which marks the boundary of the prescribed district for 1897, running from the junction of Joy and Beacon streets through Joy street to Cambridge street and through Cambridge street to the water front. Commencing at this point the line will run along the Harbor Commissioners' line to the extension of the line of Berkeley street; thence through Berkeley street to Tremont street, through Tremont street to Castle square, through Castle square to Ferdinand street, through Ferdinand street to Columbus avenue through Columbus avenue to Park square, through Park square to Charles street, through Charles street to Beacon street, and through Beacon street to the point of beginning at Joy street.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner of Wires.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT,
City Hall, January 10, 1898.

BIDS FOR BADGES.

Bids will be received at the office of the Clerk of Committees on or before Saturday, January 15, 1898, at one o'clock P.M., for furnishing seventy-five gold badges for the members of the Common Council, the cost of each to be seven dollars. Each bid must be accompanied by a design and a specification of the fineness of the gold and the weight of the badge, excluding the pin.

JOHN F. DEVER, Clerk of Committees.



THE CITY RECORD.

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EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.



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THE CITY RECORD is also on sale at the Old Corner Book Store, 283 Washington street.

The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, 1898.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor, 82 Charles Street.
THOMAS A. MULLEN, Secretary, 214 West
Springfield Street.
JAMES A. MCKIBBEN, Stenographer and
Assistant Secretary, 31 Mellen Street,
Dorchester.
NATHANIEL G. ROBINSON, Assistant Secre-
tary, 57 Anderson Street.
JAMES B. MACHUGH, Assistant Secretary, 23
Sharon Street.
WALTER E. WELCH, Messenger, 15 Prospect
Street, Charlestown.
ERNEST HOLMES, Messenger, 22 Newcomb St.

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

WILLIAM BERWIN, real estate, 64 Pemberton
Square.
SALEM D. CHARLES, lawyer, 23 Court Street,
Room 415.
MICHAEL H. CLEARY, milkman, 47 Conant
Street, Roxbury.
FRANKLIN L. CODMAN, manufacturer, 301 Con-
gress Street.
JOSEPH A. CONRY, engrosser, 157 Webster
Street, East Boston.
EDWARD W. DIXON, liquor dealer, 41 Commer-
cial Wharf.
PERLIE A. DYAR, manufacturer's agent, 73
Tremont Street, Room 1107.
WILLIAM H. LOTT, cigar dealer, American
House.
JOSEPH J. NORTON, assistant secretary, Faneuil
Hall Market.
FRANK J. O'TOOLE, clerk, 13 Westminster
Street, Roxbury.
MILTON C. PAIGE, milkman, 127 K Street,
South Boston.
EDWARD W. PRESNO, medical book agent, 54
Chestnut Street, Charlestown.

Population of the City of Boston 1895 496,920
Total number of assessed Polls 1897 . 161,939
Registered Voters, 1897 :
Males 102,473
Females 9,262
Total 111,735
Total Valuation, 1897 . . \$1,000,773,350 00
Total Tax, 1897 13,333,931 55

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY.

Clerk, JOSEPH O'KANE.

Councilmen.

Ward 1.

CHARLES I. ALBEE, superintendent, 80 Condor
Street, East Boston.
A. DUDLEY BAGLEY, grocer, 567 Bennington
Street, East Boston.
COLLINGWOOD C. MILLAR, engineer, 24 Frank-
lin Street.
Population 1895, 21,007; polls 1897, 6,413. Registered
voters 1897, males, 4,335; females, 627. Total valuation
1897, \$11,955,550; total tax 1897, \$168,248.15.

Ward 2.

WILLIAM J. CRONIN, harnessmaker, 17 Lewis
Street, East Boston.
JAMES H. DONOVAN, teamster, 110 Porter
Street, East Boston.
JOSEPH F. HICKEY, telegrapher, 19 Brigham
Street, East Boston.
Population 1895, 21,588; polls 1897, 6,549. Registered
voters 1897, males, 4,215; females, 151. Total valuation
1897, \$12,045,500; total tax 1897, \$169,689.50.

Ward 3.

WILLIAM F. HARRINGTON, grocer, 24 Marion
Street, Charlestown.
CHAS. A. HERRIGAN, fish-dealer, 34 Bunker
Hill Street, Charlestown.
JOHN I. TOLAND, printer, 145 Chelsea Street,
Charlestown.
Population 1895, 13,943; polls 1897, 4,262. Registered
voters 1897, males, 3,071; females, 281. Total valuation
1897, \$9,293,600; total tax 1897, \$129,340.80.

Ward 4.

JOHN F. DESMOND, compositor, 18 Arlington
Avenue, Charlestown.
JOHN P. SULLIVAN, car conductor, 10 Sewall's
Court, Charlestown.
JOSEPH A. TURNBULL, hackman, 14 Dorrance
Street, Charlestown.
Population 1895, 13,375; polls 1897, 4,188. Registered
voters 1897, males, 2,878; females, 322. Total valuation
1897, \$11,354,400; total tax 1897, \$155,983.20.

Ward 5.

WILLIAM E. BENNETT, clerk, 54 Henley
Street, Charlestown.
DENNIS J. FALVEY, printer, 8 Lynde Avenue,
Charlestown.
EDWARD H. MADDEN, salesman, 18 Chelsea
Street, Charlestown.
Population 1895, 12,986; polls 1897, 4,521. Registered
voters 1897, males, 2,942; females, 226. Total valua-
tion 1897, \$14,863,300; total tax 1897, \$202,264.90.

Ward 6.

SAMUEL H. BOROFKY, real estate, 115 Salem
Street.
MICHAEL J. DONOVAN, bartender, 12 Unity
Street.
MICHAEL J. MCCOLGAN, contractor, 164 Endi-
cott Street.
Population 1895, 27,860; polls 1897, 8,760. Registered
voters 1897, males, 4,403; females, 77. Total valuation
1897, \$138,797,500; total tax 1897, \$1,821,887.50.

Ward 7.

MICHAEL T. CALLAHAN, engraver, 30 Bromfield
Street.
DANIEL J. DONNELLY, horse-shoer, 14 Hudson
Street.
JOHN L. DONOVAN, bartender, 51 Albany St.
Population 1895, 16,973; polls 1897, 6,116. Registered
voters 1897, males, 3,118; females, 138. Total valuation
1897, \$234,316,300; total tax 1897, \$3,058,343.90.

Ward 8.

WILLIAM H. CUDDY, plumber, 200 Cambridge
Street.
MICHAEL F. HART, telegrapher, 23 Eaton Street.
LOUIS SONNABEND, jewelry dealer, 42 Lynde
Street.
Population 1895, 23,130; polls 1897, 8,069. Registered
voters 1897, males, 4,205; females, 123. Total valuation
1897, \$28,687,100; total tax 1897, \$389,070.30.

Ward 9.

FRANK H. COWIN, contractor, 1309 Washington
Street.
SAMUEL KASANOFF, baker, 317 Harrison Av.
MICHAEL LEONARD, mason, 98 East Canton St.
Population 1895, 23,174; polls 1897, 8,293. Registered
voters 1897, males, 4,255; females, 221. Total valuation
1897, \$26,449,900; total tax 1897, \$360,434.70.

Ward 10.

CHARLES A. ATKINS, engineer, 200 Huntington Avenue.

WALTER E. NICHOLS, pharmacist, 154 Chandler Street.

DAVID R. ROBINSON, lawyer, 73 Tremont Street, Room 646.

Population 1895, 22,554; polls 1897, 7,765. Registered voters 1897, males, 4,486; females, 466. Total valuation 1897, \$51,214,400; total tax 1897, \$681,317.20.

Ward 11.

EDWARD A. ARMISTEAD, janitor, 36 Grove St.

WILLIAM S. B. STEVENS, bank clerk, 109 Franklin Street.

GEORGE HOLDEN TINKHAM, lawyer, 326 Commonwealth Avenue.

Population 1895, 19,930; polls 1897, 6,045. Registered voters 1897, males, 4,142; females, 403. Total valuation 1897, \$163,160,900; total tax 1897, \$2,133,181.70.

Ward 12.

DAVID B. CHAMBERLAIN, insurance broker, 4 Central Street.

EDWARD P. SANDS, medical student, 91 Worcester Street.

ARTHUR G. WOOD, jeweller, 467 Washington Street.

Population 1895, 21,591; polls 1897, 6,409. Registered voters 1897, males, 4,002; females, 494. Total valuation 1897, \$27,637,300; total tax 1897, \$372,102.90.

Ward 13.

THOMAS J. COLLINS, salesman, 166 West Third Street, South Boston.

MICHAEL J. LYDON, pool, billiards and cigars, 77 West Broadway, South Boston.

MICHAEL W. NORRIS, liquor dealer, 115 West Fourth Street, South Boston.

Population 1895, 24,900; polls 1897, 8,050. Registered voters 1897, males, 4,472; females, 118. Total valuation 1897, \$19,413,800; total tax 1897, \$268,479.40.

Ward 14.

JOHN H. DUNN, hay and grain dealer, 879 East Broadway, South Boston.

WILLIAM P. HICKEY, piano-stringer, 485 East First Street, South Boston.

JAMES F. MULCAHY, gasfitter, 79 K Street, South Boston.

Population 1895, 19,186; polls 1897, 6,127. Registered voters 1897, males, 4,397; females, 593. Total valuation 1897, \$10,905,800; total tax 1897, \$154,029.40.

Ward 15.

JOHN D. FENTON, paper counter, 26 Woodward Street, South Boston.

WILLIAM MARTIN, roofer, 246 West Fifth Street, South Boston.

DANIEL V. McISAAC, law student, 3 Leeds Street, South Boston.

Population 1895, 18,623; polls 1897, 5,323. Registered voters 1897, males, 3,790; females, 477. Total valuation 1897, \$9,479,900; total tax 1897, \$133,884.70.

Ward 16.

CHARLES E. EDDY, contractor and carpenter, 748 Dudley Street, Roxbury.

FREDERICK W. FARWELL, kindling-wood dealer, 44 Harvest Street, South Boston.

ARTHUR P. RUSSELL, clerk, 180 Summer St.

Population 1895, 16,320; polls 1897, 5,461. Registered voters 1897, males, 3,945; females, 411. Total valuation 1897, \$13,938,500; total tax 1897, \$192,122.50.

Ward 17.

PATRICK H. BRENNAN, real estate, 176 Norfolk Avenue, Roxbury.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, real estate and contractor, 932 Harrison Avenue.

JOHN P. LANERGAN, bottler, 15 Maiden Lane, Roxbury.

Population 1895, 21,114; polls 1897, 7,025. Registered voters 1897, males, 4,440; females, 295. Total valuation 1897, \$17,198,800; total tax 1897, \$237,634.40.

Ward 18.

JAMES J. CASEY, pool and billiards, 1080 Tremont Street.

JOHN J. CURLEY, coal and wood dealer, 4 Sumner Place, Roxbury.

JAMES A. WATSON, stenographer, 221 Cabot Street, Roxbury.

Population 1895, 21,679; polls 1897, 7,352. Registered voters 1897, males, 4,036; females, 263. Total valuation 1897, \$17,363,200; total tax 1897, \$240,425.60.

Ward 19.

MICHAEL T. ATHRIDGE, laborer, 17 Oregon Street, Roxbury.

JOHN J. FLANAGAN, engineer, 1629 Tremont Street, Roxbury.

CHARLES P. NANGLE, contractor, 80 Conant Street, Roxbury.

Population 1895, 22,372; polls 1897, 7,113. Registered voters 1897, males, 4,526; females, 222. Total valuation 1897, \$22,139,400; total tax 1897, \$302,038.20.

Ward 20.

WILBUR F. ADAMS, manufacturer's agent, 167½ Congress Street.

EDWIN D. BELL, real estate and insurance, 171 Glenway St., Dorchester.

LOUIS T. HOWARD, clerk, 50 State Street, Room 35.

Population 1895, 21,528; polls 1897, 7,074. Registered voters 1897, males, 5,061; females, 691. Total valuation 1897, \$29,278,600; total tax 1897, \$394,769.80.

Ward 21.

SAMUEL C. JONES, journalist, 4 Hawthorn Street, Roxbury.

FREDERICK W. KLEMM, book-keeper, 64 Dudley Street, Roxbury.

ALFRED NEWMARCH, book-keeper, 33 Circuit Street, Roxbury.

Population 1895, 19,274; polls 1897, 6,387. Registered voters 1897, males, 4,589; females, 862. Total valuation 1897, \$30,237,600; total tax 1897, \$405,862.80.

Ward 22.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, engineer, 21 Myrtle Street, Jamaica Plain.

PAUL F. FOLSOM, merchant, 108 Arch Street.

ABRAM JORDAN, carpenter, 154 Boylston Street, Jamaica Plain.

Population 1895, 22,289; polls 1897, 6,853. Registered voters 1897, males, 4,455; females, 332. Total valuation 1897, \$23,186,500; total tax 1897, \$315,130.50.

Ward 23.

ANDREW BRAUER, grocer, 35 Poplar Street, Roslindale.

CHARLES W. DENNIS, commission merchant, 76 Bedford Street.

KONRAD YOUNG, driver, 466 Beech Street, Roslindale.

Population 1895, 18,283; polls 1897, 5,692. Registered voters 1897, males, 4,106; females, 452. Total valuation 1897, \$26,333,900; total tax 1897, \$353,724.70.

Ward 24.

WILLIAM E. HARVEY, salesman, 564 Washington Street.

WILLARD W. HIBBARD, salesman, 82 Morton Street, Mattapan.

HARRY B. WHALL, real estate dealer, 209 Washington Street, Room 25.

Population 1895, 18,240; polls 1897, 6,805. Registered voters 1897, males, 4,558; females, 650. Total valuation 1897, \$26,108,700; total tax 1897, \$353,023.10.

Ward 25.

AUSTIN BIGELOW, salesman, 3 Foster Street, Brighton.

CLARENCE W. SANDERSON, clerk, 33 Chestnut Hill Avenue, Brighton.

WILLIAM D. WHEELER, apothecary, 21 Massachusetts Avenue.

Population 1895, 15,001; polls 1897, 5,287. Registered voters 1897, males, 3,646; females, 367. Total valuation 1897, \$25,412,900; total tax 1897, \$340,941.70.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Thursday, January 13, 1898, at 7.45 o'clock P.M., President Connolly in the Chair, the following messages were received:

PAVING NORFOLK STREET.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 13, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of paving Norfolk avenue, from Magazine street to Cottage street, Ward 17.

Respectfully.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, January 11, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sir:—In accordance with request contained in inclosed order of the Common Council, I beg to submit the following estimate of cost of paving:

Norfolk avenue, Ward 17, Magazine street, to East Cottage street, paving with granite blocks and regulating, \$29,300.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

PURCHASE OF BUILDINGS.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 12, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets calling attention to the urgent need of an appropriation for the purchase of the buildings upon the Gibson-street yard of the Street Department, owned by the New England Construction Company. In view of the fact that the owners of these buildings, which stand upon city land, may have some equitable claim to ask the city to purchase them, and of the fact that they will be fully worth to the city the sum asked for them, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order transferring the amount needed for this purpose from another appropriation, where it is not needed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4500) from the appropriation of five thousand dollars (\$5000) for Back Bay Sewer Outlet, to an appropriation for Street Department, Paving Division, for the purchase of buildings on the Gibson-street yard.

The message was sent up, and the question came on the passage of the order. The order failed of passage (50 votes being required), yeas 28, nays 31.

REGULATION OF TRAFFIC.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 13, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Under the present ordinance there is no means of preventing teams from crossing the reservations in the avenues occupied by street railway tracks, and serious damage is being done in this manner to the planted spaces; of course it was the intention in laying out and constructing these reservations that ordinary street traffic should be entirely excluded from them. An amendment of the ordinances to remedy the difficulty was passed by the Board of Aldermen last year, but failed to pass the Common Council.

I again call the attention of the City Council to the desirability of immediate action upon this matter, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

In the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight. An ordinance relating to the use of Public Grounds. Be it ordained, etc., as follows:

Section sixty-eight of Chapter forty-three of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 is hereby amended by adding after the word "kind," in the fourth line thereof, the words "or drive any animal."

The message was sent up, and on motion of Mr. Callahan of Ward 7 the ordinance was referred to the Committee on Public Grounds, when appointed.

CITY RECORD.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 13, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have stated in my inaugural address the reasons for establishing a weekly publication, designated as THE CITY RECORD, as an official gazette of the executive departments of the city. The character of the publication is indicated by the two numbers already issued, which have been sent to members of the City Council. Believing it to be proper and desirable that this publication should be provided for by ordinance as an official gazette of the city, I now recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance for the purpose, and I trust that it may be favorably acted upon as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

In the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Eight.

An ordinance establishing THE CITY RECORD. Be it ordained, etc., as follows:

Chapter 2 of the Ordinances of 1897, being "An Ordinance to Amend the Revised Ordinances of 1892 by Providing for a Statistics Department," is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered section 2, as follows:

"Section 2. Said Board shall publish, at least once a week, an official gazette of the city, to be designated as the THE CITY RECORD. Every department shall insert in said publication a copy of every advertisement or public notice issued by it, a summary of all proposals received in response to the same, and a statement of all awards of contracts; and said publication shall contain such record of official action, and such other matters of interest to the city, as said Board may from time to time, with the approval of the mayor, direct. Said Board shall cause said publication to be distributed regularly to the several departments, and to the press, as soon as published, and may provide for the sale to the public, by subscription or otherwise, of such number of copies thereof as it shall deem expedient."

The message was sent up, and the ordinance was laid over, under the rules.

SEWER LOAN.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF MAYOR.

City Hall, January 12, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reference to the need of authorizing at once an additional loan for sewerage purposes, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order for the purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, January 12, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sir:—I respectfully request that the additional \$500,000, which can be borrowed under Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, be made available. This would make the \$1,000,000 for the year 1897 the full sum provided under this act.

The \$500,000 borrowed last July will on February 1, 1898, be very nearly expended, and the \$500,000 which it is now desired to borrow will finish what work the Sewer Division is carrying on at the present time, namely, \$300,000 for Moon Island reservoirs, and the other \$200,000 for the Tenean Brook and Rosemont-street sewers.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS, Supt. of Streets.

Ordered, that the Street Department be hereby authorized to expend the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of

of 1897; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer issue, at his discretion, and sell either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000); said bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Boston, thirty years from the date of the same, with interest thereon at the rate of three and one-half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually.

The message was sent up, and the question came on the passage of the order. The order failed of passage (50 votes being required), yeas 37, nays 4.

Mr. Norris moved to reconsider, and that reconsideration be assigned to the next meeting. Carried.

DEFICITS IN LOANS.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 13, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I am notified by the Auditor that the following deficits exist in special loan appropriations, having been incurred in meeting executions of court, which the city was obliged to pay:

Blue Hill and other avenues . . .	\$141,068 24
Essex and Lincoln streets . . .	62,697 46
Stony Brook	378 42
Gold street bridge	5,752 19
New Lunatic Hospital	10,941 21
Allston bridge	1,500 00

Total \$222,337 52

The deficit in the appropriation for Blue Hill and other avenues has arisen from the fact that judgments for land taken have considerably exceeded the original estimates. The construction work under this appropriation has amounted to less than the estimates, but the item of land damages, which is of course always an uncertain one, has unfortunately largely exceeded the calculations made at the time the expenditure was authorized by the provisions of Chapter 334 of the Acts of 1895.

An appropriation of \$260,500 was made for the widening of Essex and Lincoln streets in 1893. In this case, also, the land damages have proved to be considerably larger than estimated. In 1896 the original appropriation had already been exceeded by the amount of \$16,000, and this deficit was provided for at that time. The last of the suits against the city has only been decided this year.

The deficit in the New Lunatic Hospital account has been incurred on account of a suit for extras, etc., outside of the contract, brought by the contractor, in which he recovered judgment against the city.

As these deficits all exist in loan accounts, and as there is no way of providing for them

except by a new loan appropriation, it becomes essential, in closing the accounts for the financial year, that such an appropriation should be passed at once. I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order, and I trust that nothing will prevent its early consideration and adoption. It would be most unfortunate to close the accounts of the financial year with a deficit on loan accounts unprovided for, and as there is ample borrowing capacity there is not the slightest excuse for so doing.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer issue, at his discretion, and sell, either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the city of Boston for the sum of two hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars (\$224,000), said bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Boston, twenty years from the date of the same, with interest thereon at the rate of three and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually; and the proceeds of the said bonds are hereby appropriated for the following purposes:

Blue Hill and other avenues . . .	\$142,000
Essex and Lincoln streets . . .	63,000
Stony Brook . . .	500
Gold-street bridge . . .	6,000
New Lunatic Hospital . . .	11,000
Allston bridge . . .	1,500
	\$224,000

Ordered, That any premium obtained by the City Treasurer in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates shall be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds, for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

The message was sent up, and the order was assigned to the next meeting.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A special meeting of the School Committee, was held at 5 P.M. on Thursday, January 13, 1898, President Huggan announced the assignment of members to sub-committees, for the ensuing year, as follows:

ACCOUNTS. — Willard S. Allen, Chairman; Messrs. Dunn, Gallivan, Bassett and Hubbard.

ANNUAL REPORT. — Francis L. Coolidge, Chairman; Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Aldrich.

DRAWING. — James A. McDonald, Chairman; Messrs. Paul, Davison, Mrs. Ames and Mr. Fleischer.

ELECTIONS. — Frank E. Bateman, Chairman; Messrs. Calderwood and Burrill.

EVENING SCHOOLS. — Isaac F. Paul, Chairman; Messrs. Anderson, Allen, Huggan and Fleischer.

EXAMINATIONS. — Charles Fleischer, Chairman; Messrs. Strange, Courtney, Bateman and Burrill.

HORACE MANN SCHOOL. — Elizabeth C. Keller, Chairman; Messrs. Fleischer and Bateman.

HYGIENE AND PHYSICAL TRAINING. — Samuel H. Calderwood, Chairman; Messrs. McDonald, Hubbard, Mrs. Ames and Mr. Bateman.

KINDERGARTENS. — Emily A. Fifield, Chairman; Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Fleischer, Burrill and Aldrich.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS. — William T. Eaton, Chairman; Messrs. Bassett and Lowell.

MANUAL TRAINING. — Emily A. Fifield, Chairman; Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Hubbard, Eaton and Paul.

MUSIC. — I. Austin Bassett, Chairman; Messrs. Anderson, Paul, Mrs. Keller and Mr. Davison.

NOMINATIONS. — Thomas F. Strange, Chairman; Messrs. McDonald, Eaton, Bowdlear and Aldrich.

RULES AND REGULATIONS. — George W. Anderson, Chairman; Messrs. Hubbard, Gallivan, Lowell and Bowdlear.

SALARIES. — I. Austin Bassett, Chairman; Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Gallivan, Coolidge and Burrill.

SCHOOL-HOUSES. — Edward H. Dunn, Chairman; Messrs. Strange, Lowell, Eaton and Coolidge.

SUPPLIES. — Archibald T. Davison, Chairman; Messrs. Huggan, Calderwood, Coolidge and Courtney.

TEXT-BOOKS. — James A. McDonald, Chairman; Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Allen, Anderson and Strange.

TRUANT OFFICERS. — Samuel F. Hubbard, Chairman; Messrs. McDonald, Huggan, Courtney and Bowdlear.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

(Alphabetical order. Chairmen elective.)

NORMAL SCHOOL. — Mr. Aldrich, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bowdlear, Courtney and Huggan.

HIGH SCHOOLS. — Messrs. Allen, Calderwood, Davison, Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Gallivan.

FIRST DIVISION. — Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Dunn, Huggan and McDonald.

SECOND DIVISION. — Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Hubbard, Huggan and McDonald.

THIRD DIVISION. — Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Burrill, Courtney, Hubbard and Paul.

FOURTH DIVISION. — Messrs. Burrill, Coolidge, Dunn, Lowell and Paul.

FIFTH DIVISION. — Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Coolidge, Courtney, Fleischer and Gallivan.

SIXTH DIVISION. — Messrs. Bowdlear, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Gallivan.

SEVENTH DIVISION. — Messrs. Aldrich, Bassett, Calderwood, Eaton and Strange.

EIGHTH DIVISION. — Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bowdlear, Calderwood and Mrs. Keller.

NINTH DIVISION. — Messrs. Bassett, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Strange.

USE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES FOR FREE LECTURES.

Mr. Anderson presented a petition, with order accompanying, from W. M. Davis and

57 others, asking for a committee of the Education Department of the Twentieth Century Club "to give aid as indicated below, in the establishment of an experimental series of 'Free Lectures for the People,' similar to the free lectures given for several years past in New York city, under the authority of the Board of Education of that city. The lectures in New York, given in the public school-rooms, have embraced a large variety of subjects and have been attended by a remarkable number of persons, nearly 427,000 in the season of 1896-97. The proposal to establish a series of similar lectures in Boston this winter and spring, under the auspices of the Twentieth Century Club, has met with hearty approval from a large number of representative citizens of Boston, to whom it has been submitted. We, therefore petition that we be allowed the use, free of expense, of six school-rooms, six evenings each, in such parts of the city as would be most accessible to the desired audiences — the working classes; further, that we be allowed to ask the teachers of these and neighboring schools to distribute to their scholars brief announcements of the lectures (as is done in the New York schools), thus bringing the lectures to the knowledge of the scholars' parents."

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was, under suspension of the rules,

Ordered, That the request of the Education Department of the Twentieth Century Club and others, that six school-rooms or halls be opened for six evenings each for a course of free lectures be granted, and that announcements thereof in the schools be permitted. The school-rooms to be designated and subjects to be approved by the Superintendent and the Committee on School-Houses.

Reports in print from the Committee on Manual Training and the Committee on Accounts were received and accepted.

The Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, January 25, at 7.30 P.M.

NOTICE.

SPECIAL EXAMINATION FOR APPOINTMENTS IN BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL.

City Hospital, January 12, 1898.

Only graduates in medicine of less than three years' standing, and undergraduates who have completed three full years of medical study, are eligible for appointment.

A special competitive examination of candidates for appointment to the positions of house officers at the Boston City Hospital for the terms of service beginning on the fourth Monday of February, 1898, will be held at the Hospital, on Tuesday, the eighth day of February, 1898, and the Thursday and Friday following.

This examination will be held for the appointment to eight positions.

Three medical and three surgical house officers, to serve for twenty-two months and

two weeks; that is, four months as externe in the Out-Patient Departments, six months as junior interne, six months as senior interne, and six months and two weeks as house physician or surgeon.

One medical house officer to serve for ten months and two weeks; that is, four months as senior interne and six months and two weeks as house physician.

One pathological house officer to serve ten months; that is, four months as junior interne and six months as senior interne.

Promotions of house officers from grade to grade depend upon the satisfactory performance of duty.

The preliminary examination to determine the general fitness of candidates for the position of house officers will begin on Tuesday, at 9 o'clock, A.M. The examination will embrace the general subjects of anatomy, chemistry, materia medica, obstetrics, medicine and surgery.

Those who successfully pass the preliminary examination will be further examined for each of the services for which they have made application.

Applications in triplicate, on blanks furnished by the Hospital, must be sent to the Secretary of the Visiting Staff, addressed at the Hospital on or before the twenty-sixth day of January, 1898. Blanks can be obtained by those who contemplate taking the examination, upon application at the Hospital.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

HOUSE BILL No. 78 was introduced January 13, 1898, by Mr. Hammond of Boston, and referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PLOTTING AND LAYING OUT OF STREETS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

It is designed to enable the Board of Street Commissioners to make a new or substitute plan for the location and alteration of streets in that part of Boston shown on "plan number eight, Section N twenty-eight," now on file in the office of the City Engineer.

HOUSE BILL No. 80 was introduced January 13, 1898 by Mr. McCarthy of Boston, and referred to Committee on Election Laws.

It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF ALDERMEN IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. The city of Boston shall be and hereby is divided into twelve aldermanic districts; and wards one and two shall constitute one district, to be known as the first aldermanic district; wards three, four and five shall constitute one district, to be known as the second aldermanic district; wards six

and eight shall constitute one district, to be known as the third aldermanic district; wards seven and ten shall constitute one district, to be known as the fourth aldermanic district; wards eleven and nineteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the fifth aldermanic district; wards nine and thirteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the sixth aldermanic district; wards fourteen and fifteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the seventh aldermanic district; wards twelve and eighteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the eighth aldermanic district; wards seventeen and twenty-one shall constitute one district, to be known as the ninth aldermanic district; wards sixteen and twenty shall constitute one district, to be known as the tenth aldermanic district; wards twenty-three and twenty-four shall constitute one district, to be known as the eleventh aldermanic district; wards twenty-two and twenty-five shall constitute one district, to be known as the twelfth aldermanic district.

Sect. 2. Nominations of candidates for the board of aldermen in the city of Boston, made by a political party which at the preceding annual state election polled for governor at least three per centum of the entire vote cast in the Commonwealth for that office, shall be made directly in caucuses and not by conventions or committees.

Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of the voters of each of the two leading political parties in each aldermanic district to annually nominate one candidate for alderman, from among the residents of said district, qualified to hold said office. Caucuses shall be held, for the purpose of making such nominations in each of the wards comprising an aldermanic district, and returns of the votes cast for aldermanic candidates shall be made to the election commissioners of said city in conformity with the law relative to returns of votes of caucuses. The candidate for alderman in any aldermanic district who, in the aggregate of all the votes cast in the different wards comprising said district, appears to have received a plurality of such votes, as shown by the returns made to the election commissioners, shall be deemed to be one of the twelve nominees for aldermen of the political party holding such caucuses.

Sect. 4. The names of the twelve candidates nominated by each of the two leading political parties, in accordance with the provisions of the preceding section, and of all other candidates duly nominated for aldermen in said city, shall be placed upon the official ballot in the manner now required by law. Each legal voter of the City of Boston shall be entitled, in any election of aldermen of said city, to vote for any of the candidates whose names are so placed upon the ballot, whether such candidate was or was not nominated by the aldermanic district in which such voter resides: provided, that no voter shall vote for more than seven aldermen.

Sect. 5. All provisions of law relative to caucuses and elections, not inconsistent herewith, shall apply to the nomination and election of alderman under the provisions of this act.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 82 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Roxbury Central

Wharf, taken from the files of last year; referred to Committee on Harbors and Public Lands. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE HARBOR LINES AND PROVIDE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SOUTH BAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

HOUSE BILL No. 97 was introduced January 14, 1898, by Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, and referred to Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter four hundred and seventeen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three is hereby amended by striking out sections fifty-four and fifty-five of said act and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 54. If a complaint in writing under oath shall be made in a city seven days at least, or in a town four days at least, before an election or town meeting to the registrars by a registered voter,—which complaint shall be substantiated by the statement of at least one other registered voter under oath at the time the complaint is filed,—stating that the complainant has reason to believe and does believe that a certain person by him therein named has been illegally or incorrectly registered, and setting forth the reasons for such belief, the registrars shall send a messenger to the place of alleged illegal or incorrect registration to examine into the complaint, and if the registrars are satisfied that there is sufficient ground therefor, they shall summon the person complained of to appear before them at a certain place and time before the next election or town meeting to answer to the matters set forth in the complaint, and the substance of the complaint, and a copy of this and the following section shall be set forth in the summons. Service of the summons shall be made by an officer qualified to serve civil or criminal process, not more than fourteen days nor less than seventy-two hours before the day named for appearance, by the delivery in hand of a copy of the summons to the person therein summoned, or by leaving it at the place of alleged illegal or incorrect registration if the officer finds that such person resides there, or if he was formerly there and has changed his residence, then the summons shall be served by leaving it at the place to which he has moved, if it is within the officer's jurisdiction and can be ascertained by inquiry of the landlord or his agent at said place of alleged illegal or incorrect registration; but if the officer cannot make personal service, and cannot ascertain the whereabouts of the person complained of, the copy of the summons shall be left at such person's last and usual place of abode known to the officer; and the officer shall return the summons to the registrars before the day named for appearance, with the certificate of his doings endorsed thereon.

Sect. 55. When a person summoned before the registrars of voters to answer a

complaint made in accordance with the preceding section appears before them they shall examine him under oath, and shall receive other evidence which may be offered in regard to the matters set forth in the complaint, and if satisfied that the person is properly registered as a qualified voter, they shall enter in the register a statement of their determination upon the facts required for registration. If, however, the registrars are satisfied that the person so appearing is not a qualified voter in the city or town, they shall strike his name from the register. If a person duly summoned as aforesaid does not appear as directed in the summons, the complainant shall produce sufficient testimony to make out a prima facie case, and if this is done the name of the person complained of shall be stricken from the register; but if such person shall appear before the registrars before the election or town meeting next ensuing and show sufficient cause for his previous non-appearance, the hearing shall be reopened and the matter decided on its merits as determined from the evidence presented on both sides. The complainant and the person complained of may be represented by counsel and all witnesses may be cross-examined.

HOUSE BILL No. 114 is a bill accompanying the petition of J. H. Benton, and has been referred to Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS ON OR NEAR COPLEY SQUARE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. No building or other structure shall be constructed on Copley square, or within five hundred feet from any line of said square, to a greater height than eighty feet from the sidewalk to the highest point of any part of the roof of such building.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Mr. Francis C. Lowell, elected a member of the House of Representatives for Suffolk District, No. 11, has resigned to assume the office of United States District Judge of the District of Massachusetts. Judge Lowell took the oath of his new office on Tuesday, January 18, 1898.

The Committee on Metropolitan Affairs will give a hearing to parties interested in the recommendations contained in the ninth annual report of the Board of Metropolitan Sewerage Commissioners; also on the recommendations contained in the thirteenth annual report of the Board of Police of the City of Boston; also House bill, No. 78, being a bill relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the city of Boston, at

room No. 444, State House, on Monday, January 24, at 10.30 o'clock A.M.

The Harbor and Land Commission will give another hearing on the Dorchester-avenue bridge of the city of Boston at Fort Point Channel January 26, at 11 A.M., and City Engineer Jackson will submit amended plans.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR 1896 AND 1897.

Summary of deaths in Boston, with principal causes, for the year 1897, compared with those of 1896, prepared by the Board of Health:

	1897.	1896.
Total number of deaths from all causes	11,154	11,634
Population (estimated)	528,912	516,305
Annual death rate per 1,000 inhabitants	21.08	22.53
Total number from Zymotic Diseases	1,806	1,985
Percentage of deaths from Zymotic Diseases to total mortality	16.19	17.06
Total number of still-births	574	648
Total deaths of children under one year	2,462	2,670
Total deaths of children under two years	3,076	3,345
Total deaths of children under five years	3,708	4,055
Percentage of deaths under five years to total mortality,	33.24	34.85
Total number of deaths from diarrhoeal diseases, under five years	475	642
Total number of deaths from diarrhoeal diseases, all ages,	522	713
Percentage of deaths from diarrhoeal diseases to total mortality	4.68	6.13
Alcoholism	44	86
Croup	45	56
Carbuncle	3	2
Cholera morbus	17	29
Cholera infantum	400	575
Cerebro spinal meningitis	185	21
Diarrhoea	87	65
Dysentery	18	44
Diphtheria	411	516
Erysipelas	32	30
Influenza	34	15
Intermittent Fever	1	5
Measles	21	27
Purpura	15	9
Puerperal Fever	13	20
Pyæmia	6	8
Remittent Fever	—	1
Rheumatism	15	21
Scarlatina	136	121
Small-Pox	—	—
Syphilis (congenital)	22	40
Syphilis	9	6
Septicæmia	67	53
Tonsillitis	2	2
Typhoid Fever	173	162
Typhus Fever	—	—
Whooping Cough	39	67
Yellow Fever	—	—
Other Zymotic Diseases	11	4
Cancer	400	389
Phthisis Pulmonalis	1,289	1,328
Bright's Disease	130	119
Bronchitis	376	375
Heart Disease	913	861
Pneumonia	1,236	1,387
Old Age	243	230
Violent Deaths	557	584

OFFICIAL RETURN OF THE VOTES CAST FOR STREET COMMISSIONER, MUNICIPAL ELECTION, 1897.

WARDS.	Benjamin M. Cram, Republican.	John P. Dore, Democrat.	Stephen Shaughnessy, Socialist Labor.	Scattering.
1	2,089	1,201	33	
2	982	2,128	46	
3	735	1,615	41	
4	910	1,195	36	
5	757	1,343	45	
6	965	1,853	61	
7	747	1,323	72	
8	1,038	1,936	116	
9	1,050	1,764	103	
10	1,893	1,141	33	
11	1,385	1,654	26	
12	1,482	1,355	51	
13	498	2,456	127	
14	1,215	2,086	68	
15	900	1,856	78	
16	1,494	1,517	56	
17	1,300	2,059	75	
18	1,088	1,654	87	1
19	925	2,388	121	
20	1,933	1,900	39	
21	1,989	1,544	40	
22	1,519	1,663	94	
23	1,600	1,594	58	
24	2,008	1,775	34	
25	1,212	1,714	23	
Totals	31,714	42,714	1,563	1

OFFICIAL RETURN OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE QUESTION:

Shall Licenses be Granted for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this city? Municipal Election, 1897.

WARDS.	Yes.	No.
1	1,727	1,380
2	2,059	839
3	1,333	849
4	1,148	811
5	1,330	681
6	1,806	735
7	1,175	806
8	1,961	771
9	1,694	911
10	1,820	972
11	2,103	766
12	1,754	933
13	1,802	921
14	1,870	1,246
15	1,583	1,035
16	1,593	1,211
17	1,922	1,136
18	1,602	906
19	2,242	931
20	1,884	1,753
21	2,010	1,327
22	2,054	1,073
23	1,866	1,262
24	1,688	1,879
25	1,693	1,063
Totals	43,719	26,177

VOTES CAST FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE—MUNICIPAL ELECTION, 1897.

WARDS.	Edward I. Aldrich, Committee of 100, Independent Women, Republican.	George W. Anderson, Democrat.	Martha Moore Avery, Socialistic Labor.	Charles L. Burrill, Committee of 100, Independent Women, Republican.	Samuel H. Calderwood, Committee of 100, Independent Women, Republican.	Samuel E. Courtney, Committee of 100, Independent Women, Republican.	Archibald T. Davison, Committee of 100, Independent Women, Republican.	Frederick C. Dowd, Republican.	William J. Gallivan, Democrat.	Mary M. Kehew, Committee of 100, Independent Women.	Fred J. Kneeland, Democrat.	Gustav Liebmann, Democrat, Republican.	Ignatius S. McDonough, Democrat.	William F. Merritt, Democrat.	J. Carlton Nichols, Committee of 100, Independent Women, Republican.	William T. Sedgwick, Committee of 100, Independent Women.	Thomas F. Strange, Democrat.	Albert Walkley, Democrat.	Scattering.	WARDS.
1	2,268	1,193	164	2,312	2,216	2,265	2,215	1,561	1,209	958	1,111	1,568	1,095	1,070	2,118	979	1,166	1,091	.....	1
2	874	2,147	231	837	812	811	778	640	2,191	366	2,139	1,084	2,088	2,035	726	318	2,093	2,025	.....	2
3	784	1,596	211	796	802	791	776	525	1,611	454	1,506	915	1,535	1,504	731	472	1,546	1,490	.....	3
4	996	1,145	189	976	959	972	944	707	1,189	493	1,092	825	1,107	1,059	913	492	1,130	1,065	1	4
5	793	1,295	173	773	759	764	738	533	1,343	389	1,221	785	1,233	1,218	809	405	1,260	1,209	1	5
6	755	1,790	245	753	720	746	700	679	1,812	289	1,667	986	1,672	1,346	662	272	1,667	1,553	.....	6
7	719	1,188	253	719	703	698	688	556	1,231	442	1,159	746	1,149	1,039	631	324	1,171	1,076	.....	7
8	1,031	1,881	347	1,012	979	988	939	837	1,931	408	1,785	1,071	1,789	1,756	884	441	1,797	1,735	1	8
9	1,038	1,660	396	1,031	980	1,001	983	785	1,687	493	1,631	1,024	1,589	1,535	924	452	1,598	1,538	.....	9
10	2,397	703	217	2,405	2,284	2,334	2,228	1,584	687	1,203	574	1,461	555	565	2,123	1,236	625	591	.....	10
11	2,144	848	128	2,302	2,079	2,277	1,984	1,151	775	1,592	598	1,321	575	587	1,890	1,587	654	681	.....	11
12	1,924	1,023	204	1,957	1,821	1,918	1,758	1,240	1,059	936	948	1,338	946	930	1,748	1,057	987	939	.....	12
13	290	2,248	516	308	293	313	309	341	2,845	139	2,209	804	2,230	2,106	280	123	2,240	2,078	.....	13
14	1,471	1,903	364	1,468	1,430	1,404	1,447	819	2,287	914	1,881	1,195	1,868	1,818	1,433	885	1,895	1,801	.....	14
15	1,138	1,679	412	1,153	1,113	1,127	1,121	729	1,920	709	1,621	1,018	1,650	1,576	1,105	698	1,657	1,522	.....	15
16	1,712	1,326	224	1,718	1,672	1,689	1,664	1,137	1,389	891	1,250	1,201	1,255	1,219	1,548	873	1,276	1,167	.....	16
17	1,233	2,051	324	1,252	1,203	1,254	1,175	972	2,113	633	2,006	1,411	2,019	1,915	1,108	614	2,077	1,910	.....	17
18	1,126	1,509	351	1,123	1,105	1,125	1,056	946	1,575	581	1,463	943	1,575	1,408	1,029	553	1,481	1,417	.....	18
19	962	2,308	389	980	961	975	932	843	2,314	477	2,192	1,166	2,213	2,095	854	506	2,199	2,073	1	19
20	2,636	1,424	210	2,682	2,576	2,621	2,559	1,543	1,447	1,561	1,298	1,672	1,283	1,388	2,487	1,587	1,397	1,274	.....	20
21	2,761	1,098	183	2,501	2,710	2,756	2,618	1,586	1,063	1,715	926	1,523	921	937	2,525	1,673	987	955	.....	21
22	1,795	1,485	325	1,791	1,791	1,755	1,702	1,214	1,454	992	1,314	1,404	1,291	1,269	1,595	1,015	1,340	1,287	.....	22
23	1,993	1,338	243	2,021	1,943	1,995	1,906	1,236	1,314	1,061	1,258	1,385	1,226	1,201	1,854	1,110	1,271	1,203	.....	23
24	2,625	1,342	229	2,622	2,575	2,606	2,541	1,617	1,358	1,416	1,262	1,603	1,246	1,283	2,434	1,400	1,285	1,204	.....	24
25	1,712	1,213	152	1,681	1,647	1,659	1,566	1,045	1,261	885	1,136	1,174	1,135	1,109	1,493	936	1,187	1,534	1	25
Totals,	37,177	37,393	6,680	37,173	36,133	36,844	35,327	24,826	32,065	19,997	35,247	29,623	35,245	33,968	33,904	20,008	35,986	34,418	5	
Rank of Totals,*	3	2	18	4	6	5	8	15	1	17	9	14	10	12	13	16	7	11	19	

* Figures in bold-faced type indicate the election of the person named at the top of the corresponding column.

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS,

M. W. BURLIN, Secretary.

LEGAL ACTIONS.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Tremont Building, January 17, 1898.

The following cases were entered in the Superior Court during the past week, in which the City of Boston is defendant or trustee:

Harold Crowther vs. City of Boston—action of tort for injury in the street.

Lynch and Woodward vs. City of Boston et al.—action of contract.

In the following cases the City of Boston was trustee:

Jos. A. Coughlin vs. Jacob S. Bergh.

John J. Kelley vs. Matthew E. Nawn.

Wm. K. Porter vs. Matthew E. Nawn.

Freeman O. Emerson et al. vs. Frank H. White.

Freeman O. Emerson et al. vs. John J. Gately.

Freeman O. Emerson et al. vs. Wm. J. Swanson.

Lawrence C. Clinton vs. Patrick H. McKeown.

Harry R. Roberts vs. Arthur S. Ward.

London Harness and Saddle Co. vs. Geo. E. Reade.

T. M. BABSON, City Solicitor.

Award of Contract.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

January 14, 1898.

Proposals for building Telford Macadam roadways in Columbia Road between Stanwood Street and a point about 220 feet north of Glendale Street, Ward 20, Boston, were received, as follows:

Bidder.	Total Bid.
Joseph D. Gennaro	\$35,023 50
H. P. Nawn	38,042 00
Collins & Ham	39,763 00
John A. Whittemore's Sons	40,658 50
Doherty & Connors	44,220 50
Daniel E. Lynch	46,174 00
Barnes Ruffin Co.	51,401 00
P. F. Lonergan & Co.	52,270 00
J. C. Coleman & Son	54,365 00
Boston Construction Co.	56,655 00

The contract was awarded to H. P. Nawn.

BENJ. W. WELLS.

Superintendent of Streets.

Department Communications.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

January 15, 1898.

At a meeting of the Board of Street Commissioners, held at their office on Wednesday, January 12, 1898, authority was given to open two private ways in West Roxbury,—one designated as Whittemore street, from Montview street to Crest street; and the other Dixwell street, for a distance of about three hundred and fifteen feet southwesterly, from Columbus avenue. Plans of these two ways were sent to the Mayor for his approval.

It was voted to abate sewer assessments to the estates of Sarah Bigelow, on Parsons street, at Brighton; and Henry J. Wright, on Comins terrace, at Roxbury.

On recommendation of the Law Department it was voted that the petition of Horace Jordan for damages occasioned his estate by the laying out of Talbot avenue be settled for the sum of \$100 and costs.

An order of the Common Council was received requesting an estimate of the cost of widening and straightening Hancock street, Ward 20, to a uniform width of sixty feet, from Columbia road to Freeport street.

A petition was received from M. B. Keith and others requesting that the name of Fal-mouth street be changed to St. Stephen's street.

At a meeting of the Board on Thursday, January 13, 1898, it was voted to file the following Board of Survey plans: O-56, 68, 69 in Plat Eight, Dd-19 in Plat Twelve, and Cc-55, 66 in Plat Ten. These plans cover territory in the vicinity of Chestnut Hill Reservoir, Brighton; in Mattapan, at Dorchester, and in Germantown, at West Roxbury.

At a meeting of the Board on Friday, January 14, 1898, it was voted to suspend the collection of a sewer assessment of \$54.23 to the estate of John F. Quinn on Harvard street.

Upon the request of the School Committee, contained in its order of December 28, 1897, the Commissioners took, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds their taking of, 20,200 square feet of land on School street, at West Roxbury, for an addition to the George Putnam School estate.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

December 22, 1897.

BENJAMIN W. WELLS, Esq., Superintendent of Streets:

SIR: Referring to our interview of Saturday regarding Stony Brook, I am desired by the Board to urge upon you again the immediate construction of the tide-gates at the outlet of the new channel of Stony Brook, and the building of the drain from a point above the said gates to the old channel of the brook, near the gate-house, to prevent the stagnation of the water in the new channel which now exists and is a source of danger.

Our Superintendent also informs us that you have not yet begun the removal of sludge or silt or any offensive matter which has collected in the Fens at the outlets of the brook. The Board desires that immediate action be taken in this matter.

We also request that any unsanitary conditions arising from similar causes at the out-

let of the covered channel of the brook at Beacon street be remedied.

We shall be pleased to aid you in every way to obtain the purification of Stony Brook. Until that happy result is reached, we must insist on the prevention of the passage of any offensive matter through the open channel in our park.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

December 23, 1897.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Health has kindly sent this Board a copy of their letter to you of December 17, in regard to providing means for the purification of Stony Brook and the waters of the Back Bay Park.

This Board is much concerned at the unsanitary condition of these waters and has done everything in its power to remedy them. The real remedy lies with you and should not be longer delayed.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Building Commissioner,

January 15, 1898.

The following table shows, by wards, the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permit, plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending January 15, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED					
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		Brick Buildings.	Wooden Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	3	5	
2...	2	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	1
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	
6...	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	3	23	
7...	-	7	-	2	-	10	-	7	47	
8...	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	1	11	
9...	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	9	
10...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	4	9	
11...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	36	
12...	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	2	12	
13...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	
14...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	
15...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	
16...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	
17...	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	15	
18...	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	9	
19...	-	3	2	-	-	3	-	12	10	
20...	1	-	1	-	-	3	-	8	26	
21...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	12	
22...	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	8	
23...	7	6	1	-	-	4	5	6	14	
24...	16	-	4	-	-	14	-	9	10	
25...	2	-	2	-	-	4	1	7	7	
Totals	32	27	11	7	0	29	38	0	79	295

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, January 10, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The following facts concerning the Cemetery Department of the city of Boston we believe to be of enough importance for insertion in THE CITY RECORD.

The old-burial grounds in Boston, which were placed under the control of this department early in the year 1897, require early attention in many ways, and call for the unavoidable expenditure of money. These burial-grounds are scattered throughout the city. From age and neglect the walls and fences enclosing many of the older cemeteries are now insecure and unsafe.

Early last autumn, one of the walls enclosing Copp's Hill burying-ground began to break away and was repaired, the cost of the repairs being met by a special appropriation made by the City Council. The appropriation, however, was insufficient to meet the cost of other necessary repairs to masonry in this cemetery.

Much the same condition exists in other of the burial-grounds, and money should be appropriated if the city desires to keep the enclosures protected. Particular attention is called to the condition of the burial-ground in East Boston.

The city's relation to the burial-grounds is in every instance peculiar. The city has the care and custody of the grounds, while private owners claim the lots. In answer to the criticism often made concerning the dilapidated condition of old tombs and old grave-stones, it may be said that the grave-stones and tombs are private property, and that this department has no right to expend city money on the repair of private property.

The old form of graves consisted of a trench, in which the casket was placed, planks were laid over it, and the earth put on the planking and graded. Because of the rotting away of the planking, the visitor to the older burial-grounds is in danger at any moment of breaking through and incurring injury.

Inasmuch as paths have been made and from time to time closed and then reopened again, in various portions of the cemeteries, it is impossible, owing to the displacement of headstones and markers, to say whether or not any particular spot in any cemetery is safe. For this reason, the Department has felt it necessary to keep the gates of many of the older cemeteries closed to visitors except on special application, when an explanation is given the visitor before entering the ground of the danger he is likely to encounter. During the past summer owing to this precaution no accidents of any moment have occurred.

Plans of some of the older cemeteries exist; but they are of little value, for the

reason that they were not prepared till long after interments had begun in the cemeteries and that they have not been added to or corrected since they were originally prepared. In some instances, the proprietors of graves and tombs are known, and their names recorded in this office; but the owners of the greater number of the graves and tombs are unknown.

In many instances, the tomb-doors, originally of wood, have rotted away and fallen in and the city has been obliged to seal them up. The older headstones are of slate and time and weather have obliterated the lettering upon them. It would be well to have some of these stones recut because of their historical interest, but this cannot properly be done without authority from the City Council and a special appropriation for the purpose.

The Board has felt for some time that the burial-ground on the Common, and the King's Chapel and the Granary burial-grounds should be open daily to the public. But for reasons already stated it is not safe to open them, nor will it be safe until proper soundings have been made and proper paths laid out.

This Board recognizes the need of a record or catalogue of the various tombs, headstones and interments in the older cemeteries; accordingly it has collected much information. Such a record, however, cannot be accurate, as it is impossible to locate interments where headstones have disappeared. In the older days, it was a family custom to remove the coffin-plate, hence many of the caskets and tombs are without any mark to identify the remains which they cover. This record, incomplete as it is, in many ways, will give to the public everything that can be found out at the present day in relation to the older cemeteries.

Work on this record was begun early last summer, and is being pushed as fast as the funds of the department allow.

We have found that a surprisingly large per cent of visitors to the city are interested in the older cemeteries, and during the summer a great many applications were received and granted to visit them.

This Board is of the opinion that all of the older cemeteries should be enclosed by proper walls and iron fences, not only for the sake of appearances, but for the protection of the property. Relic hunters are the worst foes that we have to contend with, as they do not hesitate to deface property and break monuments. For this reason it has been deemed advisable to station someone in the burial-grounds when visitors are present.

For a great many years the old cemeteries of Boston have suffered from neglect, because the City Council has failed to appropriate enough money to keep the property in a decent condition.

The older burial-grounds of this city are

the resting places of many of our illustrious dead. Visitors in times past have noted with wonder the neglect of these grounds.

This matter has been referred to publicly many times before, and this department is keenly alive to the need of immediately attending to it.

The Department makes no apology for its urgent call for the necessary funds to do this, and asks that the City Council consider the subject and do what should be done. The Department, as a department, can do nothing without an appropriation to carry out this much needed work. A very large sum will not be required, but it is hoped that whatever is requisite will be forthcoming.

J. ALBERT BRACKETT,
Chairman Cemetery Committee.

CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT.

January 11, 1898.

The following shows the principal matters recorded by this department from Monday, January 3, to Monday, January 10.

Number of chattel mortgages recorded . . .	161
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	29
Number of bills of sale . . .	3
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	3
Number of assignments of wages . . .	45
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors . . .	6
Number of liens on vessels . . .	1
Number of married women's certificates . .	14

Notices of suits against the city have been filed as follows:

January 5, by Albert Gaddy, for \$4,000; Catherine Murphy, for \$4,000; Warren K. Billings, administrator of the estate of Charles Bigelow, for \$2,000; Jessie Young, for \$3,000, all being actions of tort. On behalf of Levi A. Dame, Z. Taylor Cushman has sued the city for \$1,000, in an action of contract.

Petitions for a jury to assess damages for land taken by the Board of Street Commissioners have been filed by Agnes T. McGrath, Joseph A. McCosky, Sarah E. Pratt and Patrick O'Riordan.

A subpoena was served, citing the City of Boston to appear before the Superior Court to answer to a bill of complaint brought by George Morgan Browne, of New York, trustee under the will of George Morgan Browne. Fifteen writs have been served in which the City of Boston was named as trustee.

Accident notices were filed as follows:

January 3, by L. W. Parker, 60 Chandler street, injuries received December 14, 1897, at 4 Chandler street, on account of defective pavement; and by Bridget Murray, injuries received at junction of Chestnut Hill avenue and Rockland street, caused by unsafe condition of sidewalk.

January 7, Mrs. James E. Dooley, 26 Ball street, Ward 18, injured by fall on icy and defective sidewalk at 570 Shawmut avenue, on January 1.

January 7, Emma F. Jennings, injured by fall at 64 Green street, caused by ice on sidewalk.

January 8, Geo. M. Whitcomb, accident on December 28, 1897, injuring horse, wagon, harness and stock, and caused by alleged dangerous and defective condition of Causeway street.

January 10, Herbert F. Eastman, personal injuries received from a fall at 55 Seaver street.

January 10, Richard H. Arey, personal injuries received from fall at 24 Upton street.

January 10, D. F. Gavagan, injuries to team on Congress street, near L-street bridge, December 12, 1897.

An order passed by the Board of Aldermen on December 23, 1897, directing the Superintendent of Lamps to place and maintain an electric light on Blue Hill avenue, at McLellan street, failed to receive the Mayor's signature prior to the expiration of his term of office; and the three following permits were made void for the same reason: permit to C. S. Clerke to box a tree on Montgomery street; and two permits granting leave respectively to Jacob Sperber and to Michael Sarfaty to maintain a stand for the sale of notions in front of the Old Court House.

All other orders and permits requiring approval, acted upon by the Board in the closing meetings, were duly approved. Petitions filed with the City Clerk for presentation to the Board of Aldermen of 1898, were not referred at the meeting of January 3, but will be assigned to the proper committees upon the organization of the Board.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Boston, January 17, 1898.

CENSUS OF INMATES.

Number of children in the Marcella Street Home:	
Girls	53
Boys	111
	164
Number in Parental School:	
Girls	2
Boys	164
	186
Number in House of Reformation:	
Boys	159
	159
Total	509

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Architectural Division, City Hall,
January 18, 1898.

The following alteration work in charge of this Division has been completed within the past week and final certificates of payment granted which have been accepted by the contractors. A statement of cost of the alterations is as follows:

ALTERATIONS IN WARD-ROOM, WARD 7.

Contract for carpentry, masonry, lathing and plastering and painting, M. F. Sullivan, contractor	\$4,160 00
Contract for plumbing, Messrs. Sullivan and Callahan, contractors	970 07
Contract for heating-apparatus, Boston Furnace Company, contractor	175 00
Bill of Water Department for putting in new service-pipe	20 92
Bill of J. E. Martin, blue prints	1 92
	\$5,327 91

ALTERATIONS IN WARD-ROOM, WARD 17.

Contract for carpentry, lathing, masonry and plastering and painting, M. F. Sullivan, contractor	\$4,641 00
Contract for plumbing, J. J. Logan, contractor	265 00
Contract for heating-apparatus, Boston Furnace Company, contractor	400 00
Bill of J. E. Martin, blue prints	2 12
	\$5,308 12

Plans for the alteration of the old Armory Building (located on Wareham street and now used as a storehouse for city property), which is to be converted into a repair shop for the new Repairs Division, are in preparation.

In connection with this repair shop, specifications have been drawn for the furnishing of boiler for power and heating.

F. W. CHANDLER,
Consulting Architect.

INSTITUTIONS REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Statistics for the week ending January 8, 1898, inclusive:

Number of applications for admission to institutions	135
Admissions:	
To State Almshouses	54
Long Island	32
Charlestown Almshouse	4
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	4
Marcella-Street Home	6
Boston Lunatic Hospital	3
Westboro' Insane Hospital	5
Dipsomaniac Hospital	2
McLean Asylum	2
	112
Applications refused	5
Applications withdrawn	8
Cases pending	10
	23
	135

Legal settlements investigated 193

Statistics for the week ending January 15, 1898, inclusive:

Cases pending at last report	10
Number of applications for admission to institutions	106
	116
Number of admissions:	
State Almshouses	63
Long Island	21
Charlestown Almshouse	1
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	4
Marcella-Street Home	1
Boston Insane Hospital	3
Westboro' Insane Hospital	7
	100
Applications refused	8
Applications withdrawn	5
Cases pending	3
	116
Legal settlements investigated	114

ERNEST C. MARSHALL, Acting Registrar.

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Statistics for the week ending January 8, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	125	11
Females	27	2
Total	152	13
Offences:		
Against the person	3	4
Against property	8	3
Against public order and decency	142	7
	*153	*14
Discharges:		
Males	188	3
Females	23	4
	211	7
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	150	6
Permit of commissioner,	44	0
Payment of fine	17	1
	211	7

Population:		
January 3, 1898	1,741	514
Number committed during week	152	13
Total	1,893	527
Number discharged during week	211	7
January 8, 1898	1,682	520
Grand total	2,202	

Statistics for the week ending January 15, 1898, inclusive:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Male	137	25
Female	23	1
Total	160	26
Offences:		
Against the person	12	6
“ property	16	10
“ public order and decency	135	11
Total	†163	†27
Discharges:		
Males	173	9
Females	20	1
Total	193	10
How discharged:		
Died	2	0
Expiration of sentence	136	10
Permit of commissioner	45	0
Payment of fine	10	0
Population:		
January 8, 1898	1,682	520
Committed since January 10	160	26
Total	1,842	546
Discharged since January 10	193	10
Present number of inmates	1,649	536

ERNEST C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

*One man was charged with two offences.
†Three charged with two offences each.
‡One charged with two offences.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House.

Boston, January 17, 1898.

A lease was executed on January 14, by His Honor the Mayor, for the Chauncy Hall building, Copley square, for school purposes, to be used as an annex to the Girls' Latin School.

The building is hired for two and one-half years, with the privilege of extending the lease one year if required, at an annual rental of \$5,000 per year and taxes.

FRED. B. BOGAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The official action taken by the Fire Commissioner for the week ending January 15, has been as follows:

January 11 — Fire alarm boxes 832 and 852 were established in the Brighton district, and one ordered to be established on Congress street, near the plant of L. G. Burnham & Co.

January 12 — One (1) horse was purchased from Messrs. Welch & Hall for \$125.

January 13 — Three dozen Little Giant Extinguishers, at \$24 per dozen, were ordered of J. W. Heiskell.

A special draft was drawn for \$106,695 in favor of the Cochituate Water Works for use of water for hydrants and reservoirs for the year 1897.

Alfred H. Perry, engineer of Engine Company 14, and Edward T. Smith, lieutenant of Chemical Engine Company 6, have been retired from active service and their names placed upon the pension roll to take effect 10 A.M. January 17.

Attest:

B. F. UNDERHILL, jr., Secretary.

Board Meetings.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, January 18, 1898.

On January 4 it was voted to grant the application of Sarah J. Gallagher for the occupancy of a stable at 115 Lauriat avenue, upon condition that the license shall cease and be revoked and the permit surrendered when the use of a horse for her invalid son ceases to be a necessity.

David J. Dooley, 147 London street, East Boston, has been appointed an undertaker for the remainder of the year ending April 30, 1898.

An application has been received from Lizzie M. Farrow for the occupancy of a stable for three horses at No. 10 Folsom street.

Applications for the occupancy of stables have been received and hearings called as follows:

Edward Lenzi, for one horse and three cows, Montmorenci avenue, Ward 1, hearing called for January 27; W. H. Crowell, for six horses, 6 Charles street, Ward 24, hearing called for January 27; and G. D. Shaw, for two horses, Amherst street, Ward 23, hearing called for February 3.

C. E. DAVIS, jr., Secretary.

INSANE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

A meeting of the Insane Hospital Trustees was held January 13, 1898, Dr. Baldwin, the chairman, presiding —

Present: Dr. Baldwin, Mrs. Howard, Mr. Connelly, Mrs. Marion, Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Leahy and Dr. Knapp, Secretary.

Bills and pay-rolls, amounting to \$14,795.77, for the month were presented and referred to the Committee on Supplies and Service for approval.

A special draft for \$1,046.31 for current expenses was voted.

The Superintendents, the Committee on Supplies and the Visiting Committee united in setting forth the urgent need of new furniture at the Hospital.

It was voted that the salary of the first assistant at Austin Farm be increased from \$1,000 to \$1,200, with a yearly increase of \$100 for each year of further service until the salary is \$1,500; and that the salary of the second assistant be increased from \$600 to \$800, with a similar yearly increase until it reaches \$1,000; that the salary of the gardener at Austin Farm be increased from \$20 to \$25 a month.

Special reports from other Committees were presented and it was voted to hold quarterly meetings on the last Thursday of January, April, July, and October at the Hospitals.

The Superintendents presented the following report of the number of patients in the two institutions on January 12, 1898:

AUSTIN FARM.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	161	167	328
On visit	1	8	9
Total	162	175	337

PIERCE FARM.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	88	90	178
On visit	2	2	4
Total	90	92	182

AUSTIN AND PIERCE FARMS.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	249	257	506
On visit	3	10	13
Total	252	267	519

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

January 7, 1898.

A regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln and Prince and the Librarian.

The President, the Hon. F. O. Prince, in the chair.

Received: Circular No. 30 from the Mayor. Librarian's weekly report. Auditor's exhibit for December, 1897.

Bills allowed: Book bills, £194. 17s. 6d. — say \$945.14.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city appropriation, \$529.33; chargeable to trust funds, \$229.28; chargeable to Fellowes Athenæum, \$25.26; miscellaneous, \$1,330.73.

Certain applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

Voted, That the Art Commission be requested to take immediate action upon the several works of art submitted by the Trustees for their consideration and not yet reported upon.

Attest: HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

Jamaica Plain, January 12, 1898.

Following is an abstract of records of meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, January 3, 1898:

Grading plans for the junctions of Peterboro' and Queensberry streets with Audubon Road and plans for Billings Field were received from the Landscape Architects.

Notification of concurrence on the part of the Brookline Park Commissioners in the filling of one of the small ponds in the vicinity of Ward's pond, was received and placed on file.

The Chairman stated that he had held a conference with the Superintendent of Streets regarding the Back Bay Fens, at which it was agreed that the Deputy Superintendent of Sewers should meet the Superintendent of Parks and Mr. Seth Perkins at the Fens, to consider the best means of removing the deposits at the outlets of the channels of Stony Brook and to estimate the expense of such removal.

The Superintendent reported that the funds for construction had so far diminished that, unless further appropriations were made, it would be necessary to suspend all work at the end of the present month. The matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Mayor, with a view of bringing the matter to the attention of the City Government.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held January 10, 1898.

The Superintendent submitted the following bids for the masonry and brick alterations at the Administration Building on the Riverway, to fit it for use as a stable:

C. H. Dodge, Boston	\$389 00
Johnson Brothers, Boston	289 00
C. A. Dodge & Co., Boston	239 00
William K. Sawyer, Boston	155 00

It was voted that the Superintendent's acceptance of the lowest bid be approved.

The following recommendations of the Superintendent were approved: The excavation of all grass and planting spaces on Columbia Road to a depth of two feet six inches below finished grade, and refilling with good loam; widening under the surface of the excavation for loam on the planting space adjoining the street car reservation, and the space between curb and sidewalk, to ten feet; also that a loam space be provided for trees on the north side of the traffic road from Franklin Park to Dorchesterway, the trees to be planted and cared for by this department.

On the Superintendent's recommendation it was voted (1) that the Superintendent be authorized to secure the services of Dr. Austin Peters, veterinary surgeon, in selecting the horses to be used in maintenance; and (2) that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase four sprinkler wagons for maintenance service for use on Commonwealth avenue.

It was voted that the Superintendent reduce the working force so as to bring the expenses within the appropriation for maintenance, on the basis of the appropriation for the present fiscal year.

In answer to the request of the Board, a communication was received from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the removal of deposits in the Back Bay Fens, and recommending the securing of a special appropriation for the purpose. Mr. Pettigrew reported the results of his investigation of the matter, in company with a representative of the Street Department and Mr. Seth Perkins, and the conclusion they had arrived at, namely, that the material should be pumped through the conduit into the Charles river and removed thence by scows to the sea. The matter was laid over pending a report from the Street Department of the estimated cost of doing the work.

It was voted to accept, in accordance with recommendation of the City Engineer, the proposal of Hugh Farrell to finish work on N street sewer for \$60, and to allow a bill of \$70.50 for forty-seven barrels of Portland cement, used in place of American cement.

A communication from the Electrical Construction Division recommending a re-arrangement of the electric light service at Pine Bank House, at an estimated cost of \$15 for changing the mains, was received and the Superintendent was authorized to order the work done.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting that a portion of Dorchester park, near Adams street, be flooded for skating; also sundry orders of the Common Council requesting that skating arrangements be made at the playgrounds at Charlestown and the North End were received. The Superintendent reported on the question of the expense of building a dam and flooding a small area of the North End beach for skating. Subsequently, a report on the subject of additional skating accommodations was made to the Mayor.

It was voted to pay to James Doonan the sum of \$1,250, in addition to the amount due under his contract for grading at Arnold Arboretum, provided he signs a release of all claims, for damages or extra work caused by change of plans or by directions given by the Board or its agents, in the prosecution of the work satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, and that the Chairman sign a request to the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Parks.

GEO. F. CLARKE, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending January 15, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.9
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	21.3
Number of deaths:	
Males	109
Females	114
Total	223

Total for corresponding week, 1897	212
Increase	11

White, 216; colored, 7; born in the United States, 149; in foreign countries, 74; of American parentage, 61; of foreign parentage, 142; parentage unknown, 20.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	55	10
Scarlatina	23	0
Typhoid fever	5	1
Measles	8	0
Total	91	11

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	18
Pneumonia	32
Whooping cough	0
Heart disease	26
Bronchitis	13
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	11

Total from principal causes	104
Total from infectious diseases	11

Other causes	115
Total from all causes	223

Deaths of children under 1 year	56
Deaths of children under 5 years	69
Deaths of persons over 60 years	56
Deaths in public institutions	44

A seal's tail was brought to the department of the City Clerk on January 6, and the bearer, having made oath that the seal from which the tail was taken had been killed within the limits of Suffolk County, received from the City Clerk the certificate provided for by Chapter 234 of the Acts of 1892, which directs the payment by the county of three dollars for each seal's tail properly produced and sworn to.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, Boston, January 13, 1898.

Invites proposals for furnishing for the Street Department of the City of Boston such lumber, rough or planed, as the Superintendent of Streets of said city may, from time to time, order between February 1, 1898, and February 1, 1899.

A bond of two thousand (2,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety for faithfully doing the work, will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an envelope, indorsed "Proposal for Lumber," and with a certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, payable to the city of Boston, left at said office before 12 o'clock M. of Thursday, January 27, 1898.

This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

Proposals filled out and left with check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal in whole, or as to any one or more districts, as he deems best for the city.

BENJAMIN W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HEARINGS BY STREET COMMISSIONERS.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

January 10, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that a new channel for the Oakland Garden Fork of the Canterbury Branch of Stony Brook be located at Dorchester, between Park street and Columbia road, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of the year 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fifth day of January, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

January 10, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Whitten street be laid out as a highway, at Dorchester, from King street to Centre street, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fifth day of January, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.—FERRY DIVISION.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

BOSTON, January 17, 1898.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, Room 47, City Hall, Boston, until Wednesday, January 26, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing and delivering in the sheds at the Ferry Wharves of the city of Boston, about 2,000 tons of George's Creek Cumberland coal, or its equivalent; 1,000 tons to be delivered on or before February 4, 1898, and the balance on or before March 1, 1898. Proposals will state the particular kind and price per ton of 2,240 pounds, delivered as above, including all costs and expenses of weighing by a weigher appointed by the city of Boston, and stevedoring. Said proposals must be accompanied by a properly certified check for \$500, made payable to the city of Boston, said check to be forfeited to the city in case of failure to appear and sign the contract within five days from date of award; a bond with sureties, or a deposit of money, or other security satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets will be required for the faithful performance of the contract; the Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, should he deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WIRE COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

By authority vested in the Commissioner of Wires by chapter 454, of the Acts of 1894, the section of the city prescribed for this calendar year, viz., 1898, within which any poles or structures used in the streets, and all wires, cables and conductors, except such as are excepted by said chapter 454, shall be removed or placed underground, is that portion bounded by the line which marks the boundary of the prescribed district for 1897, running from the junction of Joy and Beacon streets through Joy street to Cambridge street and through Cambridge street to the water front. Commencing at this point the line will run along the Harbor Commissioners' line to the extension of the line of Berkeley street; thence through Berkeley street to Tremont street, through Tremont street to Castle square, through Castle square to Ferdinand street, through Ferdinand street to Columbus avenue through Columbus avenue to Park square, through Park square to Charles street, through Charles street to Beacon street, and through Beacon street to the point of beginning at Joy street.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner of Wires.



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THE CITY RECORD is also on sale at the Old Corner Book Store, 283 Washington street.

The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held January 25, Alderman Perlle A. Dyar was elected Chairman of the Board to serve till April 1, eleven votes being cast in his favor.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR.

To Board of Aldermen.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 19, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I have thought it proper to call a special meeting of the Board for to-day, in order that it may make another effort to effect a

permanent organization, as required by law, or that it may at least arrange to proceed in some manner with the transaction of city business. In view of the fact that important action must be taken by the Executive at the close of business to-day, in case no action is taken by the Board by that time, I have thought it only fair to fully inform the Board of the consequences of continued non-action on its part, and to let it fully understand the responsibility which will attach to its members.

I transmit herewith a communication addressed to me by the Superintendent of Streets, which explains itself. I sent a message to the City Council on January 12, calling attention to the necessity of passing an additional sewerage loan-order at once if work was to be continued. This loan-order failed to receive the required fifty votes in the Common Council, on account of the course taken by a considerable number of Councilmen in declining to vote upon the order. I am informed, and believe, that this action on their part was connected in some manner with the present deadlock in the Board of Aldermen upon the matter of choosing a Chairman. At any rate I think it proper to present this matter directly to the Board of Aldermen, and to place upon the Board the responsibility for an unnecessary stoppage of work and the discharge of some 900 men, if it neglects to take favorable action upon the accompanying loan-order, the immediate passage of which I again recommend. Work has been continued from day to day, in the hope that the Board would organize and proceed to transact business; but the limit has now been reached, and I am therefore obliged to inform you that if this order is not passed by the Board at its meeting to-day all of the men employed upon sewer construction work will receive notice at the end of the day that they are suspended, owing to the failure of the City Council to pass the required loan appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, January 17, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I respectfully call your attention to the situation occasioned by the non-action of the City Council in the matter of approval of the loan for sewerage works authorized by the Legislature under Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897. Under this act it was provided that the city might borrow one million dollars each year for the construction of sewerage works on authorization of the loan by the City Council. Five hundred thousand dollars was authorized by the City Council

in July. I now find it necessary to suspend work in the Sewer Division pending the passage of an additional loan-order.

The following contracts in connection with the improvement of the main drainage must be provided for:

Additional reservoirs at Moon Island,	\$300,000
Retaining wall	60,000
Improvement of machinery at the pumping station	75,000

To state the condition in brief, all work must cease at once unless the loan is authorized.

The following is a statement of the sewers under construction by the department-force, and the number of men employed:

City Proper — Canal-street relief sewer, Harrison-avenue sewer, Columbus-avenue sewer, Kneeland-street sewer, Ipswich-street sewer.

Dorchester — Columbia road, Tenean Brook, Rosemont street main sewer, Mascot-avenue sewer

West Roxbury — Sherwood-street sewer, Perkins-street sewer, Proctor-street sewer, Goldsmith-brook sewer.

South Boston — B-street sewer, outlets Q and N streets.

East Boston — Metropolitan connections.

Charlestown — Metropolitan connections.

Brighton — Cambridge-street sewer, Washington-street sewer, Strathmore-road sewer, Commonwealth-avenue sewer.

The number of men employed upon sewer construction is 900. The construction of these sewers at the present time is very necessary, especially the sewers of the Columbia road, as contracts for grading and surfacing the road have already been let, and this work cannot be carried forward until sewers and all underground structures are placed.

If this \$500,000 loan is not authorized at the present time it will mean a temporary suspension of the entire force, as well as making it impossible to do much necessary work which has been petitioned for and ordered by the Street Commissioners.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That the Street Department be hereby authorized to expend the sum of five hundred thousand (500,000) dollars for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer issue, at his discretion, and sell either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the city of Boston for the sum of \$500,000; said bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Boston, thirty years from the date of the same, with interest thereon at the rate of three and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, January 25, Chairman Dyar in the chair, the following messages were received :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 10, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the State Board of Agriculture notifying the city that seven estates in the Charlestown district have been found to be infested with the Brown-tail moth. I trust that proper provision will be made for the suppression of this pest, as required by chapter 516 of the Acts of 1897.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

State House, January 3, 1898.

TO THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

GENTLEMEN: In endeavoring to fulfil the duty of the Board of Agriculture as prescribed by Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1897, the Board has had a portion of your city inspected, and has found seven estates infested with the brown-tail moth, in the Charlestown District. I send you herewith a list of owners or managers with street and number of such estates. Where a number appears in the list with no name before it, it is a vacant lot, or the house was unoccupied, or the occupant could not be found. The Inspector gave written notice of the presence of the brown-tail moth on the premises to parties occupying the infested estates enumerated when the parties could be found, and also left with them a copy of a bulletin of information containing a copy of the law and directions for destroying the moth.

I have to inform you that this inspection has covered only a small part of your city because of lack of funds to pay the expense, the Legislature not having appropriated money for the purpose. From the observation of the inspector it is likely that other estates in the Charlestown district are infested, and that street trees are more or less infested.

I send you by express fifty bulletins giving copy of law and directions for destroying the moth. If more are needed they will be furnished on application to this office.

Respectfully,

WM. R. SESSIONS, Secretary.

Owner or manager of property infested by brown-tail moth in Charlestown.

J. G. Williams, 37 Sever street; P. J. Donovan, 284 Bunker Hill street; John Donovan, 286 Bunker Hill street; Joseph Scarlett, 384 Bunker Hill street; D. C. Andrews, 23 Elm street, ——— 357 Main street; A. Cleary, 17 Oak street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 10, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, Reuben Peterson to be Soldiers' Relief Commissioner, under the provisions of Chapter 441 of the Acts of 1897, for the term ending April 30, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 10, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to the order requesting an estimate of the cost of asphaltting James street, between Newton and Concord streets, Ward 12.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, January 7, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the request contained in inclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I beg to submit the following estimate of cost:

James street, Ward 12, East Newton street to East Concord street: Paving with asphalt and regulating, \$7,400.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

DOCUMENTS FOR BOARD OF STATISTICS. —

The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 17, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In order to enable the Board of Municipal Statistics to obtain the publications of other municipalities in this country and abroad, which would be of value in connection with its work, it is necessary that the Board should be able to offer in exchange sets of the annual reports of the executive departments. I therefore recommend the accompanying amendment of the ordinance in regard to the printing of such annual reports, providing 100 additional sets thereof for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

An Ordinance relative to the Annual Reports of the Executive Departments. Be it ordained, etc., as follows:

Section two of Chapter twenty-eight of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 is hereby amended by striking out the words "eight hundred" in the second line of said section, and by inserting the words "nine hundred" in place thereof; and by inserting after the word "year," in the sixteenth line thereof, the words "shall deliver to the Board of

Municipal Statistics 100 sets of said volumes."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

The following matters were also considered at the above meeting:

NOTICE OF ELECTION. — The clerk read the following:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Boston, January 18, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

In obedience to an order of the House of Representatives, I hereby notify you that, as a vacancy exists in District No. 11, in the County of Suffolk, caused by the resignation of Francis C. Lowell of Boston, late a member of this House, and a representative from said district.

Pursuant to the provisions of law, I hereby appoint Tuesday, the first day of March, 1898, as the time for holding an election in said district to fill said vacancy.

JOHN L. BATES,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Attest: JAMES W. KIMBALL, Clerk.

In connection with the above, Alderman Berwin offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to give notice, by advertising the same as required by law, that meetings of the citizens of Ward 11, qualified to vote for State officers, will be held at the several polling-places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the first day of March next, for the election of a representative in the General Court.

The polls at said meetings will be opened at 6 o'clock A.M. and closed at 4 o'clock P.M.

The communication was placed on file, and the order was passed.

SEWER LOAN.

Alderman Codman called up No. 42, a paper from the Common Council (See page 27, THE CITY RECORD), viz.:

Message from the Mayor, transmitting a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reference to the need of authorizing at once an additional loan for sewer-purposes, and recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Street Department be hereby authorized to expend the sum of five hundred thousand (500,000) dollars for the construction of sewerage works under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer issue, at his discretion, and sell either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston for the sum of five hundred thou-

sand (500,000) dollars; said bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Boston, thirty years from the date of the same, with interest thereon at the rate of three and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

Passed in concurrence; yeas, 12; nays, 0.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.—The following was received.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 19, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, Charles E. Stratton, to be Superintendent of Public Grounds (to serve without pay), for the term ending April 30, 1898.

I make this nomination in view of the fact that, in my opinion, a substantial saving can be made in the cost of carrying on the Public Grounds Department by bringing it into relation with the work of the Park Department. Pending action by the City Council upon the recommendation made in my inaugural address for the passage of an ordinance formally consolidating the Public Grounds Department with the Park Department, I have thought it proper to make this nomination at the present time, in view of the necessity of making plans and arrangements before long for the work of the Public Grounds Department for the coming season.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

SANITARY CONDITION OF FENS.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 19, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The important subject of improving the sanitary condition of the Back Bay Fens has received of late much attention at the hands of the Park Commissioners, the City Engineer and the Superintendent of Streets. They are all agreed that the first thing to be done is to remove the existing deposit of silt and sewage in the Fens, which has accumulated in the course of years. The estimated cost of this work is between \$20,000 and \$25,000. As there is no appropriation available for the purpose, and as this work, which is only necessary to be done at considerable intervals, can properly be charged to a loan, I recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order for the purpose, and in view of the urgency of the matter I trust that speedy action may be taken by the City Council in order that a contract for doing this work may be awarded at once.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend the sum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars in removing the deposit of silt and sewage in the Back Bay Fens; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer, at his discretion, issue and sell coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the city of Boston to said amount; said bonds or registered certificates to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer ten years from their date, and to bear interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually at such times as said Treasurer shall determine.

Ordered, That any premium coming to the city in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds, for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

SEWER DIVISION MAINTENANCE.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 25, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a letter from the Superintendent of Streets in regard to the amount required for the maintenance of the Sewer Division for the coming financial year. Under the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, the City Council is required to appropriate such sums as the Mayor "shall deem sufficient for maintaining and operating the sewerage works," to be met by the annual charges provided for by said Act. In accordance with this provision, I hereby estimate that the sum of \$350,000 is sufficient, and is required, for said purpose, and I therefore request the City Council to appropriate said amount to the Sewer Division of the Street Department for the financial year beginning on the first day of February next. The expenses of collection of income and other expenses to be incurred by the Board of Assessors and the Board of Street Commissioners cannot be accurately stated in advance, but I do not deem it sufficient to allow any less than the sum mentioned—particularly in view of the fact that the work of cleaning the sewers has been so much neglected in recent years, owing to the absence of a sufficient appropriation, that a considerable extra expenditure must be incurred during the coming year to get them into a properly cleaned condition.

I must further call the attention of the City Council to the fact that, under the statute referred to, the maintenance expenditures of the Sewer Division can be provided for only in this manner, and that the general authority of a department to incur expenditures equal to one-third of its appropriation for the last year, prior to the making of the appropriation for the current year, does not apply to this case. There seems to be no method,

therefore, of paying any maintenance charges of the Sewer Division after February 1, unless an appropriation is made therefor, as herein recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand (\$350,000) dollars be hereby appropriated to meet the expenses of maintaining and operating the sewerage works of the City of Boston, payable during the financial year 1898-9, beginning with the first day of February, 1898, and ending with the last day of January, 1899, the said appropriation to be met by the annual charges provided for by Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, when appointed, on motion of Alderman Presho.

To Common Council.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, January 20, 1898, at 7.45 o'clock P.M., President Connolly in the Chair, the following messages were received, and action taken, as noted, upon previous messages.

APPROVAL OF BUST.—The following was received:

ART COMMISSION.

Boston, January 13, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: We, the undersigned, being a majority of the Art Commission for this city, respectfully inform you that we approve the placing in the Public Library of the marble bust of Franklin, by Richard Greenough, offered to the Trustees of the Library by Frank Woods, Esq., and a marble replica of the bust of Hiram Powers' statue of a Greek slave, both of which works have been submitted to us by the Trustees of the Library.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Chairman;
J. M. CRAFTS,
CHAS. A. CUMMINGS,
WM. ENDICOTT, jr.,
FREDERICK O. PRINCE.

Sent up.

COMPLETION OF PARK SYSTEM.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 13, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I desire to call your attention to the fact that the loan appropriation outside of the debt limit for continuing the construction of the park system has been exhausted, so that it has been necessary to discontinue construction work and to suspend the force engaged upon it. I desire to call attention to the statement contained in my inaugural ad-

dress as to the estimated cost of completing work upon the park system, and to ask the City Council to consider at once the desirability of authorizing a petition to the present Legislature for authority to issue an additional loan for this purpose. As the thirty-first day of January is the last day for presenting such petitions, it is necessary that prompt action should be taken by the City Council if it is thought best that construction work shall continue.

In case the City Council favors the continuance of such work, I desire to recommend an immediate loan appropriation of \$50,000 to provide for keeping the construction force at work until such time as the proposed loan can be authorized by the Legislature. The Park Commissioners believe that it would be economical, as well as desirable from other standpoints, to continue construction-work practically without interruption, rather than to be obliged to disband for several months their present construction force.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court, at its present session, for the passage of an act authorizing the issue, outside the debt-limit, of an additional loan, not exceeding one million dollars, for completion of construction work upon the park system.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be authorized to expend the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars in construction-work upon the park system; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer, at his discretion, issue and sell coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount; said bonds or registered certificates to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer thirty years from their date, and to bear interest at the rate of three and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually at such times as said Treasurer shall determine.

Ordered, That any premium coming to the city in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

The message was sent up. The first order was passed, and, on motion of Mr. Norris of Ward 13, the second order was assigned to 8.20 P.M.

Later in the session, Mr. Norris called up the order, which was passed—Yeas, 62; nays, 1.

REDUCTION OF POSTAL FACILITIES. — The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 20, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In view of the threatened reduction in the post-office carrier-service in this city and of the importance to the business community and to all of our citizens of maintaining without impairment the present carrier de-

livery service, which has only recently been increased to supply deficiencies heretofore existing, it seems to me proper that I should call the attention of the City Council to this matter and suggest the desirability of passing a suitable resolution for transmission to Washington protesting against the proposed reduction. I am informed that it is the present plan of the Post-Office Department to suspend over seventy carriers in the Boston postal-district at an early date, and it does not seem to me that this curtailment of the postal service, in a city which makes such a large net contribution to the postal revenues as Boston does, should be submitted to without at least a vigorous protest.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The message was sent up.

In connection with the above, Mr. Norris of Ward 13 offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston earnestly protests against the proposed reduction in the force of post-office carriers in this city and consequent curtailment of the delivery service, as inflicting an unwarrantable inconvenience upon all our citizens, and particularly upon the business community.

Resolved, That if such diminution of the carrier-service can only be prevented by the passage of a deficiency appropriation to enable the services of the full number of the present carrier force to be retained, we call upon our senators and representatives in Congress to co-operate in securing the passage of such necessary appropriation.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the senators and representatives in Congress from this state, and to the Postmaster-General.

The resolution was unanimously passed.

REVISION OF SPECIAL STATUTES. — The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 17, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I called attention briefly in my inaugural address to the great desirability of having a proper revision or consolidation made of the large number of special laws relating to the city which have been passed since the last revision of the city charter in 1854. I now desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying order providing for the appointment of a commission to prepare such a revision. If the order is passed, I shall appoint upon the commission, in addition to the Corporation Counsel, one lawyer representing each of the great political parties.

I trust that this matter may be acted upon promptly, in order that the work of the commission may soon be entered upon.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That a commission of three members be constituted to draft, for submission

to the Legislature, a revision or consolidation of all of the special acts relating to the city, such commission to consist of the Corporation Counsel, who shall serve without extra compensation, and of two other lawyers to be appointed by the Mayor; and the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby authorized to be expended, out of the appropriation for the Law Department, to provide for the compensation of the two appointed members of such commission, and for the necessary expenses of preparing and printing such revision.

The message was sent up, and the order was passed. Sent up.

BATH DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Norris of Ward 13 called up No. 4 assignment (Mayor's Message, see CITY RECORD, p. 6), viz:

An ordinance to establish a department of baths. (City Document 42.)

The motion to assign further consideration of the ordinance to the next meeting was lost, and the ordinance was read a second time and passed.

Mr. Norris of Ward 13 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERAGE WORKS.

Mr. Borofsky of Ward 6 called up No. 6, assignment (see CITY RECORD, p. 27), viz:

Ordered, That the Street Department be hereby authorized to expend the sum of five hundred thousand (\$500,000) dollars for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer issue, at his discretion, and sell either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the city of Boston for the sum of five hundred thousand (\$500,000) dollars indebtedness, to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Boston, thirty years from the date of the same, with interest thereon at the rate of three and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

The question came on the motion of Mr. Norris to reconsider vote of January 13, whereby said order was rejected.

The motion to reconsider was put and declared lost.

Mr. Norris of Ward 13 moved to reconsider; lost.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE ESTABLISHED.

Mr. Dunn of Ward 14 called up No. 1, unfinished business (see CITY RECORD, p. 27), viz:

Section 1. An ordinance establishing THE CITY RECORD. Be it ordained, etc., as follows:

Chapter 2 of the ordinances of 1897, being "An Ordinance to amend the Revised Ordinances of 1892 by providing for a Statistics Department," is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered Section 2, as follows:

"Sect. 2. Said board shall publish, at least once a week, an official gazette of the city, to

be designated THE CITY RECORD. Every department shall insert in said publication a copy of every advertisement or public notice issued by it, a summary of all proposals received in response to the same, and a statement of all awards of contracts; and said publication shall contain such record of official action, and such other matters of interest to the city, as said Board may from time to time, with the approval of the Mayor, direct. Said Board shall cause said publication to be distributed regularly to the several departments, and to the press, as soon as published, and may provide for the sale to the public, by subscription or otherwise, of such number of copies thereof as it shall deem expedient."

Passed. Mr. Russell of Ward 16 moved to reconsider; declared lost. Mr. Russell doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and reconsideration was lost—Yeas, 33; nays, 36.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chambers, Mason-street building, at 7.30 o'clock January 25; President Huggan being in the chair and all members present except Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Dunn.

The Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Secretary's Office,
Boston, January 25, 1898.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN, President of the
School Committee:

DEAR SIR: In accordance with the regulations, I respectfully ask the approval of the Board to the appointment of Miss Nellie M. Cronin, as clerk in my office, the term of service to begin January 10, 1898.

Respectfully yours,

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Approved.

The Chair read the following:

Boston, January 25, 1898.

HENRY D. HUGGAN, Esq., President of the
Boston School Committee:

DEAR SIR: I hereby resign my position as a member of the Boston School Committee.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD H. DUNN.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was voted unanimously that the resignation be not accepted and be not placed on file, and that this Board request Mr. Dunn to withdraw it.

The Chair read the following:

Boston, Mass., January 25, 1898.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN, President of the
School Committee.

DEAR SIR: I beg herewith to tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on the Eighth Division.

Very truly yours,

Accepted. S. H. CALDERWOOD.

The Chair appointed Mr. Coolidge to the committee.

Confirmed.

The Chair read the following:

Boston, Mass., January 25, 1898.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN, President of the
School Committee.

DEAR SIR: I hereby present my resignation as a member of the Committee on the Fifth Division.

Yours truly,

Accepted. FRANCIS L. COOLIDGE.

The Chair appointed Mr. Calderwood to the committee.

Confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Strange for the Committee on School-houses, it was

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be requested to issue, during the current year, negotiable bonds of the city to the amount of six hundred and fifty thousand (650,000,) dollars and to hold the proceeds of the same in the treasury, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for lands taken and the building and furnishing of school-houses, under the provisions of Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897.

On motion of Mr. Strange for the same Committee it was

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be hereby authorized to petition the General Court for an additional amount of eight hundred thousand (800,000) dollars, to be expended by this board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, for additional High and Latin School accommodations.

Accepted.

Mr. Courtney moved to amend the order by striking out the sum of \$800,000 and inserting \$1,000,000, and making provision for the Normal school.

The order as amended was passed.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Legislative Matters, it was

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be hereby authorized to petition the General Court for such legislation as may be necessary to vest finally and conclusively in this Committee, the power to make in School buildings any additions, alterations and repairs for school purposes which it deems to be necessary, and to expend any moneys appropriated by the City Council for such purposes.

On motion of Mr. Bassett it was

Ordered, That no school-house sites shall be selected, and no rooms occupied for school purposes, except after consultation with the respective Division Committees and High and Normal School Committees.

On motion of Mr. Paul it was

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be requested to petition on behalf of the Board, the General Court, at its present session, to amend Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1892, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 413 of the Acts of 1897, so as to exempt school buildings from the restrictions therein imposed on the floors of public buildings.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Board adjourned to February 8, at 7:30 P.M.

INJUNCTION AGAINST THE CITY.

In the Superior Court, Judge Richardson, on January 25, rendered his decision in the case of Lynch & Woodward vs. the City of Boston et al., in an action of contract—Messrs. Bartlett & Anderson for the plaintiffs; Corporation Counsel Bailey for the defendants.

The court decides that the contract of the plaintiffs is still in force, and grants an injunction to allow the plaintiffs to complete the work under their contract free from any molestation of the defendants, who are restrained from hindering or interfering with them in the undertaking because they do not employ union labor.

The text of Judge Richardson's decision is given below:

"It is not necessary to accompany this decree with a statement of all the facts in the case. A few only are in dispute.

"It is admitted that the contract between the plaintiffs and the city was duly executed; that the plaintiffs duly began their work on the contract on or about November 1, 1897; that on November 4 they were ordered to suspend work for a time, and, again, on November 13, and, again, on January 8, 1898, the mayor caused a letter—signed by the architects, Peabody & Stearns, but proposed by him—to be sent to the plaintiffs, ordering them to discontinue all further work under the contract, and caused members of the police to forcibly exclude the plaintiffs from the building where their work was, and where their tools and materials were, thereby preventing them from finishing their work, which then was nearly completed.

"There was no evidence that at any time any of the materials furnished by the plaintiffs was not suitable, or that their work in any respect was unworkmanlike, or that they employed incompetent workmen, or that members of the labor-unions were more competent than the workmen whom the plaintiffs had, or that the work was not in all respects being properly done.

"On January 6, 1898, in a letter which the Mayor caused to be sent to the plaintiffs, after referring to a previous notice of November 13 to suspend their work, is the following notice:

"You are notified to proceed with all possible dispatch to complete your work under said contract, as if said notice of November 13 had not been given: but you are further notified that, if any non-union men are employed by you on such work, you will be again requested to immediately dismiss them under Article 3 of said contract, and that you will not be allowed to proceed to finish your work with non-union men.

"This notice is given you with the approval of the Mayor.

Yours respectfully,

PEABODY & STEARNS."

"At the hearing it was admitted that this letter also was prepared in the Mayor's office, and that the only part which the architects had in it was to sign it, at the Mayor's request.

"The provision in said Article 3, construed in view of the obvious purpose of it,

and, with other parts of the contract, did not, in my opinion, give to the architects the power to arbitrarily order the plaintiffs to dismiss all their workmen, and thus to effectually end the contract, for no reason, or for the reason merely that they employed non-union men. The right reserved to the architects in that Article 3 was to be exercised only for causes or reasons which pertained to the fitness or qualifications of the workmen for the performance of their work.

"It is also to be noticed that in the final order of January 8, 1898, ordering the plaintiffs to 'discontinue all further work under their contract,' no reference is made to Article 3, or to the power which the architects have under it; but this final order states (so far as it states any reason) another and very different reason for it, which alleged reason was not a good or sufficient reason for that order.

"But the Mayor, at the hearing, said that he did not rely on the breach of any stipulation in the written contract for his right to take the work away from the plaintiffs, but upon an oral promise of Mr. Lynch to him that he would employ union men only. Such a promise, if made, had, in my opinion, no validity, and, if it was given and not kept, the plaintiffs' failure to keep it was, upon the evidence, more the fault of the defendants than the plaintiffs.

"The plaintiffs employed only citizens of Boston, and they tried to employ union men, and would probably have succeeded in doing so, and in complying with their agreement to give 'preference' to them, but for a conspiracy to prevent it, as they then stated in their letter to the architects of January 11. The contract contains no forfeiture clause by which anybody could abrogate or annul the whole contract for a failure to conform to any provision in it; but, in fact, no such failure was shown.

"No complaint has been made of the conduct of the plaintiffs on that work in any respect except this, that they did not employ members of the labor unions, and it was finally admitted at the hearing, and proof of the fact was clear, that the only reason that the Mayor ever had for his several orders suspending the plaintiffs' work, and then, at last, wholly depriving them of it, was that they did not employ members of the labor unions. To accomplish this was the declared purpose of the said labor unions, members of which were frequently at the Mayor's office about it from the time when the work was begun, urging him to force the plaintiffs to comply with their wishes in this respect; and they were also at the place where this work for the city was being done, bringing such influences and pressure to bear upon the plaintiffs' employees as they could. The Mayor also admits that he had virtually promised the labor unions that, unless the plaintiffs' employed members of these unions, he would deprive them of this contract.

"In this purpose and effort to compel the plaintiffs to dismiss their men and employ only members of the unions, against their will, the other defendants participated, though, as to some of them, I ought perhaps to say that their part in it may have been an unwilling one.

"This interference by the members of the labor unions with the plaintiffs' work, to force the plaintiffs to employ union men only by the means above stated and by the use of the police to exclude the plaintiffs

from the building, in which their contract work was to be done, was an unlawful interference with the plaintiffs' rights, and if permitted and continued would, in the language of the Supreme Court in the discussion of a similar question, 'tend to establish a tyranny of irresponsible persons over labor and mechanical business which would be extremely injurious to both.'

"There is no authority in law for any officer of the government, state or municipal, to force such a discrimination as was attempted in this case between workmen in respect to the privilege of labor on public work paid for by taxes levied upon all, for no reason except that some workmen belong to a certain party, society, or class, and others do not; thus giving labor, and the benefit of it, to one class, and denying it to another, regardless of their rights, needs, qualifications or merits, or the public welfare.

"Such discrimination, in the employment of labor, is not in accord with our ideas of equal rights, and seems not to be consistent with an impartial administering of public business; and any agreement that such discrimination shall be made is contrary to public policy, and is, in my opinion, void.

"The Constitution of Massachusetts declares that 'no man nor corporation nor association of men has any other title to obtain advantages or particular and exclusive privileges distinct from those of the community than what arises from the consideration of service rendered to the public.'

"Also that 'government is instituted for the common good—not for the profit, honor or private interest of any one man, family or class of men.'

"In a recent case, *Vegetahn vs. Guntner*, 167 Mass., p. 97, the Supreme Judicial Court (speaking of the interference of members of trades unions with the plaintiffs in that case in the carrying on of their business) say 'such an act (referring to an act of intimidation) is an unlawful interference with the rights both of employer and of employed.' An employer has a right to engage all persons who are willing to work for him at such prices as may be mutually agreed upon; and persons employed or seeking employment have a corresponding right to enter into or remain in the employment of any person or corporation willing to employ them. No one can lawfully interfere by force or intimidation to prevent employers, or persons employed, or wishing to be employed, from the exercise of these rights. In Massachusetts, as in some other states, it is even made a criminal offence for one by intimidation or force to prevent or seek to prevent a person entering into or continuing in the employment of a person or a corporation.

"Public Statutes, Chapter 74, Section 2: 'Intimidation is not limited to threats of violence or of physical injury to person or property. It has a broader significance, and there also may be a moral intimidation which is illegal.' The criminal offence referred to is in Section 2, Chapter 508, of the Acts of 1894, and is as follows: 'No person shall by intimidation or force prevent or seek to prevent a person from entering into or continuing in the employment of any person or corporation.' The penalty is a fine of \$100. The right of every man to labor, and to the benefit of his labor, according to his ability, opportunity and desire, should not be abridged. The

corresponding right of an employer to procure labor suitable for his business, subject only to such general laws as the health, safety, morality and welfare of the community may require, should be allowed. These rights of both parties are necessary. And both are under the protection of the law. The existence and value of industrial freedom require that it should be so.

"It has been urged on behalf of the defendants that if an injury had been done to the plaintiffs, the court should leave them to a suit at law for damages—presumably against the city—as the Mayor in his letter to the plaintiffs of January 10, 1898, says: 'So far as my action is concerned, I am willing that the city should come to as fair and amicable agreement with you as possible in the premises for any damages you may have sustained through the change in the contract.' The only change in the contract, and the thing referred to, was the wholly depriving the plaintiffs of the opportunity to finish their contract work by his previous order of January 8. But I am unable to see why the city should pay the damages for the injury done to the plaintiff in this matter, not caused or done in or for the interests of the city. It is doubtful if an action at law for damages against the defendants, other than the city's adequate compensation to the plaintiffs, could be made. And this case is of a class of cases in which Courts of Equity will give relief, when perhaps they would not if the same cause was wholly between private parties. There are cases where persons, under the color of public office, may be restrained from acts amounting to official oppression, when in other cases, for the same acts, between private persons, they would not.

"An established authority on this subject says:

"And it may be stated, as a general rule, that where public officers, under color and claim of right, are proceeding to impair either public or private rights, or where their proceedings will result in serious injury to private citizens, without any corresponding benefit to the public, or where the aid of equity is necessary to prevent a multiplicity of suits, an injunction will be allowed.'

"The Mayor, in extenuation of his action in the matter, said at the hearing that he was 'very strongly urged' by committees of labor unions to it, and he was in fear of a strike unless he agreed to it. But he knew, presumably, that for the prevention of such intermeddling in the business of the city the power of the court was ample and the precedents numerous.

"The said contract between the plaintiffs and the city has not been terminated; it is still in force. Justice to the contractors, the maintenance of the principles above stated, and the interests of the city, require that the plaintiffs be allowed to finish their said contract-work, free from molestation or interference by any persons for any cause or reason shown at the hearing; but, under this complaint, an injunction can issue only against the defendants named in it. A writ of injunction may issue to the defendants restraining them, and each of them, their agents and servants, from preventing or hindering the plaintiffs in the performance of their said contract work described in the bill for the cause or reason that the plaintiffs do not employ members of the labor unions."

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

IN THE SENATE.

SENATE BILL NO. 11 accompanies the petition of William W. Towle for legislation to provide for a temporary presiding officer of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston from the time of the convening of the said Board until a permanent presiding officer is chosen. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. After the organization of the City Government of the City of Boston in each year, as provided by law, and when a quorum of the Board of Aldermen of said city shall be present, the member thereof who has previously served the greatest number of terms in said Board, shall preside, and the Board shall proceed to choose a permanent chairman, who shall preside at all meetings of the Board and at conventions of the two branches of said City Government. And said member who shall thus preside at said meeting shall continue to preside at all meetings of said Board and conventions of the two branches of the City Government until a permanent chairman is chosen by said Board with the same powers and duties as though he were chosen permanent chairman. In case there is no member of said Board who has previously served a greater number of terms in said board than any other member thereof, the City Clerk of said city shall preside at all meetings of said Board and said conventions until a permanent chairman is chosen.

Until the election of a permanent chairman of the Board of Aldermen, said member or said City Clerk, presiding, shall be deemed to be organized for the transaction of all business that may properly come before it.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILLS.

HOUSE BILL NO. 112, is a bill accompanying the petition of the Massachusetts Association of Relief Officers—Referred to Committee on Probate and Insolvency. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAUPER LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Its leading provisions are: (1) that any person of the age of twenty-one years who resides in any place within this state for three years together, and pays all state, county, city or town taxes duly assessed on his poll or estate for any two years together within three taxable years of that time, shall thereby gain a settlement in such place; (2) any woman of the age of twenty-one years,

who resides in any place within this state for three years together, shall thereby gain a settlement in such place; (3) hereafter the same legal obligation to support her children shall rest upon the mother as now, by law, rests upon the father.

HOUSE BILL NO. 125, which is a bill accompanying the petition of Charles H. Innes, was referred January 17, to Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ALDERMEN IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN BY POPULAR VOTE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. There shall be elected by the registered voters of the City of Boston at every annual municipal election, under the same provisions of law, so far as applicable, as those under which the Mayor of said city is now elected, a Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, for the term of one year. Such Chairman and the twelve Aldermen elected in accordance with the laws in force at the passage of this act, shall sit and act as one legislative body, and shall constitute the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. The term of each of said members of the Board of Aldermen, shall begin with the first Monday in January next following his election, and on said day the members-elect shall meet and be sworn as now provided for members-elect of the City Council of said city.

Sect. 2. A political party, entitled to make nominations to be placed upon the official election ballot, may make nominations for the chairman of the Board of Aldermen only by direct plurality vote at party caucuses held in the several wards; nominations for Chairman of the Board of Aldermen to be placed upon the official caucus ballot for such caucuses may be made only by nomination papers bearing the signatures of at least one registered voter for every two hundred votes cast for Mayor at the next preceding election of the Mayor, and filed with the Board of Election Commissioners, as now required by law to be filed with the city committee of the political party, instead of with such committee.

Sect. 3. Nominations by nomination papers for Chairman of the Board of Aldermen to be placed upon the official election ballot, may be made only by such papers bearing the signatures of at least one registered voter for every one hundred votes cast for Mayor at the next preceding election of the Mayor.

Sect. 4. The Board of Election Commissioners shall have the same powers and perform the same duties in relation to counting, tabulating and determining the votes cast at the several caucuses, as they have in relation to votes cast in the several precincts at elections, and all provisions of law relative to caucus and election nomination papers, nominations and caucuses, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, shall apply to nomination papers, nominations and caucuses for the offices hereby created.

Sect. 5. The Chairman of the Board of Aldermen shall, when present, preside at the

meetings thereof; shall from time to time designate some member thereof to preside in his absence and when he leaves the chair; shall appoint the chairman and other members of committees to the number fixed by the City Council; shall be a member of every committee, and chairman of every committee authorized to recommend appropriations, or to prepare rules; shall have the direction of the officers appointed by him, or subject to his approval, or elected by the City Council, and may remove them for such cause as he may deem sufficient and shall assign in his order or removal; shall serve as acting Mayor in the same manner as the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen of a city is authorized by general law to serve in such capacity, and his succession to the office of Mayor shall constitute a vacancy in the office of Chairman; and shall in the month of November in each year make a report which shall be printed as a city document, giving a summary of the work of the City Council for the current municipal year.

Sect. 6. The Chairman may appoint and fix the compensation, not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars per annum, of one clerk, and may by requisitions on the Superintendent of Printing provide necessary stationery, printing and documents.

The salary of the Chairman, paid in monthly payments, shall be three thousand dollars per annum, or such smaller salary as the City Council shall by ordinance prescribe. No change of such salary to take effect during the municipal year in which the change is made.

Sect. 7. The Board of Aldermen shall, when a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairman, elect by vote of a majority of all the members, some member of the Board of Aldermen to be Chairman for the remainder of the municipal year.

HOUSE BILL NO. 152, was introduced on leave, January 19, by Mr. Bresnahan of Boston, and referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO DEFINE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH BUILDINGS MAY BE LEASED BY THE PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

The bill is designed to forbid the Board of Park Commissioners to lease any lands or buildings under their control for the purpose of public bath-houses.

HOUSE BILL NO. 195 is a bill accompanying the petition of E. J. Twomey and others, and has been referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE WIDENING OF RUTHERFORD AVENUE, DEVENS AND BOW STREETS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

It is designed to enable the Board of Street Commissioners of Boston to prepare a plan for widening Rutherford avenue between Chapman street and Devens street and for widening Devens street between Rutherford avenue and Washington street, and for widening Bow street between Washington street

and City square, so as to provide a better thoroughfare for teaming and for other purposes between the junction of Chapman street and Rutherford avenue, and City square and Bow street; at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$200,000, the said sum to be raised by negotiable loans outside the debt limit.

HOUSE BILL No. 204 is a bill accompanying the petition of J. B. L. Bartlett, and has been referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. There shall be elected by the registered voters of each of the twenty-five wards of the City of Boston at every annual municipal election, under the same provisions of law, so far as applicable, as those under which members of the Common Council of said city are now elected, one alderman for the term of one year.

Sect. 2. There shall also be elected by the registered voters of each of the twenty-five wards of said city at every annual municipal election, under the same provisions of law as those under which members of the Common Council of said city are now elected, two members of the Common Council.

Sect. 3. All acts and parts of acts providing for the election of Aldermen and members of the Common Council of said city, or inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS.

HOUSE BILL No. 78, as to plotting and laying out streets in Boston (see p. 29, THE CITY RECORD), was considered at a hearing before the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs on January 24.

The Committee on Harbors and Public Lands has appointed February 28, as the date for the next hearing on House Bill 82 for change of harbor lines and improvements in South Bay. (See p. 29, THE CITY RECORD.)

HOUSE BILL No. 114, to limit the height of buildings near Copley square, Boston, was considered at a hearing before the Committee on Cities held January 21. The hearing was adjourned to January 31.

SENATE BILL No. 11, to provide for a temporary presiding officer of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston from the time of the convening of said Board until a permanent presiding officer is chosen, was considered at a hearing, given by the Committee on Metropolitan affairs on January 26.

HOUSE BILL No. 152, relating to leasing of buildings by the Board of Park Commissioners of Boston was considered at a hearing before the Committee on Cities, January 26.

Communications.

THE BOSTON ASSOCIATED BOARD OF TRADE.

166 Devonshire Street, Boston.

January 20, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that this Board, having accepted your invitation to appoint the members of the Merchants' Municipal Committee for the years 1898 and 1899, have selected the following gentlemen to serve in that capacity:

Alpheus H. Hardy, Amory A. Lawrence, George H. Leonard, Horatio G. Curtis, Freeman J. Doe, J. Richard Carter, William O. Blaney.

The above-named have accepted the appointment, and await your pleasure.

WM. H. SAYWARD, Secretary.

CENSUS OF INMATES IN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS.

32 Tremont Street, January 24, 1898.

Following is a census of inmates January 20, 1898:

Number of children in the Marcella Street Home: Girls, 53; boys, 113 — total, 166.

Number in Parental School: Girls, 3; boys, 164 — total, 167.

Number in House of Reformation: Boys, 161.

Number in Placing-Out Department: Girls, 372; boys, 468 — total, 840. For 325 of these board is paid, i.e., for 138 girls and 187 boys.

Total under control of department, 1,334.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

LEGAL ACTIONS.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

The list of new cases entered in the Superior Court during the week ending January 24, 1898, reported by the Law Department is as follows:

City of Boston vs. Israel Sandrovitch.

City of Boston vs. Philip Silberstein, for violation of building laws.

George Morgan Browne, trustee, vs. City of Boston, regarding the construction of a sewer.

Thomas E. Mason vs. City of Boston, for injuries in the street.

In the following named cases the City of Boston was trustee:

Herman G. Shaneck vs. Charles Lyons.

Mary L. Casco vs. Leonard Knight.

Boston Veterinary Hospital vs. William F. Hedrington.

T. M. BABSON, City Solicitor.

Award of Contract.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, January 26, 1898.

Proposals for furnishing and delivering in the sheds at the Ferry wharves of the City of Boston 2000 tons of George's Creek Cumberland coal, or its equivalent, 2,240 lbs. per ton, were opened at the office of the Street Department this day at 12 o'clock M. as follows:

E. B. Townsend, Agent	\$3 09
B. Doherty	2 77
John Morrison	3 06
Sturtevant, Morton & Co., George's Creek Cumberland, Barton Mines	2 97
Loyal Hanna	2 76
Loyal Hanna Coal & Coke Company	2 65

The contract was awarded to Loyal Hanna Coal & Coke Company.

BENJ. W. WELLS.
Superintendent of Streets.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Building Commissioner.

January 22, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending January 22, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		Brick Buildings.	Wooden Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	
2...	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	
3...	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	3	
5...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	
6...	3	3	-	-	3	-	2	2	7	31	
7...	-	5	-	2	-	-	4	-	5	43	
8...	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	5	14	
9...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	16	
10...	-	3	1	-	-	-	3	2	4	20	
11...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	5	21	
12...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	20	
13...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	
14...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	5	
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	8	
16...	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	6	
17...	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	7	
18...	1	2	-	-	1	-	1	1	4	8	
19...	3	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	8	
20...	9	-	-	-	-	10	5	13	7	22	
21...	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	6	8	
22...	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	6	
23...	5	1	-	1	1	6	1	4	10	5	
24...	3	-	1	-	-	5	-	1	6	11	
25...	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	3	12	
Totals	27	22	8	5	8	32	32	36	81	302	

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	654	43	697	320	338	39	313	111	95	696	1
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	165	1	166	53	104	9	32	21	78	165	1
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	734	134	868	340	466	62	274	227	227	357	11
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	47	4	51	17	21	13	16	5	22	51	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	10	2	12	7	5	—	3	2	—	12	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	50	29	79	47	22	10	45	1	7	79	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	86	100	186	55	130	1	80	21	15	186	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	8,006	802	8,808	481	8,205	122	4,449	3,478	686	8,255	553
Total	9,752	1,115	10,867	1,320	9,291	256	5,212	3,866	1,130	10,301	566

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10		10 and under 15		15 and under 20		20 and under 25		25 and under 30		30 and under 35		35 and under 40		40 and under 45		45 and under 50		50 and under 55		55 and under 60		Over 60	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1	2	—	15	—	63	1	163	8	156	11	98	5	72	7	34	5	30	2	13	2	5	—	3	—
No. 2	1	—	36	—	36	—	36	1	21	—	15	—	11	—	3	—	4	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
No. 3	3	—	87	1	101	7	171	32	136	27	79	14	77	21	35	13	18	10	19	5	5	1	3	3
No. 4	—	—	10	—	12	—	6	1	7	1	5	1	3	—	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	1	—
No. 6	—	—	3	—	1	—	12	2	4	6	7	5	6	9	5	2	1	4	2	3	—	3	2	2
No. 7	—	—	1	1	4	4	20	37	18	26	18	13	11	14	8	2	3	1	2	2	1	—	—	—
No. 8	29	15	109	9	363	28	1,165	110	1,504	135	1,262	105	1,179	146	797	97	613	58	452	49	268	19	265	31
Total	35	15	261	11	580	40	1,574	191	1,848	206	1,488	143	1,359	197	885	119	672	75	491	60	284	22	275	36

NOTE. — "M," male, includes boys; "F," female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	77	Lodgers at station :	
Witnesses detained	68	Males	63
Missing persons reported	62	Females	5
Missing persons found	25	Americans	38
Lost children restored	244	Foreigners	30
Sick and injured persons assisted	806	Non-residents	62

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	5,655	38	<i>Brought forward</i>	10,780	67
British Provinces	947	3	Denmark	13	—
Ireland	2,734	16	Holland	3	—
England	355	—	Wales	15	—
France	32	—	East Indies	9	—
Germany	88	3	West Indies	11	—
Italy	258	—	Turkey	14	—
Russia	167	1	South America	4	—
China	54	—	Switzerland	7	—
Greece	60	—	Belgium	1	—
Sweden	145	3	Africa	2	—
Scotland	145	1	Hungary	—	1
Spain	—	—	Asia	—	—
Norway	50	1	Arabia	1	—
Poland	31	—	Mexico	—	—
Austria	19	1	Roumania	1	—
Portugal	11	—	Armenia	5	—
Finland	20	—	Alaska	1	—
Carried forward	10,780	67	Total	10,867	68

PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS.

The following communication and schedule relating to the classification of accounts has been sent to the heads of the several departments having charge of public institutions, and to the Superintendent of the City Hospital:

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS.

71 City Hall, January 25, 1898.

DEAR SIR: The enclosed schedule of classification of expenditures is finally submitted for use in grouping the Institution Departments' accounts, beginning with the next fiscal year, February 1, 1898. It differs from that originally presented in the following points:

1. No. 7, "Medical and surgical supplies," is changed to medical supplies (including surgical); and sub-headings (a) liquors, and (b) other supplies, are added.

2. No. 10 is changed to agricultural—(farm, garden, live stock, stable and grounds.)

3. No. 11 is changed to industries—(machinery, tools, and supplies used in industrial department.)

4. Under No. 12, a new sub-classification is introduced, viz. (d), library supplies.

5. No. 17 is changed from "soap" to laundry supplies: (a) soap; (b) other supplies.

It will be observed that, under certain items, parentheses have been introduced simply for purposes of explanation. It is proposed to provide a detailed list of articles as an index of classification, if the departments desire. It is hoped that in each of the institutions departments the accounts will be so kept that a further sub-classification can be made as occasion may require.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) LAURENCE MINOT, Chairman.

Proposed Classification of Accounts in the Public Institutions of the City of Boston complied by the Department of Municipal Statistics, January, 1898.

1. Salaries and wages.
2. Food.
3. Clothing, including material and findings.
4. Bedding.
5. Fuel.
6. Light.
7. Medical supplies (including surgical): (a) liquors; (b) other supplies.
8. Furniture and upholstery.
9. Household supplies.
10. Agricultural—(farm, garden, live-stock, stable and grounds.)
11. Industries—(machinery, tools, and supplies used in industrial department.)
12. Instruction and amusement: (a) Religious services; (b) school supplies; (c) entertainment of inmates; (d) library supplies.
13. Telephone and telegraph.
14. Ice.
15. Water.
16. Tobacco and snuff.
17. Laundry supplies: (a) soap; (b) other supplies.
18. Office supplies: (a) postage; (b) office books and stationery; (c) printing; (d) advertising.

19. Repairs and improvements.

20. Insurance.

21. Miscellaneous: (a) freight; (b) transportation; (c) burial expenses; (d) entertainment of City Government; (e) others as they may arise.

Department Communications.

CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT.

Boston, January 24, 1898.

The following shows the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, January 15 to Saturday, January 22, inclusive:

Number of chattel mortgages	140
Number of discharges of mortgages	24
Number of bills of sale	11
Number of assignments of mortgage	8
Number of assignments of wages	32
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors on file	11
Number of married women's certificates filed	12

Notices of suits against the city have been filed as follows:

January 11—James S. Murdock, 26 Allston street, Ward 4, personal injuries received from a fall at 18 Allston street, January 4, 1898.

January 12—By William H. Cobb, in an action of contract, damages set at \$200.

January 12—Samuel M. Farr, for \$5,000; Louisa Rowan, for \$3,000, and Olga Seastrand, for \$4,000—all being actions of tort.

January 12—Michael Clark, personal injuries received from a fall, at 37 Bowdoin street, January 3, 1898.

January 14—Nathan Bromberger, injuries to horse, caused by alleged depression in pavement on Atlantic avenue, near Clinton street, January 7, 1898. Gladys Walleston, personal injuries received from a fall, at 150 Ballou avenue, Dorchester, December 17, 1897. Helen E. Walleston, damage to clothing caused by defective condition of sidewalk, at 150 Ballou avenue, Dorchester, December 17, 1897. Geo. M. Whitcomb, damage to wagon, harness and stock, caused by defect in Causeway street, December 28, 1897. (Duplicate notice; one was filed January 10.)

January 18—By Frank Miller, for \$1,000, in an action of tort; by Benjamin F. Quimby, for \$1,500, and by N. Kalbskopf, for \$110, in actions of contract. Margaret McMullen petitioned the city to assess damages for land taken by the Board of Street Commissioners.

Accident notices were filed as follows:

January 17—By Hubert McForkle, injuries to horse and damage to team caused by defect in Rockland street, on December 17, 1897; by Louis A. Guerard, personal injuries received from a fall on Friend street, December 22, 1897.

January 18—By Rose Ann Maguire, personal injuries received at 16 City square, Charlestown, January 4, 1898.

January 19—By Marcus Leavitt, personal injuries received from a fall on Blackstone street, December 24, 1897.

January 22—By Marcus Leavitt (duplicate). J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Architectural Division, City Hall,

Boston, January 25, 1898.

Mr. F. W. Howard has been made foreman of this division, said appointment to date from January 14, 1898.

The following proposals asked for were received and opened on January 25, 1898:

Boiler, smoke pipe, etc., for repair shop, Wareham street.

E. Hodge & Co., if delivered in three weeks.	\$998
E. Hodge & Co., if delivered in five weeks.	898
Atlantic Works, if delivered in two weeks.	1,152
Atlantic Works, if delivered in five weeks.	1,110

The contract was awarded to E. Hodge & Co, for \$998.

Boiler foundation, etc., repair shop, Wareham street.

Manhattan Concrete Company	\$295
Kerrens Driscoll	297

The contract was awarded to the Manhattan Concrete Company for \$295.

F. W. CHANDLER,

Consulting Architect.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER.

Bristol Street, January 22, 1898.

The official action taken by the Fire Commissioner for the week ending January 22, may be summarized as follows:

January 17—Daniel P. McGunigle assigned as permanent substitute.

January 19—Order drawn on Eureka Fire Hose Company for 1000 feet of chemical engine hose at twenty cents per foot.

January 20—Order drawn on the Combination Ladder Company for two (2) Baker cellar pipes at \$65 each.

January 21—Special draft drawn for \$214.17 in favor of Perkins & Betton, for one-fifth of commission as architects for the construction of engine house at Grove Hall.

B. F. UNDERHILL, jr., Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, January 20, 1898.

PERMITS FOR STABLES.

The application of Lizzie M. Farrow for the occupancy of a stable for three horses, on Folsom street, was refused.

The following applications for stables have been received:

W. E. Turner, for three horses, Dent street, 175 feet southwest, and right from Ivory street, Ward 23; hearing set for February 3, 1898.

Thomas McCormick, for three horses, 89 Walnut avenue, Ward 21; hearing called for February 3, 1898.

Joseph Goodnow & Co., for four horses, Charles-river Bridge; hearing called for January 27, 1898.

HOUSES UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

January 21, 1898.

By virtue of Chapter 219 of the Acts of 1897 the Board of Health is empowered to remove dwellings when, in its opinion, they are so unfit for human habitation that the evils cannot be remedied by repairs or in any other way except by destruction. Under

this authority the following action was taken January 21:

Voted: "That in the opinion of this Board, the buildings situated at 73, 89, 91 and 93 North Margin street and 5 North street court, in this city, are, because of age, defects in ventilation, plumbing and drainage, likely to cause sickness among the occupants thereof, and are so unfit for habitation that the evils in, or caused by said buildings, cannot be remedied by repairs or in any other way except by the destruction thereof, and this Board therefore orders said buildings to be vacated by all persons and to be removed."

C. E. DAVIS, jr., Secretary.

INSTITUTIONS REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Statistics for the week ending January 22, 1898:

Cases pending last report	3	
Number of applications for admission to institutions	123	126
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouses	62	
Long Island	13	
Charlestown Almshouse	3	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	2	
Marcella-Street Home	3	
Boston Insane Hospital	2	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	7	
Dipsomaniac Hospital, Danvers Lunatic Hospital	1	
	—	95
Applications refused	24	
Applications withdrawn	1	
Cases pending	6	126
Legal settlements investigated		121

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Statistics for the week ending January 22, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	149	6
Females	28	0
Total	177	6
Offences:		
Against the person	7	1
Against property	6	4
Against public order and decency	166	2
Total	*179	*7
Discharges:		
Males	115	12
Females	22	0
Total	137	12
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	86	12
Permit of Commissioner,	28	0
Payment of fine	23	0
	137	12

Population:

January 17, 1898	1,649	536
Committed since January 17	177	6
	1,826	542
Discharged since January 17	137	12
Present number of inmates	1,689	530

* Two charged with two offences each.
† One charged with two offences.

CHANGES IN STAFF OF EMPLOYEES.

Frank A. Corcoran has resigned from the position of Night Officer at the House of Correction, South Boston.

Fred J. Reid has been appointed to the position of Night Officer at the House of Correction, South Boston, to fill the vacancy caused by resignation of Frank A. Corcoran.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

WIRE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF WIRES.

Old Court House,

December 29, 1897.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to your Circular No. 29, addressed to the heads of departments, I respectfully submit the following suggestions in connection with the work and wants of my department.

The work for which this department was primarily created by an act of the Legislature viz., to remove all electric wires (with the exception of the trolley, guard and span wires of the electric street-railroads and the wires of long-distance telephone companies) from the streets and place them underground, will be completed with the close of the year 1899, the time prescribed by the Act of 1894, unless the Legislature shall extend the limits of the underground district. The only work then left for this department will be to supervise such extensions and additions to mains and feeders as the natural increase of the electrical business may require, and the innumerable service connections that will be made necessary by the greatly increased use of electricity which must follow the improvements that are bound to come in the transmission of electrical energy.

Should it be deemed best to extend the limits of the underground district, I think it would not be well to confine the underground system in future within any prescribed lines. Charlestown, South Boston, Roxbury and Dorchester each has a large number of poles and overhead wires. It would be much better to leave the application of an underground act to the judgment of the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, or the Com-

missioner of Wires, than to extend the limits as many suggest.

During the current year a thorough inspection of the poles, wires and fixtures in all sections of the city has been inaugurated, which will result in a much-needed improvement in the condition of the same.

It may be necessary in the strict performance of my duties to make many changes in existing lines in the near future for the better protection of the public.

The present method of granting locations for poles and wires throughout the city is in no sense satisfactory or safe. Such locations cannot be properly considered or granted by viewing them as indicated on a map; the ground should be gone over carefully by someone thoroughly conversant with the difficulties to be overcome in the erection of poles and the stringing of different systems of wires. Many of the existing lines are positively dangerous; and contribute directly or indirectly, every year to the death of one or more persons and the destruction of property. I therefore suggest that all applications for the erection of poles and wires be referred to this Department before being acted on by the Board of Aldermen.

Since the organization of this Department a certain number of its employees have responded to all second alarms of fire in order to remove wires that are an obstruction, and to render harmless such as are dangerous to firemen in the performance of their duties. These men, instead of being notified directly by the tapper-circuit, on which first alarms are sent out, are notified indirectly by means of the tower-bell circuits; they must wait until the tappers have done working and the bells tolled out the box number; consequently they do not reach the fire as promptly as they should, to be of real service to the Fire Department at critical times. In spite of all I may do or say, nothing is done to connect these men directly with the tapper-circuits. The excuse given, that it would introduce an extra amount of resistance into the circuit and require an additional amount of energy, seems worse than frivolous when so much energy is now actually thrown away.

When a fire occurs, which the fire department thinks was caused in any way by electricity, this department is notified in the daytime at the office, and at night through the chief inspector of the overhead and interior divisions. These men cannot communicate with one another quickly, as the officer of the Fire Department gives his message to the operator at fire-alarm headquarters; he in turn repeats it to one of the two men mentioned; and the same operation has to be gone through when these men wish to communicate with each other. For sixteen hours out of every twenty-four the public and myself are

practically cut off from this department. I would earnestly recommend that a sufficient number of telephones be provided so that the public and myself can quickly communicate with certain employees of this Department, who are capable of rendering invaluable service in emergencies.

The retention of electric wires on roofs and walls of buildings has necessitated the introduction of some very objectionable devices and methods which should not be tolerated. One of the worst of them is the "stand-pipe," through which cables, carrying electric currents of various kinds from the underground service, pass to roofs and other portions of buildings. Under the law, I have very little control over them; did I have the power I would not permit their use except in extreme cases where they could do no harm. I have tried to convince the electric companies of the dangers of this practice, and, as a result, one of the largest companies is now co-operating with me by abandoning to a great extent this method of reaching its customers.

The supervision of overhead-wires and those within the walls of buildings was made compulsory on the part of all cities in the Commonwealth by the Act of 1890, and an inspection department was organized for that purpose in 1891, and maintained until this department was organized in 1894, when the powers and duties of the Inspector of Wires were devolved upon the Commissioner of Wires.

At least ninety per cent of the wires used for electrical purposes are placed in hollow partitions, in the space between floors and ceilings, or in iron conduits, where they cannot be examined for the purpose of determining their condition, after they have once been put in place and covered up.

The material that is depended on to secure insulation is fragile and perishable, and its failure is only a question of time. Again, the active competition in the electrical business has tempted the manufacturers of insulated wire to lower the grade, making it still more dangerous to life and property.

It is therefore necessary that the men selected for the supervision of interior wires and fixtures should possess more than ordinary intelligence, and have special training in order to perform successfully the duties required of them. The number of men in this division is inadequate to properly supervise the electrical wires and appliances that are now being installed, and I would earnestly recommend the addition of three or four competent men as soon as possible.

The presence of gas in the electrical conduits and manholes is becoming a very serious matter, explosions of illuminating gas in the same being alarmingly frequent. Under existing conditions a ready means

of igniting gas, without human agency, is ever present in the electrical subways. Only yesterday a heavy manhole cover was thrown into the air some thirty or forty feet, and in its descent broke the cross-arm on a telegraph pole near by. Fortunately this did not occur in a crowded thoroughfare, or in the busy part of the day. As such events are liable to happen at any time and in just such places, with results too painful to contemplate, some steps must soon be taken to prevent the escape of gas into such receptacles.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS W. FLOOD,
Commissioner of Wires.

WIRE DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, January 24, 1898.

The following statement shows the nature of the business of this Department classified by its four divisions, including a tabulation of the work performed by each for the three weeks ending January 24, 1898.

The work of the Department is divided among four divisions, viz., Overhead, Dead Wire, Interior and Underground. Daily at 12 M., week-days, a session of this Department is held by the chief inspectors of each division at the office of the Commissioner, when the business of the day is discussed.

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

The duties of these divisions consist of an examination of all overhead and outside construction in the interior of the city, such as the running of new lines of wires, new lines of poles, erection of fixtures on roofs, and also the inspection and supervision of the installing of all telephone and low tension instruments, to ascertain if proper fuses are placed at the point where wires enter buildings; also the removal of all dead and abandoned wires and fixtures.

Notices of new work received	243
New inspections made	1,328
Number of defects reported	322
Number of defects examined and corrected	245
Number of fuse inspections made	58
Number of defects found in fusing	4
Fixtures removed	37
Electric fuses	3
Dead wire removed (feet)	47,950
Wire retained (feet)	850

INTERIOR WIRE DIVISION.

The duty of this division is to make examination of all electrical installations in buildings:

Notices of new work received	30
Inspections made	250
Buildings, interior wiring of which was inspected	192

In addition to the above, the wiring in twenty buildings was tested, and where the

same was found to be in a dangerous condition, the owners of the buildings and the companies supplying current were notified; also, the temporary wiring of various theatres was inspected.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

The duty of this division is the inspection of all street openings for the laying of underground conduits, for the purpose of carrying underground cables and wires; and the supervision and inspection of all cables, installations of underground transformers, and all service connections.

Conduit construction	11
Conduit repairs	12
Building connections	13
Lamp connections	7
Pole connections	3
Post connections	2
Cable drawings	96
Underground transformers (installing of same in manholes)	5

In connection with the work of this division, the underground cables of the Boston Elevated Railroad Company were placed in operation in the 1897 district during the week ending January 8, and the overhead wires on Leverett, Charles, Cambridge, Green, Causeway, Brighton and Lowell streets will soon be removed.

THOMAS W. FLOOD,
Commissioner of Wires.

Board Meetings.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

City Hospital, December 15, 1897.

At a meeting of the Trustees held December 15, 1897, the following appointments were made for positions of House Officers:

G. E. Emery, first medical; A. T. Huntington, second medical; M. J. Cronin, third medical; A. B. Brown, first surgical; A. S. Hartwell, second surgical; E. G. Burke, third surgical; E. H. Mackay, gynecological; L. F. Potter, ophthalmic and aural.

Also the following promotions were made:

Externes—Messrs. Barnes, Burke, Stetson, Stevens, Buffum, Pettie, promoted to junior house officers; Mr. Kelleher, promoted to senior house officer.

Juniors—Messrs. Adams, Cotlin, Hurd, Stubbs, Larrabee, Burrows, Guiler, Walker, promoted to senior house officers.

The following appointments have been made for positions of clinical clerks and surgical dressers:

George F. McIntire, first surgical dresser; M. J. Morrissey, second surgical dresser; Stanton S. Eddy, third surgical dresser; Emerson Boynton, first medical clinical clerk; Howard A. Hanaford, second medical clinical clerk; Clarence H. Burr, third medical clinical clerk; Earl P. Cushman, clinical clerk, South Department; Walter E. Boetzkes, clinical clerk, South Department.

Mr. E. S. Tenney promoted to senior house officer, South Department; Mr. J. H. Blodgett, appointed junior house officer, South Department.

Dr. David N. Blakeley has been appointed assistant resident physician at the South Department, his service to begin February 1, 1898.

Proposals were received for coal for the months of January and February as follows:

	Per Ton.
Winslow & Co.	\$5 65
Thomas & Pike	5 61
Marston & Converse	5 69
J. A. Bradford & Co.	5 57
H. G. Jordan & Co.	5 51

The Trustees awarded the contract to H. G. Jordan & Co., at \$5.51 per ton of 2,240 pounds.

Number of patients in Hospital proper,	502
" " South Department,	181
" " Convalescent Home,	20
Total	703
Total number of employes	408
Total number of resident physicians and house officers	44

January 12, 1898.

A meeting of the Trustees of the City Hospital was held at the hospital on January 12, 1898, at 5 o'clock P. M.

Messrs. Sprague, Burnham, Keany, Ruetter, and (later) Mr. Shuman, were present.

In the absence of the president, Mr. Shuman, Mr. Sprague was elected Chairman of the meeting until the arrival of Mr. Shuman, who later assumed the chair.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and it was voted that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$23,365.79.

It was voted to allow and pay G. H. M. Rowe, Superintendent, the sum of \$1,000 on account of cash bills and petty current expenditures, and to authorize the President to sign a special draft in favor of said payment, amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted to allow and pay Gerry & Northup the sum of \$337.50 on account of contract of September 22, 1897, for alterations and additions in Wards S. and H. operating rooms, and that the President sign a request to the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted to allow and pay the Murdock Parlor Grate Company, the sum of \$262.50, on account of contract of November 1, 1897, for tile and marble work in Wards S. and H. operating rooms, and that the President sign a request to the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, the

amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted to allow and pay C. H. Cronin the sum of \$45.98, on account of contract of November 28, 1897, for plumbing in Wards S. and H. operating rooms, and that the President sign a request to the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, the amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted to allow and pay John H. Procter & Co., the sum of \$9,000, on account of contract of September 7, 1897, for erection of coal-pocket on wharf, Boston City Hospital, and that the President sign a request to the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, the amount to be charged to the appropriation for coal-pocket, Hospital Department.

It was voted to allow and pay Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$5,250, on account of contract of August 14, 1897, for the erection of a new Laundry Building, Boston City Hospital, and that the President sign a request to the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, the amount to be charged to the appropriation for New Buildings, Laundry Building.

It was voted to allow and pay Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$131.25, the same being $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. commission on \$5,250, being amount of second payment on account of contract with the City of Boston for erection of Laundry Building on the City Hospital grounds, and that the President sign a request to the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, the amount to be charged to the appropriation for new Laundry Building, Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

First, respecting receipts from paying patients and sale of old material; ordered to be placed on file.

Second, concerning changes in service and Training School; ordered to be placed on file.

Third, enclosing a statement of appropriations and expenditures for all purposes, dated January 1, 1898; ordered to be placed on file, with the request that copies thereof be sent to each Trustee.

Fourth, concerning additions to contracts of Western Electric Company and S. Brennan. Voted to add to the contract of S. Brennan, of August 3, 1894, the amount of \$38.50 for widening space in front of seats in operating theatre. It was voted to add to the contract of the Western Electric Company, for changing conduits for electric wires as demanded by the Commissioner of Wires, the sum of \$156.

Fifth, asking authority for additional work to be done by Mr. Howard, Heating Engineer, involving an expense of \$415, for mains, heaters, etc. Voted that the expenditure of said sum be authorized.

A communication was received from Dr. Herbert L. Burrell, Secretary of the Visiting Staff, embodying a plan for the rearrange-

ment of the Department for Diseases of Women. Voted to refer the communication to the Committee on Rules, with the approval of the Medical Committee, with full power to approve of same in its final form.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Visiting Staff, asking for the temporary appointment of Dr. Charles S. Wright as Assistant to the Ophthalmic Surgeons; referred to the Medical Committee, with full power to install a temporary Assistant to the Ophthalmic Surgeons thereunder.

On recommendation of the Medical Committee it was voted that under the exigency clause of Rule 42, Dr. Howard A. Lothrop be appointed Fourth Assistant Visiting Surgeon for the period of six months from date.

The Medical Committee, to whom on May 14, 1897, was referred the communication of the Visiting Staff in regard to Rule 63, recommended the following changes, and it was voted that Rule 63 be modified to read:

"Graduates of not more than three years' standing and under-graduates of a medical school of at least three and a half years' study shall be eligible for appointment as house-officers. Candidates for the position of surgical house officer shall be graduates of not more than three years' standing and under-graduates of a medical school of at least three years' study."

The President presented a draft of a letter to His Honor the Mayor, requesting a further appropriation of \$61,300 and the communication was approved.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

Boston, January 14, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln and Prince, and the Librarian.

The President, the Hon. F. O. Prince, in the chair.

Received from the Mayor: Circular No. 30 (as revised), Circular No. 31 and Circular No. 32. From the Art Commission: A notice that the bust of Franklin, said to be by Richard Greenough, the gift of Mr. Frank Wood, and the marble replica of the bust of Hiram Powers' statue of the Greek slave, offered by Mrs. William C. Otis, were approved by the commission. From the City Solicitor: A communication with reference to the old Library building. The librarian's weekly report.

Accepted for the Library: The above described busts, certain books reported by the librarian, a manuscript and cancelled check in the autograph of Charles Darwin, presented by Prof. George H. Darwin.

Bills Allowed: Chargeable to general appropriation for 1897, and payable by special

draft, miscellaneous bills amounting to \$2,500.20; chargeable to the general appropriation for 1898, draft of February 1, miscellaneous bills, amounting to \$3,925.95; chargeable to the Branch Library, Broadway Extension Improvement appropriation; miscellaneous bills, amounting to \$42.60; chargeable to trust funds, book bills amounting to \$164.47.

Purchases Authorized: Books chargeable to city appropriation, \$346.98; chargeable to trust funds, \$107.96; chargeable to Fellowes Athenæum, \$11.94; miscellaneous, \$461.29.

Certain applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of. HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS.

A special meeting of the Department of Municipal Statistics was held on Wednesday, January 5, 1898, at 3.40 P.M., Messrs. Minot Dewey, Jackson and Weld being present.

Mr. Minot explained the nature of the Mayor's proposal with regard to the assumption by the Department of the duty of editing THE CITY RECORD. Mr. Minot stated that in case the work were undertaken an increase of staff would be necessary, as it was not desirable that the time of the present force, who were engaged in special investigations, should be engrossed with the work called for in editing such a paper. The qualifications requisite in an editorial clerk were discussed.

His Honor Mayor Quincy came in during the meeting, and explained in detail his views with regard to the matters desired to be contained in THE CITY RECORD, and submitted certain recommendations contained in his inaugural address for criticism and suggestion. Each of the several recommendations was discussed by itself. The order of the recommendations as a whole was changed and certain slight amendments were made to them.

The twentieth meeting of the Department of Municipal Statistics was held January 17, 1898, at 3.40 P.M., Messrs. Dewey, Jackson, Minot, Pearmain and Weld being present.

The qualifications and characteristics of four candidates for the position of editorial clerk were canvassed and discussed.

Voted that the Chairman be authorized to appoint Mr. Allan Brooks if, upon further examination by the Chairman and Secretary, he be found competent.

Voted to authorize the Chairman to engage a boy as messenger.

The Chairman stated that, if no objection were made, he would write to His Honor the Mayor, asking for an increase of \$1,500, in the appropriation for this department, on account of the assumption by the Department of the duty of editing and publishing THE CITY RECORD.

The twenty-first meeting of the Department of Municipal Statistics was held January 24, 1898, at 3.55 P.M., Messrs. Jackson, Minot and Weld being present.

The Chairman presented from Dr. Dewey, a system of classification of institutions' accounts, drawn up by the latter, and stated that the proposed classification had been considered by the heads of the different departments interested, and was approved by the Auditor.

Voted that the several institutions be requested to render their accounts in accordance with the scheme of classification presented by Dr. Dewey.

Voted that the action of the Chairman in appointing Mr. Allan Brooks as editorial clerk, be confirmed.

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

January 25, 1898.

Abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, January 17, 1898:

The Superintendent reported a proposal from Holbrook, Cabot & Daly for filling delivered at Billings Field Playground at prices ranging from twenty-two to thirty cents, according to the amount delivered; and a communication was sent to the Mayor suggesting that a further appropriation be made in order that the Department may avail itself of this opportunity to obtain the filling at favorable rates.

The Chairman submitted a letter from Mr. A. E. Pillsbury regarding the annoyance caused by the passing of the trolley cars over the iron bridge at the Beacon street outlet of the Fens, and suggesting that a stone bridge would remedy the difficulty and greatly enhance the attractiveness of the park. The letter was referred to the Chairman to bring the matter to the attention of the Mayor, as the proper one to give the relief sought.

A communication was sent to the Mayor referring to the fact that the Board had established a water system independent of the city supply, and requesting that application be made to the Metropolitan Water Board to furnish this Department with water at the same rates that the city will pay for water for ordinary consumption.

Voted, That the Boston Cricket Club be permitted, under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks, to use a portion of the playground at Wood Island Park for the purpose of playing cricket during the season of 1898.

The Superintendent submitted a request from the Board of Governors of the East Boston Gymnasium, transmitting a request from the East Boston Athletic Association for the appointment of certain days for track and other exercises, and it was voted that the request be granted under the supervision of the Superintendent.

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Horace Jordan

for land taken for Franklin Field for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars without costs or interest, upon his giving a deed or release of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising from, or in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

GEO. F. CLARKE, Secretary.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

28 Court Square, Room 3,

January 21, 1898.

At regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, held Monday, January 17, the full Board being present, the following appointments at Long Island were made and confirmed:

(a.) Dr. E. M. Plummer of Charlestown, as aurist upon the Long Island Visiting Staff, in place of Dr. E. A. Crockett, resigned.

(b.) Two pupil nurses, each at a salary of \$10 per month.

(c.) An assistant laundress, at a salary of \$16 per month.

(d.) A cook, at a salary of \$25 per month, (to fill vacancy caused by resignation.)

(e.) The salary of the baker was increased by the addition of \$5 per month.

The following votes were passed:

Voted: That it is not advisable to continue at Deer Island the services of nurses belonging to the Long Island Hospital, and that on and after February 1, such services be discontinued, and that a notice to this effect be sent to the Penal Institutions Commissioner.

Voted: That hereafter a careful physical examination shall be made of all persons admitted to the Long Island Institutions, and that written records of such examinations be kept.

Voted: That once a month there shall be a roll-call of all the inmates at Long Island.

Voted: That the salary of the baker at Long Island be increased from \$45 to \$50 per month.

Voted: That a notice be inserted in the Boston Transcript, soliciting from the public contributions of books for the use of the inmates at Long Island.

The following standing committees were appointed:

On Rules and Service—Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Rutan, Miss Morse, the Secretary, *ex officio*.

On Finance and Supplies—Mr. Rutan, Mr. Hunnewell, Mrs. Lincoln, the Chairman, *ex officio*.

On Medical Department and Dietary—Dr. Grainger, Mrs. Fallon, Miss Morse, Mrs. Lincoln.

On Buildings and Grounds—Mr. Rutan,

Mr. Hunnewell, Mr. Sedgwick, Mrs. Fallon.
On Autopsies and Care of the Dead — Dr. Grainger, Mrs. Lincoln.
On Special Cases — Miss Morse.
The census on January 15, 1898 was:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Hospital:			
Adults	85	156	241
Children	2	5	7
Institution:			
Adults	409	—	409
Dormitory:			
Adults	—	196	196
Children	4	5	9
Totals	500	362	862

Total on January 15, 1897, was 830
Increase 32
Number of men working 274
Number of women working 104

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, January 24, 1898.

At a meeting of the Board of Street Commissioners, January 17, 1898, a petition was received from S. and D. W. Farquhar that a sewer may be laid in Mt. Washington avenue, between Fort Point Channel and Granite street. Two orders were received from the Common Council, one requesting the Board to furnish an estimate of the cost of the proposed widening of Boston street, from Mt. Vernon street to Everett square, Ward 16; and the other requesting an estimate of the cost of laying-out, grading, and constructing the roadway of the Old Colony Railroad, from West Seventh street to Mt. Vernon street, and the grading, construction, and extension of all intersecting streets in conformity with the aforesaid highway, substantially as shown on a plan prepared by the City Engineer, dated June 28, 1897.

On January 18, 1898, the Board voted to suspend the collection of a sewer assessment on the estate of Maria Quirollo, on Saratoga street, at East Boston, until such time as connection is made with the sewer for which the assessment is levied; and to abate in full the sewer assessment of \$22.05 on the estate of Edward Harrington, on Bunker Hill street, at Charlestown. Leave to withdraw was given on the petition of the heirs of Andrew J. Peters, for abatement of a sewer assessment on their estate on Hyde Park avenue; and on the petition of Charles A. Wellington, for abatement of sewer assessment on his estate on Fowler street, at Dorchester.

A public hearing was given Wednesday, January 19, 1898, in accordance with the order of notice of this Board of January 5, 1898, in the matter of laying out of Arundel street, at West Roxbury, from Walter street

to Selwyn street, as a highway, with the name of Arizona street, and constructing the same. A number of the abutters were present at the hearing, and objected to having the street laid out under the act mentioned in the order of the notice, as that act required the assessment of the cost of the street on the abutting owners.

A petition was received from Ellen L. Miller and others, requesting a hearing in the matter of widening School street, at Dorchester; and a communication from Winifred J. Rogers, concerning the line of Snowhill street.

On January 20, 1898, public hearings were given on orders of notice issued by the Board January 5, 1898, in the following matters: The construction of a sewer in Middleton avenue, at Dorchester, from Norfolk street, and in private lands to, and in, Willowood street, and the taking of lands for said purpose; the right to lay and maintain a sewer in land belonging to the New England Railroad Company, at Dorchester, between Faxon street and land of Charles H. Greenwood, and the taking of land for that purpose; the locating of a new channel for Tenean Creek, or Smelt Brook, at Dorchester, from Ashmont street to Lonsdale street, and the taking of land for that purpose; and the locating of a new channel for Tenean Creek, or Smelt Brook, at Dorchester, between King street and Dorchester avenue.

A petition was received from Fred Davies, that a sewer may be laid in Hardwick street, at Brighton, between Bigelow street and Dunboy street.

On January 21, 1898, the Board received a petition from Edward M. Skinner and others, that Green street, at West Roxbury, may be widened to 50 feet, and extended eastwardly over Glen road to Franklin park, and westwardly over Myrtle street to Jamaica Plain.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to construct a sewer in private land, at Roxbury, from Columbus avenue to Notre Dame street, and in Notre Dame street, and to take land for said purpose.

The Board gave a hearing Saturday, January 22, 1898, in the matter of the petition of E. L. Miller and others, concerning their "remonstrance against the erection of a building now in the course of construction, situated at the corner of School and Washington streets, Dorchester." The Board was asked to take action to prevent the erection of this building, as it would block up the entrance of School street into Washington street. School street has been located at a width of

50 feet, on a filed plan of the Board of Survey, and the Board could only prevent the erection of the building by ordering the street laid out at that width. Under the Board of Survey act, the cost of a street is assessed upon the owners, and when the petitioners were informed of this fact, they were divided as to whether they were willing or not to have the street laid out.

Authority was given to open the private way at Dorchester, designated as Wave avenue, leading, for a distance of about 145 feet, northwestwardly, from Savin Hill avenue. The plan was sent to the Mayor for his approval.

Orders were received from the Common Council, requesting an estimate of the cost of widening Pine street, at Charlestown, to a width of 30 feet; and an estimate of the cost of extending Conant place to Smith street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Boston, January 26, 1898.

On January 25, 1898, public hearings were given by the Board in the matter of laying out Whitten street as a highway, at Dorchester, from King street to Centre street; and the location of a new channel for the Oakland Garden Fork of the Canterbury Branch of Stony brook.

An order was received from the Common Council requesting the Board to furnish an estimate of the cost of extending Dighton place through to Chestnut Hill avenue, at Brighton.

Authority was given to lay out the private ways, at West Roxbury, designated as Argyle street, leading, northeastwardly, in continuation of another private way known as Argyle street, opening from Cornwall street to Baker court; and Marmion street, leading northeastwardly, in continuation of another private way known as Marmion street, opening from Cornwall street, for a distance of about four hundred and thirty-seven feet. Plans of these ways were sent to the Mayor for his approval.

The Board also passed an order laying out Astor street, from Parker street, to Massachusetts avenue, which was sent to the Mayor for his approval.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

POLES REMOVED AND SET.

The total number of poles set by the Boston Electric Light Company; New England Telephone & Telegraph Company; and the Brookline Gas Light Company during the three weeks ending January 24, amounted to 172, and the number of poles removed was 25.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending January 22, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.1
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	20.1
Number of deaths:	
Males	97
Females	98
Total	195
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	200
Decrease	5

Of 195 decedents, 189 were white, and 6 colored; 125 born in the United States, 70 in foreign countries; 36 of American parentage, 145 of foreign parentage; parentage unknown, 14.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	46	3
Scarlatina	21	1
Typhoid fever	6	0
Measles	18	0
Total	91	4

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	32
Whooping cough	0
Heart disease	18
Bronchitis	10
Marasmus	9
Violent causes	9
Total from principal causes	105
Total from infectious diseases	4
Other causes	86
Total from all causes	195
Deaths of children under 1 year	34
Deaths of children under 5 years	52
Deaths of persons over 60 years	30
Deaths in public institutions	33

During the three months ending December 31, 1897, the police of Boston arrested 621 persons for assault, of whom 581 were men and 40 were women, and 17 men were arrested for assaulting the police. For robbery and assault to rob, 24 men were arrested and held for trial, while 4 men were held for trial on the charge of assault with intent to murder. On the charge of murder 7 persons were arrested—6 men and 1 woman. The arrests for drunkenness numbered 7,125, or 6,430 men and 695 women.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

32 Tremont Street, January 24, 1898.

Sealed Proposals to supply the Penal Institutions of the City of Boston with granite in accordance with specifications which may be obtained at the office of the Penal Institutions Department, 32 Tremont street, Boston, will be received at said office until Saturday, January 29, at 11 o'clock A.M., at which place and time the same will be publicly opened.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

Sealed bids for building draw foundation and fender-piers for the Charlestown Bridge will be received by the Boston Transit Commission at its office, 20 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., until 12 o'clock M. of Thursday, February 3, 1898, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read. Each bid must be signed by the bidders, with full names and addresses, be inclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid for Building Draw Foundation and Fender Piers for Charlestown Bridge," and be delivered to the Commission or to its Secretary; and in the presence of the person offering the bid it will be deposited in a sealed box provided for that purpose. No bid will be allowed to be withdrawn for any reason whatever after it has been deposited with the Commission. No bid will be received and deposited unless accompanied by a properly certified check for the sum of five thousand dollars, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the city of Boston. A bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum of twenty per cent of the amount of said contract, of an approved surety company, or with two or more sureties satisfactory to the Commission. The surety company must be one doing business in Massachusetts, and sureties must be residents of said State. The work is to be commenced within twenty days after the signing of the contract, unless the Commission shall authorize a further delay, and is to be continued with regularity until its completion. All bids must be made upon the blank form furnished. All bids which are not in conformity with this notice will be rejected. Plans may be seen and specifications, form of bid, contract and bond will be furnished at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and reserves the right to award the contract as it deems for the best interest of the city of Boston.

GEORGE G. CROCKER, Chairman.
CHARLES H. DALTON.
THOMAS J. GARGAN.
GEORGE F. SWAIN.
HORACE G. ALLEN.
B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

Boston Transit Commission.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

City Hall, January 24, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing the Street Department of the City of Boston eight hundred thousand (800,000) large paving blocks. A bond of ten thousand (10,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety for faithfully doing the work, will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed, as directed therein, sealed in an envelope, indorsed "Proposal for Large Paving Blocks," and with a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars, payable to the city of Boston, left at said office before 12 o'clock m., of Monday, February 7, 1898. This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. Proposals filled out and left with check, as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, Boston, January 13, 1898.

Invites proposals for furnishing for the Street Department of the City of Boston such lumber, rough or planed, as the Superintendent of Streets of said city may, from time to time, order between February 1, 1898, and February 1, 1899.

A bond of two thousand (2,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety for faithfully doing the work, will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an envelope, indorsed "Proposal for Lumber," and with a certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, payable to the city of Boston, left at said office before 12 o'clock M. of Thursday, January 27, 1898. This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

Proposals filled out and left with check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal in whole, or as to any one or more districts, as he deems best for the city.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

City Hall, January 21, 1898.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Ordered, That due notice be given, that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a sewer be constructed in private land, at Roxbury, from Columbus avenue to Notre Dame street, and in Notre Dame street, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands, deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston, that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and that they appoint 11 o'clock, A.M., of the fourth day of February, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT,
REPAIR DIVISION.

Old Court House, January 22, 1898.

TO THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

The undersigned hereby requests permission to erect and use two boilers and two engines in a building on Plympton street and Wareham street, Ward 9.

CHARLES LOGUE, Chief of Division.

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER.

Old Court House.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby ordered that ten days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, when any parties who object thereto may file with the commissioner their objections in writing. Said notice is to be given by publication of said petition, and this order thereon, in THE CITY RECORD. Per order of the Commissioner.

CHAS. S. DAMRELL, Clerk of Department.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

32 Tremont Street, January 24, 1898.

Sealed Proposals to supply the Houses of Correction at Deer Island and South Boston of the Penal Institutions Department, and the Marcella Street Home, Parental School at West Roxbury, and House of Reformation at Rainsford Island of the Children's Institutions Department, with beef, mutton and fresh and salt fish in accordance with specifications which may be obtained at the offices of the Trustees for Children and the Penal Institutions Commissioner, 32 Tremont Street, will be received at the office of the Penal Institutions Department, until Saturday, January 29, at 11 o'clock A.M., at which place and time the same will be publicly opened by the undersigned.

H. A. LAMB, Chairman.
E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WIRE COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

By authority vested in the Commissioner of Wires by Chapter 454, of the Acts of 1894, the section of the city prescribed for this calendar year, viz., 1898, within which any poles or structures used in the streets, and all wires, cables and conductors, except such as are excepted by said Chapter 454, shall be removed or placed underground, is that portion bounded by the line which marks the boundary of the prescribed district for 1897, running from the junction of Joy and Beacon streets through Joy street to Cambridge street and through Cambridge street to the water front. Commencing at this point the line will run along the Harbor Commissioners' line to the extension of the line of Berkeley street; thence through Berkeley street to Tremont street, through Tremont street to Castle square, through Castle square to Ferdinand street, through Ferdinand street to Columbus avenue through Columbus avenue to Park square, through Park square to Charles street, through Charles street to Beacon street, and through Beacon street to the point of beginning at Joy street.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner of Wires.



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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

BILL TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following bill, accompanying a petition from the Mayor of Boston and the Merchants' Municipal Committee, consisting of Messrs. Alpheus H. Hardy, Amory A. Lawrence, George H. Leonard, Horatio G. Curtis, Freeman J. Doe, J. Richard Carter, William O. Blaney, and Mr. Samuel B. Capen, President of the Municipal League, has been introduced into the Legislature, for the purpose of creating a Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of Boston. The bill reads:

AN ACT RELATING TO THE FINANCES OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor, the Chairman of

the Board of Aldermen, the President of the Common Council, the City Auditor, the Corporation Counsel, the City Engineer and the Chairman of the Board of Statistics Commissioners of the City of Boston shall constitute ex-officio a Board of Estimate and Apportionment for said city, and shall serve in such capacity without additional pay; at all meetings of said Board the Mayor shall preside, and one of the other members shall act as secretary. Said Board shall meet in the months of January and February of each year as often as it shall deem necessary, and shall give reasonable public hearings to the citizens or taxpayers of said city desiring to be heard on any maintenance or loan appropriation; after the first day of March of each year said Board shall meet only when required by notice from the Mayor in writing.

Sect. 2. The Mayor, as early as practicable in the month of January, shall submit to said Board, with his recommendations thereon, the department estimates furnished as required by Section eight of Chapter two hundred and sixty-six of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five; and said Board, by the affirmative vote and signatures of at least five of its members, including the Mayor, shall, prior to the first day of February, prepare and pass a general maintenance appropriation order, containing appropriations to enable the City of Boston to meet the current expenses, payable during the financial year beginning with said day, of performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston or the County of Suffolk, or the departments or officers thereof.

Sect. 3. The Mayor, as early as practicable in the months of January or February, shall submit to such Board, with any recommendations which he may desire to make thereon, any requests for loan appropriations furnished to him by the several departments; and said Board, by vote and signatures as aforesaid, shall, prior to the first day of March, prepare and pass a general loan appropriation order, containing such appropriations to be met by loan, and for such purposes, as said Board shall deem the public necessity or convenience may require, not exceeding in the aggregate four-fifths of the estimated amount which can be raised in that municipal year by loans within the debt limit of said city; but such loan appropria-

tion order shall not be passed unless at least five of the members of said Board, including the Mayor, shall in writing certify upon such order that no item therein is to meet a current expense, or that certain specified items therein and no others are to meet current expenses, but that public necessity requires the borrowing of money therefor.

Sect. 4. Said Board, by similar vote and signatures, and certificate in the case of a loan order, may at any time during the year, at the request of the Mayor, prepare and pass one or more appropriation orders containing such appropriations as they may deem the public necessity or convenience may require.

Sect. 5. Said Board in making appropriations to be met by income and taxes shall not exceed the amount that can be raised by taxation within the tax limit of said city, as certified to the Mayor by the Board of Sinking Funds Commissioners, plus the income of the city, as estimated and certified to the Mayor by the City Auditor of said city; and in making appropriations to be met by loans authorized by the Legislature for specific purposes, shall not exceed the amount that can be raised under such loans, and in making appropriations to be met by other loans, shall not exceed the amount that can be raised by loan within the debt limit of said city.

Sect. 6. The Mayor shall, within three days after any such appropriation order has been passed as aforesaid, submit the same to the City Council of said city, and the City Council shall forthwith proceed carefully to consider and investigate the same, and may, within the period of thirty days following such submission, pass a vote or votes reducing or striking out any appropriation therein, except an appropriation the amount of which is fixed by law, or an appropriation for interest and sinking fund requirements, but shall not pass any other vote relating to any appropriation, or insert any new appropriation, and any such vote of reduction or striking out shall be subject to the veto of the Mayor, and to passage over his veto as provided by law; at the expiration of said period of thirty days the orders with the appropriations therein as passed by said Board, or as altered in accordance with the preceding provisions, shall stand and be in force as appropriation orders of said city.

Sect. 7. The City Auditor of said city, with the approval of said Board, acting by

vote and signatures of a majority of its members, and of the Mayor, may from time to time during the year make—transfers from the appropriation for current expenses of one division of a department to the appropriation for current expenses of any other division of the same department, and—transfers from the general treasury or from the appropriation for reserved fund to the appropriation for current expenses of any department, and—may, to balance and close the accounts of the city for the financial year, between December first of each year and February first of the following year, make transfers from any appropriation not met by loan to any other appropriation, or from any appropriation met by loan to any other appropriation met by loan, and apply any of the income and taxes not disposed of.

Sect. 8. The respective departments of said city, under the general supervision and control of the Mayor, and the other public officers designated therefor in the several appropriations made as aforesaid, or having by law authority to expend the same, shall expend the appropriations for the objects and purposes specified, and shall expend for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof any contributions made to any of said appropriations.

Sect. 9. Whenever the Legislature may desire to authorize the issue of any loans by said city, or whenever the City Council of said city shall desire to raise money by loan, the Legislature or City Council may pass an act or vote authorizing the City Treasurer of said city to issue bonds to the amount, and for the purpose, it shall state in the act or vote, and the City Treasurer from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, shall issue any notes, bonds, certificates or other scrip of said city which he or said city have heretofore been authorized to issue by the Legislature, or by the City Council, or which he shall hereafter be authorized to issue by the Legislature, or by the City Council; and such notes, bonds, certificates and scrip shall consist of such coupon or registered bonds or registered certificates, and bear such rates of interest, and the interest shall be payable at such times, as said Treasurer in his discretion shall determine, anything in any general or special act to the contrary notwithstanding; and the term of all such notes, bonds or certificates of indebtedness, not exceeding any length of term fixed by general law or special act, shall be fixed by vote of said Board of Estimate and Apportionment as aforesaid; and any premiums received by said city in the negotiation or sale of any such bonds or certificates shall be paid into the sinking funds for the redemption of the debt incurred by the issuing of such bonds or certificates, anything in any general or special act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sect. 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage; and if at the time of such passage the general maintenance appropriation order for the current year shall not have been passed by the City Council of said city and have gone into effect, said Board shall proceed to prepare and pass such appropriation order as soon as may be, and the proceedings thereon required by this act shall then be had.

SCHOOL BOARDS AND SCHOOL TAXES.

BY EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY
BOARD OF STATISTICS.

In view of the discussion that is likely to arise over the powers proposed to be given, through new legislation, to the Boston School Committee, more than ordinary interest attaches to the laws relating to the organization of similar boards in other cities, particularly in cities whose Boards of Education are empowered to levy school taxes directly and independently.

What follows relates: (I.) to the power exercised by the school boards of certain American cities over the assessment of taxes for educational purposes, and incidentally to some peculiarities as regards the members and organization of such boards; (II.) to the annual expenditures by the Boston School Committee during the period 1887-88 to 1896-97, and the proportion the same bears to the total assessed valuation of the city for the respective years; and (III.) to the comparative expenditure per capita for schools, libraries, police, etc., in the principal cities of the country.

The statements of fact under (I.) are based upon the Report of the United States Commissioner of Education, 1895-96, Volume 1, Chapter 1, "Laws Relating to City School Boards"; those under (II.) are derived from the annual reports of the City Auditor; and those under (III.) are taken from the Valedictory Address of Mayor Matthews, delivered January 5, 1895.

I. In regard to the number of members of the Board, there is not nor can there be any uniform rule. It is sometimes held that there should be some relation between the size of the city and size of the board, but whether this is necessary depends wholly on the extent to which executive powers are confided to paid subordinates, who are supposed to be trained experts in their particular lines. The New York Board controls the schools of over a million and a half of people, yet it numbers only 21 members, while Pittsburg, with a population of about a quarter of a million, has 37 members in a central board and 222 in local boards. There are 7 members of the Minneapolis Board, while Hartford, with only a third as many inhabitants, has 39 school visitors and committeemen. Such contrasts are numerous.

The best criterion of the power of a school board is the degree of independence

in money matters. If they must prepare detailed estimates that may be refused as a whole or in any item by some other body, their functions are so restricted as to be almost entirely ministerial. They cannot introduce any novelty or provide for any extensions without the concurrence of the authority which holds the purse strings. This is usually the state of affairs, and as tending to conservatism and economy it has its advantages when a board develops an inclination to foster expensive fads. But that can seldom be charged; it more often happens that the board is deprived of funds urgently required to provide for the actual needs of the children in the way of buildings and teachers.

The powers of the Western cities in this respect are usually much more extensive than those of the East. St. Louis, Denver and Minneapolis are types of cities whose school boards enjoy the right to levy whatever tax they require without submitting their estimates to any other body. The maximum that may be levied is, however, always limited by State law.

In certain cities the members of the school board are appointed; the number appointed and the source of appointment are indicated in the following list: In New York, the Mayor appoints the board, which numbers 21; in Chicago, a board of 21 is appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council; in Philadelphia, the Central Board of Education, numbering 37, are appointed by the Court of Common Pleas, while 37 Boards of Directors of sections or wards (each numbering 13) are elected by the people; in Baltimore, the City Council elects a Board of Commissioners, 22 in number; New Orleans has a board of 20, of whom 8 are appointed by the Governor of the State, and 12 are elected by the City Council; in Milwaukee, the Aldermen of the several wards appoint a board of 36 members, subject to confirmation by the City Council; the School Board of St. Paul, Minn., consists of 7 members, appointed by the Mayor.

In the cities of Philadelphia, Buffalo, St. Paul, New Orleans, Detroit and Savannah, the principal school revenues are derived from appropriations by the City Council, while in New York they are derived from appropriations by the City Board of Estimate and Apportionment. In Milwaukee the school board determines the tax to be levied for school purposes, subject to abatement or increase by a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

In Hartford, Conn., the town tax for school purposes is laid in town meeting, and the district tax for school purposes is laid in district meeting.

In the following-named cities the Boards of Education are empowered to determine or levy the amount of taxes to be devoted to school purposes, provided the amount of taxes so levied does not exceed certain limits prescribed by State law: Cincinnati and Cleveland, O.; Denver, Col.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Minneapolis, Minn., and St. Louis, Mo. In Pittsburg, Penn., the Central Board of Education determines the taxes for the pay of teachers, while the local boards of school directors levy taxes for the purchase of ground, erection of buildings, etc.

The maximum amount of tax permitted by law for school purposes varies in the

above-named cities, e. g., in Cincinnati and St. Louis it amounts to 50 cents on \$100 of assessed valuation, in Cleveland to 70 cents on \$100, in Indianapolis to 55 cents on \$100, and in Minneapolis to 40 cents on \$100. In Charleston, S. C., the City Treasurer must annually levy and collect, at the same time as the city taxes, a tax of 1 mill on the dollar of all taxable property in the city; and the County Treasurer must pay over to the City Treasurer the portion of the State school taxes to which Charleston is entitled—all of said taxes are deposited in the city treasury, subject to the warrant of the Board of School Commissioners.

II. — The following tabular statement shows the tax-rate necessary to meet school expenditures during the past ten years. This tax-rate is stated in dollars per thousand or mills per dollar upon the total assessed valuation for the respective years. See also Table II. on page 56.

YEAR.	Salaries and Supplies.	Ordinary Repairs.	Total General Expenditures.	Total Expenditures for all School Purposes.
1887-88	2.04	.31	2.35	2.55
1888-89	2.09	.32	2.41	2.58
1889-90	2.08	.31	2.39	2.85
1890-91	2.05	.31	2.36	2.58
†1891-92	1.52	.24	1.76	2.37
1892-93	1.98	.24	2.22	2.86
1893-94	1.98	.19	2.17	2.48
1894-95	2.03	.23	2.26	2.69
1895-96	2.07	.25	2.32	2.87
1896-97	2.12	.22	2.34	3.09
Averages				
‡1887-1891	2.06	.31	2.37	2.74
1892-1896	2.04	.22	2.26	2.80
1887-1896	2.05	.27	2.32	2.77

† The fiscal year 1891-92 contained only nine months.

‡ In computing these averages, the figures for 1891-92 were increased one-third as an allowance for the missing three months.

III. "The expenditures of the City of Boston for many years past have probably been greater than those of any other large city in the country. As early as the year 1849, Mayor Bigelow publicly asserted this fact, and in 1850 repeated the statement, saying that he had reason to believe that there was no other city in the world the affairs of which, in proportion to its size, were administered at so great an expense as ours." Mayor Gaston, in 1871, called attention to the fact that the Federal census of 1870 showed that the people of Boston paid larger taxes per capita than those of any other large city in the country. Mayor Prince, in 1879, expressed an opinion to the same effect; and according to the Federal census of 1890 Boston led all the large cities of this country in her per capita expenditures for

schools, libraries, fire protection, street lighting and works of charity; while the expenditure for police was greater in one other city only." The exact figures are given in the table on page 56, compiled from Census Bulletin No. 82. (See Table III, page 56.)

LIST OF ORDERS APPROVED BY THE MAYOR.

On January 26, 1898, the following order passed by the City Council was approved by the Mayor:

Ordered, That the Street Department be hereby authorized to expend the sum of five hundred thousand (500,000) dollars for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer issue, at his discretion, and sell either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston for the sum of five hundred thousand (500,000) dollars; said bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Boston, 30 years from the date of the same, with interest thereon, at the rate of three and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually. (See CITY RECORD, page 27.)

On January 26, 1898, the following orders passed by the Board of Aldermen were approved by the Mayor:

Ordered, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, directed to give notice, by advertising the same as required by law, that meetings of the citizens of Ward 11, qualified to vote for State Officers, will be held at the several polling places, designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the first day of March next, for the election of a Representative to the General Court.

The polls at said meetings will be opened at 6 o'clock A.M. and closed at 4 o'clock P.M. (See CITY RECORD, page 38.)

Ordered, That a special committee on State Aid, consisting of three members of this Board, be appointed to determine the amount of State Aid to be paid to soldiers and sailors and their families, under the provisions of Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1890, as amended by Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1893, Chapters 279 and 301 of the Acts of 1894, and Chapter 361 of the Acts of 1895; the amounts so paid to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief.

Ordered, That the Chairman of this Board be and hereby is, authorized to employ Frank X. Chisholm as stenographer and clerk for the members of the Board, to date from January 3, 1898, and to fix the rate of his compensation; the expense incurred to be charged to the Contingent Fund's Board of Aldermen.

On January 29, 1898, the following resolutions of the City Council were approved by the Mayor:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston earnestly protests against the proposed reduction in the force of post-office carriers in this city and consequent curtailment of the delivery service, as inflicting an unwarrantable inconvenience upon all our citizens, and particularly upon the business community.

Resolved, That if such diminution of the carrier service can only be prevented by the passage of a deficiency appropriation to enable the services of the full number of the present carrier force to be retained, we call upon our Senators and Representatives in Congress to co-operate in securing the passage of such necessary appropriation.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the Senators and Representa-

tives in Congress from this State, and to the Postmaster-General.

The following concurrent orders, authorizing His Honor the Mayor to petition the General Court on behalf of the city have been passed:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Legislature, at its present session, for the passage of an act providing for the expense of completing construction work upon Blue Hill and other avenues, as authorized by Chapter 334 of the Acts of 1895, and of extending Blue Hill avenue from Walk Hill street to Mattapan.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court, at its present session, for the passage of an act authorizing the issue, outside the debt limit, of an additional loan, not exceeding one million dollars, for the completion of construction work upon the Park system.

The following order was approved by the Mayor on January 29, 1898:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and is hereby, authorized to make application to the Metropolitan Water Board to furnish water from the Metropolitan water supply, under the provisions of Chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895.

On January 29, 1898, the following orders were approved by the Mayor:

Ordered, That the City Auditor be hereby authorized to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the appropriation for Leonard street extension to Dorchester avenue, to a special appropriation for Granger street extension to Dorchester avenue.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be directed to procure suitable badges for the members of the Board of Aldermen; the expense incurred to be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Clerk of Committees be hereby authorized to prepare for the use of members of the Board of Aldermen a pocket manual containing the revised regulations of the Board of Aldermen; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the office expenses incurred by the Clerk of the Common Council for printing, stationery and binding, be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

Ordered, That the heads of the various city departments be authorized to submit their annual reports in print; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for printing.

Ordered, That the expense incurred in the printing of city documents ordered by either branch of the City Council, in accordance with the Joint Rules, be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

Ordered, That the driveway and grounds around Chestnut Hill Reservoir, including all of the lands connected with said reservoir still owned by the city, be transferred from the Water Department to the Park Department.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted for the driving of horses at a greater rate of speed than is allowed by ordinance, on Blue Hill avenue (west side), between Talbot avenue and Morton street during the present winter season.

Ordered, That coasting be allowed on East Third street between M and I streets, under such restrictions as the Board of Police may deem proper to impose.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to John Renison to project a drum sign one foot over sidewalk, at a height of twenty-five feet above same, at the southeast corner of Portland and Travers streets, Ward 6.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners expend, for making plans of territory or sections of land, under the provisions

II.—EXPENDITURES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

YEAR.	Salaries and Supplies.	Ordinary Repairs.	Total General Expenditures.	Expenses Paid Out of Trust Fund Income.	Extraordinary Repairs.	New Schools, Land and Buildings	Total Expenditures.	Total Valuation.
1887-88	\$1,535,548 98	\$220,187 80	\$1,755,736 78	\$1,004 01	\$22,920 09	\$127,875 90	\$1,907,536 78	\$747,642,517
1888-89	1,595,865 09	251,736 17	1,847,601 26	1,083 99	—	121,328 95	1,970,014 20	764,452,548
1889-90	1,653,351 76	245,242 12	1,898,593 88	1,175 45	16,966 63	349,602 82	2,266,338 78	795,433,744
1890-91	1,684,162 03	262,522 00	1,946,684 03	1,198 25	1,338 16	172,523 90	2,121,744 34	822,041,800
1891-92	1,295,329 02	204,879 27	1,500,208 29	652 32	465 00	527,429 10	2,028,754 71	855,069,415
1892-93	1,766,800 62	221,805 53	1,988,606 15	2,185 02	100 00	569,700 75	2,560,591 92	893,975,704
1893-94	1,821,145 18	190,465 06	2,011,610 24	907 08	100 00	279,356 81	2,291,974 13	924,093,751
1894-95	1,884,680 62	213,765 70	2,098,446 32	856 76	486 77	397,983 62	2,497,773 47	928,109,042
1895-96	1,963,527 97	250,107 13	2,213,635 10	1,232 79	—	513,735 61	2,728,603 50	951,367,928
1896-97	2,076,186 18	225,973 76	2,302,159 94	1,191 38	—	729,655 37	3,033,006 69	981,269,914

III.—TABLE SHOWING EXPENDITURE PER CAPITA IN CERTAIN CITIES FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.

CITIES.	Population.	Libraries.	Schools.	Fire.	Lighting.	Police.	Charity.	Total Ordinary Expenses.	Ordinary Taxes.
Baltimore	434,439	\$0.132	\$2.26	\$0.649	\$0.717	\$0.179	\$0.499	\$17.91	\$11.62
Boston	448,477	*.363	4.28	1.945	1.321	2.64	2.283	35.94	23.13
Brooklyn	806,343	.....	1.91	.163	.597	.157	.091	20.88	13.79
Buffalo	255,664	.015	2.92	1.185	1.018	1.46	.307	26.41	15.55
Chicago	1,099,850	.076	2.94	.90	.836	1.37	.019	16.73	6.73
Cincinnati	296,908	.....	.166	1.113	.749	1.58	.878	21.74	9.67
Cleveland	261,353	.....	.....	.969	.629	1.13	.318	11.06	7.46
Detroit	205,876	.115	1.55	1.565	.533	1.22	.155	14.95	9.66
New Orleans	242,039	.....	.075	.975	.763	.631	.062	11.69	10.11
New York	1,515,301	.016	2.69	1.333	.470	3.04	1.57	32.30	19.66
Philadelphia	1,046,964	.....	2.53	.639	.368	1.84	.462	18.95	11.55
Pittsburg	238,617	.....	2.58	.950	.525	1.26	.329	12.93	11.25
St. Louis	451,770	.....	.....	1.066	.694	1.23	.784	13.74	7.23
San Francisco	298,997	.103	3.32	1.548	.964	1.81	.291	18.86	10.11

* Figures in bold-faced type indicate maximum figures.

of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891, and Acts in amendment thereof or addition thereto, the sum of \$60,000, and that the proceeds of loans issued for the purpose specified in said chapter be applied to the payment thereof.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be hereby authorized to have a new ferryboat constructed for the East Boston Ferry, the cost of the same to be charged to the appropriation for ferry improvements made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895, and that he be also hereby requested to award the contract for the same to the lowest bidder whose place of business is in Boston.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the northerly side of Centre street, between Bickford street, and the estate owned by the St. Andrew's M. E. Church, on the corner of Walden street, Ward 22; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built with granite edgestone, and report to this board a schedule of the cost thereof.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along 102 West Fifth street, in front of the estate of John A. Devine; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of brick; the owner to furnish said material.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John S. Jacobs & Son to erect, maintain and use two guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over East Springfield street and Harrison avenue, for use in building construction, Ward 12; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George A. Fuller Company to erect, maintain and use six guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over the roadway on Bedford and Chauncy streets, Avon place and Harrison-avenue extension, Ward 7, for use in building construction; the location of said poles to be approved by the Superintendent of Streets; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George R. Dugad to erect, maintain and use a guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over India street, in front of No. 49, Ward 7; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Charles Linehan to erect, maintain and use one guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in the roadway on Haymarket square, at or near No. 5, for use in the construction of the subway; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Wires be authorized to expend the sum of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars in carrying out the powers and duties conferred upon him by Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer, at his discretion, issue and sell coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount, payable at the office of the City Treasurer of Boston twenty years from their date, and bearing interest at the rate of three and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually at such times as said Treasurer shall determine.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR.

To the Board of Aldermen.

Boston, January 27, 1898.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Dyar presiding, and all the members present.

REWARDS FOR BRAVERY.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 25, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police, which explains itself. In accordance with its recommendation, I suggest the passage of the accompanying order.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE,

January 26, 1898.

TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

SIRS: We respectfully ask your concurrence in giving to such officers of the Police Department as have received medals from the Board of Police twenty-five (25) dollars a year during the time that they continue in the service, and afterwards while they are retired on their pensions.

Four years ago the Board of Police inaugurated the custom of giving medals to their officers for meritorious conduct or for conspicuous bravery. In that time we have given ten medals, and feel assured that the public recognition of their brave acts tends to raise the standard of the men. We intend that the high standard shall be maintained by a careful and discriminating selection of the most deserving.

The men who have thus been rewarded are as follows:

John D. McCarthy, who risked his life in arresting Richard Mack. The latter had attempted to commit murder with a revolver.

Deputy Superintendent William H. Pierce, for meritorious service in prosecuting and breaking up lottery enterprises, policy shops, and pool rooms.

Wesley W. Chandler, bravery shown while attempting to make an arrest.

George A. Rohrer, for saving life at the burning of a dwelling-house.

William J. Murphy, since deceased, for saving life at the burning of a dwelling-house.

John J. Smith, for saving life from drowning.

William H. Gordon, for stopping a pair of runaway horses.

Henry C. Berry, stopping a runaway horse.

Amasa E. Augusta, stopping a pair of runaway horses.

Peter A. Hayes, stopping a runaway four-horse team.

We believe that the respect felt by the men for the recipient of a medal will not be lessened because it is accompanied by a

small sum of money, but that the prize will be more sought after, and that the city will be amply repaid by a keener spirit of emulation among the officers.

Yours very truly,

A. P. MARTIN, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be authorized to increase the pay of any officer of the Police Department who has received a medal for conspicuous bravery by the sum of twenty-five dollars per annum.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, when appointed.

ELEVATED TRACKS ON BLUE HILL AVENUE.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 27, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith, for your information, a communication from President Gaston of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, stating that the Executive Committee of the said company have voted to proceed with the work of laying tracks on Blue Hill avenue, from Walk Hill street to Harvard street, as soon as the necessary location can be obtained from the Board of Aldermen.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOSTON ELEVATED RAILWAY COMPANY,
81 Milk street, January 25, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

MY DEAR SIR: At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, held January 24, 1898, your communication, inclosing the petition of certain prominent citizens of Boston for the extension of the tracks for electric cars on Blue Hill avenue, was taken up and considered.

In consequence of the petition and your request that the prayer of the same be granted, it was voted that the officials of this company take the necessary steps to apply for a location on Blue Hill avenue immediately and, upon the grant and acceptance of the location, to forthwith build the tracks desired.

I am, with great consideration,

WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

Placed on file.

EXPENDITURES ON BLUE HILL AND OTHER AVENUES.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 27, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, containing a financial statement relative to the expenditures already made upon Blue Hill and other avenues, under the provisions of Chapter 334 of the Acts of 1895, and an estimate of the cost of completing work on the avenues, including the construction of Blue Hill avenue,

between Walk Hill street and Mattapan, which was not included within the original plans. In view of the great desirability of completing these avenues, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, January 27, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I herewith respectfully submit a statement of the appropriations, expenditures and amount necessary to complete work on the boulevards, including the section of Blue Hill avenue, between Walk Hill street and Mattapan, not yet laid out by the Street Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

BLUE HILL AND OTHER AVENUES.

Original estimate for street and sewer construction	\$1,364,042 59
Increase caused by change in plans, viz.:	

Side-street work, bridge construction and work done for the West End Street Railway Company	63,119 37
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Estimated cost of street construction only of Columbus avenue, from Roxbury Crossing to Ritchie street, not included in original estimates	156,000 00
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Total cost, estimated	\$1,583,161 96
Total expenditures to January 26, 1898	1,275,268 30

Balance which should be on hand from engineer's estimate of cost	\$307,893 66
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Estimated amount to complete work under construction, or ordered, January 26, 1898, and included in above estimate	162,956 85
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Estimated balance which would be on hand at completion of work by engineer's estimate, or estimated amount saved from engineer's estimates	\$144,936 81
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Estimated cost to finish work under construction or ordered, January 26, 1898:

Blue Hill avenue	\$3,264 62
Columbus avenue	158,691 87
Commonwealth avenue	1,000 36
Huntington avenue (finished) . . . . .	.....

Total estimated cost	\$162,956 85
Including Blue Hill avenue, from Walk Hill street to Mattapan	100,000 00

Would make the total cost, or appropriation necessary to be provided	\$262,956 85
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Estimated cost to construct Blue Hill avenue from Walk Hill street to Mattapan, not including cost of separating street and railroad grades:

Street construction	\$100,000 00
Sewer construction	45,000 00

Total	\$145,000 00
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This sewer construction will be charged to "Sewerage Works."

The total cost necessary to finish construction ordered, and the section of Blue Hill avenue from Walk Hill street to Mattapan (not including sewer construction, to be charged to "Sewerage Works"), is \$262,956.85.

In relation to the above the following action was taken in Board of Aldermen, January 27, 1898:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor, be requested to petition the Legislature, at its present session, for the passage of an Act providing for the expense of completing construction work upon Blue Hill and other avenues, as authorized by Chapter 334 of the Acts of 1895, and of extending Blue Hill Avenue from Walk Hill street to Mattapan.

The order was read once, and the question came on giving it a second reading.

The communications were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

FLOODING FOR SKATING PURPOSES. — The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 26, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reply to orders relative to flooding certain areas for skating purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

Jamaica Park, January 12, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: With regard to the order of the Board of Aldermen, requesting that Dorchester Park, near Adams street, be flooded and put in condition for skating during the present season, and requests from the Common Council, and other sources, for similar action at the North End and in Charlestown, the Park Commissioners report that much to their regret they are unable to furnish further accommodations for skating out of their existing appropriation.

They will be very glad to provide those accommodations if they are furnished with additional funds for the purpose. Experience has shown that the cost of providing a small skating space for a season is between \$800 and \$1000.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

The message was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

LOAN TO MEET COURT EXECUTIONS. — The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 27, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In view of the near approach of the end of the financial year, I again renew the recom-

mendation contained in my message of January 13, for a loan appropriation of two hundred and twenty-four thousand (224,000) dollars, to make up the deficit in various loan accounts which have to be provided for, and I respectfully urge the immediate consideration of the accompanying order for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(For the order, see CITY RECORD, page 28.)

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, when appointed.

NEW REFORMATORY. — The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 27, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I think it proper to call attention again to the reference made in my recent inaugural address to the urgent need of providing an appropriation for the building of a new Suffolk County Reformatory, under the provisions of Chapter 536 of the Acts of the year 1896. I sent a recommendation to the City Council of 1896 that an appropriation for this purpose should be made, but no action was taken upon the matter.

I think it proper to notify the City Council that, in view of the urgency of this matter, I shall feel it my duty to petition the Legislature, at its present session, for such an amendment of said Act as will compel in some manner the building of such a reformatory, unless an appropriation for the purpose is made very shortly by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

WIDENING OF BOSTON STREET. — The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 27, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The width of Boston street, between Mount Vernon street and Edward Everett square, is at present only a little over forty-five feet, while the width of this street, between Mount Vernon street and Andrew square, is sixty feet. The widening of Boston street, between Edward Everett square and Franklin Park, to the width of 110 feet, under the name of "Columbia road," makes it clearly desirable that the portion of Boston street now only about forty-five feet in width should be widened to the width of sixty feet. The Street Commissioners have prepared a plan establishing the new lines, and estimate the expense for land damages at the sum of \$20,000.

One or more applications for permits to build on the portion of Boston street, now only 45 feet in width, have been made, and as the Street Commissioners have no authority to prevent building upon the land which it is proposed to take for the purpose of the widening until they lay out the street at the new width, and as they cannot do this until an appropriation is available to pay land damages, it is very desirable that such an appropriation should be passed at once, in order that it may not become necessary for the city to pay damages for the destruction of such new buildings as may at any time be erected. I therefore recommend the speedy passage of the accompanying loan order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be authorized to expend the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars in widening Boston street, between Mount Vernon street and Edward Everett square; and that to meet the appropriation aforesaid the City Treasurer issue and sell, as may be required, either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the city of Boston for the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars, said bonds or certificates to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer of the city of Boston twenty years from the date of the same, and bear interest at the rate of three and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of January and July of each year.

Ordered, That any premiums obtained in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds, for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Monday, January 31, Chairman Dyar presiding, and all the members present.

COST OF REPAIRING HANOVER STREET.—

The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

January 31, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of repaving Hanover street, from Washington street to Commercial street.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, January 31, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with request contained in inclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I respectfully submit the following estimate of cost:

Hanover street, Ward 6, Washington street to Commercial street. Paving with granite blocks, and regulating, \$40,300

NOTES:

(a) This does not include the space occupied by the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, which should be paved by the company.

(b.) As the portion between Tileston and Charter streets is paved with asphalt, under guarantee, it is not included in this estimate.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance when appointed.

PLANT FOR CREMATING WASTE.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 31, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets relative to the desirability of erecting a suitable plant for the separation and cremation of combustible waste. I have recently inspected personally a plant of this character now in operation in the city of New York, and I am convinced that it would be highly desirable to establish a similar plant here. I therefore earnestly recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, January 29, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: After investigation and study of the subject of the disposition of refuse material and ashes, I have come to the conclusion that it is very desirable that some plan be adopted for a different method of disposal from the one now in force. At the present time, all ashes and combustible waste are either carted to the dumping-scows and thence carried to sea, or are deposited on low lands. At the dumping wharf the large mass of waste paper and other light stuff makes a continual nuisance, and on the low lands it not only makes the filling very poor, but, as it is necessary to fire it, a very disagreeable smoke and odor is the result. For the sum of \$15,000 a plant could be erected that would burn the entire light waste collection of a very large district, and by the operation of such a system as has been for some time in use in New York such material as is of value could be separated and sold. From this source there would be some income; and by reason of the reduced length of haul, there would also be added a substantial saving in the cost of the disposal of this class of material; and, furthermore, the ashes, clear of any mixture of paper and refuse, would make a clean and desirable filling; so that, besides the abatement of what is now a great nuisance, the saving in expense would soon, I believe, pay for the outlay of the modest sum required.

In one section of the city some time ago, in order to prepare for some such plan as the one I now suggest for your approval, house-

holders were ordered to make a separation of their ashes and light waste, and have in most cases complied with the order.

Under this plan, if adopted, the large vans would be used for the removal of the light stuff, and the ordinary carts, without sideboards, for the heavy ashes.

I trust that it may be possible to secure a suitable appropriation at an early date.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS, Supt. of Streets.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars for the erection of a suitable plant for the separation and cremation of combustible waste; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer, at his discretion, issue and sell coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount, said bonds or registered certificates to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Boston, ten years from their date, and to bear interest at the rate of three and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually at such times as said treasurer shall determine.

Ordered, That any premium coming to the city in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

To Common Council.

Thursday, January 27, 1898.

The regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P.M. President Connolly in the chair.

PAVING PARKER AND RUGGLES STREETS.—

The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 27, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to an order requesting estimates of the cost of paving Ruggles and Parker streets.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, January 26, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the request contained in inclosed order of the Common Council, I beg to submit the following estimates of cost of paving with granite blocks and regulating streets:

*Ruggles street, N.Y., N.H. & H. R.R.	
to Parker street	\$21,500
Parker street, Ruggles street to Huntington avenue	9,400

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS, Supt. of Streets.

*The above estimate from Ruggles street is for a 50-foot street only, and does not include land damages or other expenses of proposed widening of 10 feet on the south-erly side.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

At a special meeting of the Common Council, held at 12 M., Saturday, January 29, President Connolly in the Chair and a quorum present, the following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 28, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Saturday, January 29, 1898, at 12 M., for the purpose of again considering the passage of the order, already passed by the Board of Aldermen, authorizing loans to the amount of \$224,000 to provide for certain deficits in loan accounts, caused by the payment of executions of court, before the close of the financial year.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The call was placed on file.

(For order see CITY RECORD, page 28.)

The following communication was also received and read by the Clerk:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 29, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I have thought it proper to call a special meeting of the Common Council, in order that one more effort may be made to secure the passage by your body of the order authorizing the issue of loans to the amount of \$224,000, to provide for deficits incurred by executions of court, and thus avoid closing the financial year with a deficiency in loan accounts unprovided for. The Board of Aldermen has performed its duty by passing this order, and I am entirely unable to understand why any member of the Common Council should decline to join in passing an order which is clearly necessary and proper. As I have heretofore fully explained, these deficits have been incurred in meeting executions of court, \$142,000 of the amount being incurred for land damages on Blue Hill and other avenues.

These expenditures are in no way connected with the administration of the last two years, and it will in no way embarrass the present administration if they are left unprovided for and carried into the next financial year, as the money has actually been paid out of treasury, as required by law. The financial officers of the city are, however, properly anxious that the accounts of the next financial year should not show, entirely unnecessarily, a deficit of this magnitude in loan accounts, and it is purely in order that the financial business of the city may be conducted in a business-like manner that I have asked to have these amounts provided for before the close of the financial year.

It is certainly not creditable to any members of the Common Council that they should

decline to vote for a necessary appropriation of this character, and should compel the financial officers of the city to carry a deficit into the next financial year. I trust that further consideration of the matter will lead the Common Council to perform its plain duty at the present time, and that it will not make itself solely responsible (now that the Board of Aldermen has taken the proper action) for carrying over a deficit.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

The question came on motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Council had non-concurred in the passage of the order referred to in the message.

On motion of Mr. Norris of Ward 13 the reconsideration was further assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Adjourned at 12.23 P.M.

MERCHANTS' MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE.

At a meeting held on Tuesday, January 25, the Merchants' Municipal Committee organized by the selection of Mr. Alpheus H. Hardy as Chairman, and Mr. George H. Leonard as Vice-Chairman.

Regular meetings of the Committee will occur on the second Tuesday of each month at four o'clock P.M.

On Friday, January 28, a special meeting of the Committee was held at which the proposed bill for the establishment of a Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the City of Boston, was discussed, and it was unanimously voted that the Merchants' Municipal Committee approve of the presentation to the Legislature of the petition for the passage of the bill for the establishment of a Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the City of Boston.

It was unanimously voted that the Committee, by individual signatures of the members, join with the Mayor in the proposed petition for the passage of such bill.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

HOUSE BILL No. 233, accompanies the petition of Max H. Newman, and have been referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, BY THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE SAID CITY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. There shall be annually both nominated and elected a President of the

Common Council of the City of Boston by the registered voters of the City of Boston.

Sect. 2. The said President to serve for a term of one year, in accordance with the law relating to the term of office.

Sect. 3. That the one candidate of each respective party receiving the highest vote at the caucus at large shall have his name printed upon the official election ballot and shall be the candidate at large for President of the Common Council.

Sect. 4. Nomination papers must be filed with the Board of Election Commissioners.

Sect. 5. The said nomination papers of candidates to be signed by fifty legal voters of the City of Boston, who are members of the respective political parties.

Sect. 6. The said President to act as Mayor, in case of absence, sickness or death of the Mayor or the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen.

Sect. 7. In case of absence, sickness or death of the President, the members of the Common Council are then to elect a President pro tem. during the absence or the remainder of the term of the deceased President.

Sect. 8. The salary of the said President shall be fifteen hundred dollars per annum.

Sect. 9. The oath of office shall be administered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Sect. 10. All acts and parts of acts providing for the election of a President of the Common Council of said city, or inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Act are hereby annulled.

HOUSE BILL No. 235 is a bill accompanying the petition of George H. Moore and others, and has been referred to the Committee on Liquor Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON AND TO DEFINE THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The board shall consist of three persons, who shall have been residents of the City of Boston for at least two years immediately preceding such appointment and who shall not be engaged directly or indirectly in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, and who shall not hold any other public office. If any member of said board engages directly or indirectly in such manufacture or sale, his office shall immediately become vacant.

Sect. 2. The terms of office of the members of this Board shall, except in the case of the members first appointed, commence on the first Monday in February in the year in which they are appointed and continue for a term of three years. The terms of the members first appointed shall commence at the date of their appointment and shall be arranged so as to expire by rotation at the end of one, two and three years from the first Monday in February in the present year, the date of expiration to be specified at their appointment. Members of said Board shall hold their offices until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. Members of said Board may be

removed for cause by the Governor, after charges preferred and reasonable notice thereof and a hearing thereon, and the Governor shall, in the order for removal, express his reason for the same. One member of said Board shall be appointed from each of the two leading political parties, and the third member may be also appointed from one of said parties.

Sect. 3. The Governor shall designate one of the members of said Board to be Chairman. Two members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. In case any member of said Board shall cease to be a resident of the City of Boston, or shall become unable to perform the duties of his office, or die or resign, or forfeit his office under the provisions of section ten of chapter two hundred and five of the Public Statutes, or be removed by the Governor, there shall be deemed to be a vacancy in said Board, and the vacancy thus caused shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term in the manner herein provided for an original appointment.

Sect. 4. Such Board shall, in the City of Boston, exclusively exercise the powers and perform the duties given to and imposed upon the Mayor and Aldermen of cities by chapter one hundred of the Public Statutes relative to intoxicating liquors, and by chapter one hundred and two of the Public Statutes relative to innholders and common victuallers, and by all acts and amendments thereof and in addition thereto. All licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, or for innholders or common victuallers, shall be signed only by the Board of License Commissioners, and recorded in their office.

Sect. 5. The Board of License Commissioners shall certify to the City Clerk, the City Treasurer and the Board of Police Commissioners the following particulars as to each license and application for a license: The name of each applicant for a license; the name of each person to whom a license is issued; the date when each license goes into force; the premises on which it is to be exercised; the class of the license; each change of location by a licensee, and each transfer of a license ordered by them.

Sect. 6. The City of Boston under this Act shall provide said Board with suitable rooms, properly furnished, and shall provide for the lighting and heating the same. The City of Boston shall pay its Board of License Commissioners each a yearly salary of three thousand dollars; five hundred dollars additional for chairman; a clerk, two thousand dollars yearly; and such deputies as the Board of License Commissioners shall deem necessary, a yearly salary of twelve hundred dollars. The City of Boston shall also pay all expenses incurred by the Board of License Commissioners for blank books, printing and other necessary expenses approved by said board, not exceeding in the aggregate one thousand dollars in any one year.

SECT. 7. If at any annual municipal election hereafter held in the City of Boston the city shall not vote to authorize the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor, then all obligations imposed upon the City of Boston by the preceding section shall cease from and after the first Monday in May next following such vote, and from and after said date the powers and duties granted to and imposed upon the

Mayors and Boards of Aldermen by chapters one hundred and one hundred and two of the Public Statutes and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, in respect to sixth class licenses and licenses of innholders and common victuallers, shall revert in the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. If, subsequently, the City of Boston, at an annual municipal election, shall again vote to authorize the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, the obligations imposed by the preceding section shall be revived and shall attach to said city from and after the first day of March next following such vote, and from and after said date the powers and duties of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in respect to licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor and licenses of innholders and common victuallers shall revert in the Board of License Commissioners appointed in said city.

SECT. 8. The Board of License Commissioners shall keep a record of its doings, including all hearings, may prescribe the forms of applications for licenses, may require any statement made before said Board and papers filed with them relative to applications for licenses, to be sworn to, and for such purpose the members of said Board may administer oaths.

SECT. 9. Chapter eighty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five relative to the signing and recording of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor in the City of Boston, is hereby repealed.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL NO. 252 was introduced January 25, 1898, on leave, by Mr. Innes of Boston, and was referred to Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Any person who was a resident of a city or town the first day of May, and was not assessed for a poll-tax by the assessors of said city or town on the said first day of May, in order to establish his right to be registered as a voter, shall appear before the Registrars of Voters, accompanied by two witnesses, who shall testify under oath that they are registered voters of the ward or town in which he desires to be registered; that the statement of the applicant in regard to his right to be registered at the place claimed by him as a legal residence on the first day of May is true, and who shall also testify under oath, to the truth of the statement of the applicant in regard to his being a resident of the city or town for the six months next preceding the election at which he claims the right to vote.

Sect. 2. The Registrars of Voters shall, in a book provided for that purpose, enter the name and residence of each person thus registered, and also opposite each name, the names, occupation and residences of the persons who have testified under oath as above provided. The fact of such registration shall be certified to the assessors of the city or town by the Registrars of Voters, and the assessors shall forthwith assess such person for his poll and estate, unless he is by law exempt from assessment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 253 was introduced January 25, 1898, on leave by Mr. Baldwin of Boston, and referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF ALDERMEN IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby divided into twelve aldermanic districts, as follows:

Wards one and two shall constitute one district, to be known as the first aldermanic district.

Wards three, four and five shall constitute one district, to be known as the second aldermanic district.

Wards six and eight shall constitute one district, to be known as the third aldermanic district.

Wards seven and nine shall constitute one district, to be known as the fourth aldermanic district.

Wards ten and twelve shall constitute one district, to be known as the fifth aldermanic district.

Wards eleven and twenty-five shall constitute one district, to be known as the sixth aldermanic district.

Wards thirteen and sixteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the seventh aldermanic district.

Wards fourteen and fifteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the eighth aldermanic district.

Wards seventeen and eighteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the ninth aldermanic district.

Wards nineteen and twenty-two shall constitute one district, to be known as the tenth aldermanic district.

Wards twenty and twenty-four shall constitute one district, to be known as the eleventh aldermanic district.

Wards twenty-one and twenty-three shall constitute one district, to be known as the twelfth aldermanic district.

Sect. 2. Each aldermanic district shall be entitled to elect one alderman who shall be chosen by and from the legal voters of such district. The candidate for aldermen nominated by any political party in any district shall be nominated by mass caucus of the voters of such party in such district, and no other form of nomination shall be legal. In elections of aldermen the voters of each aldermanic district shall be entitled to vote for one candidate only, and the candidate receiving the largest number of legal votes cast shall be deemed to be elected.

Sect. 3. The Common Council of the City of Boston shall consist of fifty members, two of whom shall be elected by and from the legal votes in each ward. The Common Council may exercise, concurrently with the Board of Aldermen, any power conferred by law upon the latter Board. Each member of the Common Council shall receive an annual salary of \$500.

Sect. 4. Chapter four hundred and seventy-three of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, providing for the election of aldermen at large, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 254 was introduced January 25, 1898, on leave, by Mr. Baldwin, of Boston, and referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TIME OF OPENING AND CLOSING THE POLLS AT ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. At all elections in the City of Boston the polls shall be opened at six o'clock in the morning, and shall be kept open until eight o'clock in the evening.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 255 was introduced January 25, 1898, on leave, by Mr. Skillings of Boston, and was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTING ALDERMEN IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston shall be and hereby is divided into twelve aldermanic districts; and wards one and two shall constitute one district, to be known as the first aldermanic district; wards three, four and five shall constitute one district, to be known as the second aldermanic district; wards six and eight shall constitute one district, to be known as the third aldermanic district; wards seven and ten shall constitute one district, to be known as the fourth aldermanic district; wards eleven and nineteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the fifth aldermanic district; wards nine and thirteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the sixth aldermanic district; wards fourteen and fifteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the seventh aldermanic district; wards twelve and eighteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the eighth aldermanic district; wards seventeen and twenty-one shall constitute one district, to be known as the ninth aldermanic district; wards sixteen and twenty shall constitute one district, to be known as the tenth aldermanic district; wards twenty-three and twenty-four shall constitute one district, to be known as the eleventh aldermanic district; wards twenty-two and twenty-five shall constitute one district, to be known as the twelfth aldermanic district.

Section 2. The qualified voters of each of the aldermanic districts shall, at the annual election, give in their votes in their respective precincts for one able and discreet person, being a legal voter and an inhabitant of the district, to be a member of the Board of Aldermen for the ensuing year; and all the votes so given in shall be sorted, counted, declared and recorded, a declaration of the result thereof made, and a transcript of such record certified and transmitted, and the same proceedings had thereon, to ascertain and determine the persons chosen as aldermen, as are hereinbefore directed in regard to the choice of Mayor.

Section 3. In case one or more members of the Board of Aldermen have not been elected, the members who have been elected, whether constituting a quorum or otherwise, shall order a new election for the number of alder-

men not elected, at such time and place as they may deem advisable; and in case no member of the Board of Aldermen has been elected, the President of the Common Council shall order a new election for members of the Board of Aldermen at such time and place as he shall deem advisable, and the same proceedings shall be as are provided in the preceding section. The course herein prescribed shall be repeated from time to time until a full Board of Aldermen shall be elected.

Section 4. Whenever there is a vacancy in said board by removal from the city, death, resignation or otherwise, the members of said Board who shall continue in office shall order an election to fill such vacancy, at such time and place as they may deem advisable.

Section 5. Nominations of candidates for the Board of Aldermen in the City of Boston, made by a political party which at the preceding annual State election polled for Governor at least three per centum of the entire vote cast in the State for that office, shall be made directly in caucuses and not by convention or committees, and the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes of the total vote cast in the several ward caucuses in his respective district shall be the nominee for alderman for said district.

Section 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Bills Proposed by the Mayor.

The following bills, accompanying petitions for legislation, have been presented by the Mayor of Boston:

In the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE THE PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON WITH THE PARK DEPARTMENT OF SAID CITY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, shall have the charge and control of the Common, Public Garden and other ornamental public grounds or lands in said city, and of those parts of public squares and places in said city which do not form travelled parts of highways, and of all trees belonging to said city; shall cause all trees standing in the streets to be so trimmed, that they will not interfere with public travel; shall cause all orders of the Board of Aldermen, made after public notice and hearing, for the removal of trees standing in the streets, to be carried out; and shall cause all statutes and ordinances for the protection of trees, shrubs and flowers in the public grounds and streets to be strictly observed.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO FINISH THE CONSTRUCTION OF ITS PUBLIC PARKS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston shall complete the construction of the public parks of

said city, other than playgrounds, and to pay the expenses incurred therefor, including payments for land, the City Treasurer shall, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, issue to the total amount of \$1,200,000, notes, bonds, or script of said city, payable thirty years from their date, and bearing interest at such rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, and the interest payable at such times, as shall be fixed by said Treasurer; provided, however, that the total amount of such bonds issued in any one year shall not exceed \$400,000; and the indebtedness incurred under this act shall not be taken into account in determining the debt limit of said city. Any loan authorized by the City Council of said city for the purposes aforesaid since the first day of January, 1898, shall not be taken into account in determining the debt limit of said city, but the loan above authorized shall be reduced by such amount.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF ART IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. An Art Department is hereby established in the City of Boston, under the charge of a board of five commissioners, to be appointed by the Mayor of said city, without confirmation by the Board of Aldermen. Said Mayor shall, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, appoint one member of said Board to serve for the term of five years, one for the term of four years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of one year, each term beginning with the first day of May in said year; and thereafter said Mayor shall, on or before the first day of May of each year, appoint one member of said Board to serve for the term of five years, beginning with said day. Four of the members of said Board shall be appointed by the Mayor as follows: one from a list of three persons selected by the Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts, two from a list of six persons selected by the Boston Society of Architects, and one from a list of three persons selected by the Boston Art Club; but no sculptor or painter shall be eligible for membership in said Board. The members of said Board shall serve without compensation.

Section 2. Hereafter no work of art shall become the property of said city, by purchase, gift, or otherwise, unless such work of art, or the design of the same, together with a statement of the proposed location of the same, shall first have been submitted to, and approved by, said board acting by a majority of all its members; nor shall such work of art until so approved be erected or placed in or upon, or allowed to extend in, over or upon, any street, avenue, square, place, common, park, municipal building, or other public place under the control of said city or any department or office thereof.

Section 3. When so requested by the Mayor or the City Council, said Commission shall act in a similar capacity, with similar powers, in respect to the design of any municipal building, bridge, approach, gate, fence, lamp or other structure erected, or to be erected, upon land belonging to the city, and in respect to any arch, bridge structure or ap-

proach which is the property of any corporation or individual and extends in, over or upon any street, avenue, highway, park or public place under the control of said city or any department or other thing; but this section shall not be construed as intended to impair the power of the Board of Park Commissioners of said city to refuse its consent to the erection or acceptance of any public monument or memorial, or other work of art of any sort, within any park or public place in said city under the jurisdiction of said Board.

Sect. 4. The term "Work of Art," as used in that act, shall apply to and include all paintings, mural decorations, stained glass statues, bas-reliefs or other sculptures, monuments, fountains, arches, gate-ways, or other structures of a permanent character intended for ornament or commemoration. No existing work of art in the possession of said city shall be removed, relocated or altered in any way without the similar approval of said Commission, and any such work of art shall be removed, re-located or altered in any way that may be ordered by a vote passed and approved in writing by all of the members of said Commission, and also approved by the Mayor.

Sect. 5. If said Commission shall fail to decide upon any matter submitted to it within sixty days after such submission, its decision shall be deemed necessary.

Sect. 6. All contracts for the execution of any monument, statue, bust, bas-relief or other sculpture for said city shall be made by said Board, acting by a majority of all its members, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Sect. 7. Chapter one hundred and twenty-two of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety is hereby repealed.

Sect. 8. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Metropolitan District Commission, consisting of the Commissioners appointed as hereinafter provided, shall, on and after the first day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, exercise and perform the powers now vested by law in, and the duties now incumbent upon, the Metropolitan Sewerage, Park and Water Commissioners, and the offices of said Sewerage, Park and Water Commissioners shall on said day cease and terminate.

Sect. 2. The Governor shall, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight appoint one able and discreet man, an inhabitant of this Commonwealth, to be a member of said Commission for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine; and the Mayor of the City of Boston shall, in said year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, appoint one member of said Commission, to serve for the term of two years, beginning with the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine; and the several Mayors and Boards of Selectmen of the cities and towns other than the City of Boston, any part of which lies within the distance of ten miles from the State House, shall in a joint meeting, which shall be called and presided over by the Governor, and in which each of said cities or towns, by its Mayor or the Chairman of its Board of

Selectmen, as the case may be, shall have one vote, choose by a majority of all such cities and towns, one able and discreet person, an inhabitant of some one of said cities or towns, to serve as a member of said Commission for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine; and thereafter, in the year within which any such term expires, the authority appointing the commissioner whose term expires, shall in like manner appoint a new commissioner, to serve for the full term of three years, beginning with the first day of January following the expiring term. Each commissioner shall receive a salary of seventy-five hundred dollars per annum.

Sect. 3. Said Commissioners shall meet forthwith after their selection, and organize by the election of a chairman, who shall be one of their number, and of a secretary, who shall not be one of their number, and shall thereafter appoint and fix the compensation and duties of such other officers and employees as they shall deem necessary, and shall, on and after the first day of January eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, exercise and perform the aforesaid duties conferred upon them by this Act.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF PLAYGROUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, for the purpose of establishing a comprehensive system of playgrounds, to meet the wants of the different sections of said city, are hereby authorized to purchase, with the approval of the Mayor of said city, land for playgrounds in such different locations, not exceeding twenty in number, as they may deem best adapted for such purpose, and to improve and equip for use as playgrounds any land in said city already acquired for playgrounds, and any land that may be acquired under authority of this act; provided, however, that not more than \$100,000 of the proceeds of the bonds hereinafter provided for shall be used in any one year for improving and equipping playgrounds, and that not more than \$250,000 in all shall be expended in any one year for the above-named purpose.

Sect. 2. To meet the expenses incurred under this Act, the City Treasurer of said city shall, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor issue, to the total amount of seven hundred and fifty thousand (750,000) dollars, notes, bonds or scrip of said city, payable in such time not exceeding thirty years from their date, and bearing interest at such rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, and such interest being payable at such times as shall be fixed by said Treasurer; and such notes, bonds or scrip shall be within the limit of indebtedness of said city.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CAUCUSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. All political parties entitled by law to make in caucuses held in the City

of Boston nominations for any office to be filled by election in said city, or to choose in such caucuses delegates to political conventions authorized to make nominations, shall do so only as described in the following sections.

Sect. 2. The Board of Election Commissioners of said city shall fix a date for the holding in each precinct of one caucus for all such parties prior to the State election, for the nomination of officers to be voted for at such election, and the choosing of delegates to political conventions to nominate such officers, and of another caucus for all such parties, prior to the municipal election, for the nomination of officers to be voted for at such election, and the choosing of such delegates.

Sect. 3. Said Board shall appoint the election officers who are to act at said elections in sufficient season to enable them also to act as the officers at such caucuses, and such election officers shall so act and shall be paid for their services at such caucuses in the same manner, and at the same rate, as they are paid for their services at such elections.

Sect. 4. The voting at said caucuses shall be in the same manner as at elections, and caucus ballots for use thereat shall be prepared by said Board of Election Commissioners in the same manner as now provided by law; the polls shall be open at such caucuses during the same hours as meetings for elections are required by law to be kept open, and such caucuses shall be conducted in all respects in the same manner as elections, so far as the laws relating to elections are applicable thereto, except as otherwise herein provided.

Sect. 5. Every voter entitled by law to vote at a caucus of the political party with which he is affiliated, and no others, shall have the right to vote at the caucuses herein provided for, and after the name of such voter has been checked upon the voting list, and he has been admitted within the guard-rail, he shall, before receiving a ballot, declare his party affiliation, and shall then be given the ballot of the party with which he declares himself affiliated; provided, however, that such voter shall be subject to challenge after making such declaration, and in case he is challenged, shall not be given such ballot unless he shall make oath or affirmation of his affiliation, with such party, as now provided by law in case of the challenge of votes in caucuses.

Sect. 6. The ballots cast at such caucuses shall be received, sorted, counted, declared, and transmitted to the Board of Election Commissioners, and recounted, as in the case of ballots cast at elections, except that before such ballots are counted, the ballots of each political party shall first be separated and put and kept together in blocks of fifty, and the ballots for each party shall be separately counted, tabulated, kept as aforesaid and returned.

Sect. 7. All laws relating to elections, the preparation of ballots therefor, and determining the results thereof, shall, so far as applicable, apply to caucuses held under this act, and said Board of Election Commissioners may make any reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of law for carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

Sect. 8. The City Council of said city may provide by ordinance that nominations for all municipal offices in said city shall be made by direct vote of the voters of the several political parties in the caucuses herein provided for, instead of by delegates to political conventions.

Sect. 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AN ACT RELATING TO ALLEYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston may, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891, and Acts in amendment of or addition thereto, lay out and construct any alley or passageway in the City of Boston not exceeding 30 feet in width as a public alley, and the provisions of said chapters shall, so far as applicable, apply to the laying out and construction of public alleys, and the paying of the assessable cost thereof, as if they were laid out as highways, and any moneys applicable to the laying out and construction of highways under said Act may be used for paying the expenses of laying out and constructing public alleys.

Sect. 2. Said city shall not be liable for any defect or want of repair in any public alley, nor be required to keep the same free from snow, but shall be required to keep the same free from any substance which is liable to cause sickness or a nuisance.

Sect. 3. Whoever drops or places and suffers to remain in any public alley, any snow or ice, or any rubbish or obstruction of any kind, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$50 for each offence.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston shall hereafter consist of seven Trustees instead of five. In the current year the Mayor of said city shall appoint two additional Trustees, one to serve for the term of one year, and one to serve for the term of three years, each beginning with the first day of May in the present year, and hereafter in the years in which the terms of two of such Trustees expires, said Mayor shall appoint two trustees, each to serve for the term of five years from the first day of May in the year of his appointment.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Every ordinance, order or other measure authorizing the granting of any location, franchise, right or privilege in or under a public way shall receive in the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston at least two separate readings, the second reading at least one week after the first, and no such location, franchise, right or

privilege shall hereafter be granted for a longer term than twenty-five years; in any measure making any such grant any terms or conditions for the benefit of the city which have been specifically recommended by the Mayor may be imposed, and in such case the grant shall be exercised only on condition that such terms or conditions shall continue to be complied with.

Sect. 2. Every ordinance, order or other measure pending before either branch of the City Council of said city upon which the yeas and nays are taken may be finally passed by such branch by, and only by, a ye and nay vote of a majority of all the members thereof, and the yeas and nays shall be taken upon any measure whenever any five members shall call for the same; but no order authorizing a loan, unless the same has been recommended by the Mayor as being for the general benefit of the city as a whole, shall be finally passed except by a ye and nay vote of two-thirds of all the members.

Sect. 3. Every ordinance, order or other measure shall, after its final passage by the City Council, be forthwith laid by the person acting as clerk of the branch last acting upon the same before the Mayor, and the Mayor within ten days after such passage may approve the same in writing, or only certain items thereof if the measure involves the raising, appropriation or expenditure of money, and thereupon such measure, or the items so approved, shall take effect upon the date specified for the measure to take effect, or, if no date is specified, on the date of such approval; if the Mayor does not within said ten days approve the measure so presented to him, or return the same to the branch in which the same originated with his objections thereto in writing, or to certain items thereof, as aforesaid, the measure shall take effect on the date specified therefor, or, if no date is specified, upon the expiration of said ten days; if the Mayor within said ten days returns to such branch any measure so presented to him, with a statement in writing of his objections thereto, or to certain items thereof, as aforesaid, such branch shall enter its objections on its records, and such measure, or the items so objected to, shall not take effect unless three-fourths of all the members, by vote, taken by yeas and nays, shall, notwithstanding such objections, again vote to pass such measure, or items, in which case the measure, or items, shall take effect on the day specified for the measure to take effect, or, if no date is specified, on the day of such passage; if the action of the other branch of the City Council was required to pass the measure originally, the measure, with the objections of the Mayor thereto, shall be sent to such other branch, and it shall not take effect unless three-fourths of all the members of such other branch, taken by yeas and nays, shall, notwithstanding such objections, also again vote to pass such measure or items, in which case the measure or items shall take effect on the day specified for the measure to take effect, or if no date is specified on the date of such last passage; the Mayor, instead of objecting to any item as aforesaid, may approve the item for any sum less than that stated therein, and in such case the item shall take effect to the extent of the sum so approved and no further.

Sect. 4. The Civil Service Commissioners shall, within three months of the passage of this act, classify all officers and employments, the compensation of which is paid out of the treasury of said city, which in their opinion should be included in the classified service, notwithstanding any existing exemptions from the operation of the civil service laws or the rules of said Commissioners prepared in accordance therewith; provided, however, that judicial officers, officers elected by the people, or by the City Council or either branch thereof, or whose appointment is subject to confirmation, heads of departments of said city, heads of such number of divisions of the several departments of said city as said Commissioners may from time to time approve, the officers and employees attached to the office of the Mayor, the members of the Board of Police for said city, and the chief marshals, or chiefs, of the Police and Fire Departments, shall not be affected as to their selection or appointment by any rules or classification made as aforesaid.

Sect. 5. All officers appointed by the Mayor to be trustees or members of boards, and who receive no compensation for their services as such, shall be appointed without any confirmation being required. The term of office of every officer appointed by the Mayor to have sole or joint charge of a department of said city, except trustees and members of boards and the Commissioners of Fire, Penal Institutions and Buildings, shall expire on the passage of this Act, and the term of every trustee and member of a board expiring on April thirtieth of the current year shall expire on the passage of this Act, and the Mayor shall appoint for the terms provided by law all trustees and members of boards, and shall in the current year and in every second year thereafter appoint for the term of two years all other officers to be appointed by him to have sole or joint charge of a department, each term aforesaid beginning with the first day of February in the year in which the appointment is made; all such officers shall continue to hold office after the expiration of their term until they are removed or their respective successors are appointed, or confirmed where confirmation is required.

Sect. 6. All the powers vested in the Board of Aldermen as County Commissioners, or as Surveyors of Highways, whether in conjunction with the Mayor or otherwise, and all the powers vested in the Board of Aldermen, or City Council, or Common Council of said city, relating to the issue of licenses of any description, or relating to the maintenance or repair of highways, streets, causeways or bridges, or to authorizing, regulating, restricting or controlling the laying, maintaining or repairing of poles, wires, pipes or other structures, in, over or under the highways, or to authorizing signs, bay-windows or other projections into highways, or to determining the grades and coverings of streets and sidewalks, or to authorizing the use or occupation of portions of streets for building or other purposes, or to authorizing excavations in, or under streets, or to authorizing the sale of goods therein, shall be exclusively held and exercised by such departments of said city as the City Council shall, from time to time, by ordinance determine, and until such determination as the Mayor shall direct.

Sect. 7. The annual municipal election in said city shall hereafter be held on the third Tuesday of December, instead of on the Tuesday after the second Monday of said month.

Sect. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this act are hereby annulled.

Sect. 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DRAWING OF JURORS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston shall hereafter draw all jurors in said city publicly, without the Mayor, in the same manner as they are now drawn by the Board of Aldermen of said city when the Mayor does not preside.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECOUNTS OF BALLOTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. No ballots cast at caucuses or elections in the City of Boston shall hereafter be recounted, unless the petitioners for the recount satisfy the Board of Election Commissioners that there is other reason than the mere closeness of the vote for believing the count to be erroneous, except in cases where the difference on the face of the returns between the vote cast for the candidate not elected who received the greatest number of votes and the candidate elected who received the smallest number of votes

is less than three per cent. of the votes received by the latter candidate.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The School Committee of the City of Boston shall in each municipal year, on or before the first day of March, appropriate for the maintenance and operation of the public schools of said city such sums as it may deem necessary therefor, and the aggregate amount of the appropriations so made shall be certified to the Board of Assessors and be by them included in the tax levy of said city for such year; or

Section 1. The School Committee of the City of Boston shall in each municipal year, on or before the first day of March, appropriate for the maintenance and operation of the public schools of said city such sums as it may deem necessary therefor, not exceeding in the aggregate a sum equal to two dollars on a thousand of the taxable valuation of said city; or

Section 1. The School Committee of the City of Boston shall in each municipal year, on or before the first day of March, appropriate for the maintenance and operation of the public schools of said city such sums as it shall deem necessary therefor, not exceeding in the aggregate two dollars for each nine dollars raised by taxation for municipal purposes in the preceding year.

Sect. 2. The taxes assessed on property in the City of Boston, exclusive of all sums now excepted by law, and of the sums required to meet the appropriations made under the preceding section, shall not exceed

in any year seven dollars on every one thousand dollars, instead of nine dollars on every one thousand dollars, as now provided by law.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

INJUNCTION AGAINST THE CITY REFUSED.

Judge Richardson, in the Equity Session of the Superior Court, on February 1, in the case of the Merz Universal Extractor and Construction Company of New York *vs.* the City of Boston, Mayor Quincy, Superintendent of Streets Wells and the New England Sanitary Reduction Company, refused to grant an interlocutory injunction to restrain defendants from acting under a contract awarded by the City, December 24, to the defendant company for the building of a plant on Calf Pasture for the rendering and cremation of garbage at a cost of \$47,400 per year, for ten years.

The case was set down for hearing on Friday, on a demurrer which the defendants will file to the plaintiff's bill.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

The value of importations for the calendar year 1897 was \$85,688,149 and the value of exportations for the same period was \$104,191,690.

The above figures of the business of the port present a record unequalled by that of any previous year.

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred.	Date of Reference.	Date of Report.	Nature of Report.
H. B. 78, as to Plotting and Laying Out Streets in Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	January 13.		
H. B. 80, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston.	Election Laws.	January 13.		
H. B. 82, as to Change of Harbor Lines and Improvements in South Bay.	Harbors and Public Lands.	January 13.		
H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston.	Cities.	January 14.		
H. B. 125, for more Boston Aldermen, and choice of Chairman by popular vote.	Election Laws.	January 17.		
H. B. 152, as to leasing of Building by Boston Park Commission.	Cities.	January 19.		
H. B. 195, for widening Rutherford avenue, Devens and Bow streets.	Metropolitan Affairs.	January 21.		
H. B. 204, for reorganization of the Boston City Government.	Election Laws.	January 21.		
H. B. 233, as to Choice of President of Boston Common Council by Popular Vote.	Election Laws.	January 25.		
H. B. 235, to Provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to Define the Duties and Powers.	Liquor Law.	January 25.		
H. B. 252, as to Registration of Voters.	Election Laws.	January 25.		
H. B. 253, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston.	Election Laws.	January 25.		
H. B. 254, as to Time of Opening and Closing of Polls in Boston.	Election Laws.	January 25.		
H. B. 255, as to Change in Method of Electing Boston Aldermen.	Election Laws.	January 25.		
S. 11, for Providing a Temporary Presiding Officer for Boston Aldermen.	Metropolitan Affairs.	January 20.		

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Boston Transit Commission.

20 Beacon Street, January 24, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that on January 20, 1898, the Boston Transit Commission, under Chapter 548, Statutes 1894, and the Acts in amendment thereof, and every other power and authority thereto enabling, took in fee for the City of Boston that parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Boston, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and bounded and described as follows:

Westerly on Court street, twenty-two feet; northerly on Brattle street, thirty-two feet; easterly on land formerly of Uriah Cotting, by a line through the middle of the wall, eighteen feet, and southerly on land formerly of David Greenough, by a line through the middle of the wall, twenty-two feet; together with the privilege appurtenant to said land of using the passageway in the adjoining store to reach the chambers of the adjoining building.

By order of the Commission,

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

Office of the Fire Commissioner.

Bristol Street, January 26, 1898.

Ordered, That H. W. LeFavor, driver for Chief of District 10, be, and hereby is, dishonorably discharged for desertion of his duty under conditions which aggravate his offence, to take effect at 2 o'clock P.M., January 23, 1898.

Attest:

B. F. UNDERHILL, Jr., Secretary.

January 27, 1898.

L. P. WEBBER, Chief of Department.

SIR: You will please instruct District Chiefs that the members of this Department are to be protected against all begging of every description while they are in their company houses, and that they and all persons who have such begging in view must be kept away at all times.

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

January 29, 1898.

L. P. WEBBER, Chief of Department.

SIR: You will please instruct District Chiefs that all orders from the Superintendent of Repairs and his assistants, regarding the care and treatment of engines, are at all times and in all places to be implicitly obeyed, as well as his instructions relating to the proper working at fires.

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Award of Contracts.

Penal Institutions Department.

January 31, 1898.

The following shows bids received and opened at 11 o'clock Saturday, January 29, for the supply of beef, mutton, fish and granite for the Penal and Children's Institutions Departments for the year ending February 1, 1899:

	BEEF.			
	Skinner Arnold.	S. S. Learnard.	N. E. Hollis.	F. H. Gallagher.
Soup . .	\$3 04	\$3 98	\$2 99	\$3 00
Round . .	6 50	7 00	6 50	—
Sirloin . .	20 00	18 00	23 00	15 00
Rump . .	12 50	11 00	12 50	12 50
Corned . .	6 00	5 50	5 75	8 00
Chucks . .	4 50	5 25	4 25	6 00
Wholesides	8 00	7 00	7 45	8 00

MUTTON.		
I. E. Noyes.		
Forequarter		\$5 00
Hindquarter		8 00
Whole		7 00

	FRESH FISH.		
	F. J. O'Hara & Co.	J. Burns & Co.	Haskins Fish Co.
Cod . . .	\$2 00	\$2 00	\$2 37½
Steak Cod, . .	3 00	3 00	3 25
Haddock . .	2 00	2 00	2 37½
Cusk . . .	2 00	2 00	2 37½
Halibut . .	10 00	10 50	10 00
Trout . . .	10 00	9 00	8 00

	SALT FISH.		
	Potter & Wrightington.	J. Burns & Co.	Caswell, Livermore & Co.
Pollock . .	\$2 75	\$2 25	\$2 00
Cod . . .	3 50	2 25	3 25
Cusk . . .	3 50	2 25	3 00
Hake . . .	2 75	2 25	2 00
Large cod . .	4 62½	5 00	5 00
Medium cod .	—	3 25	—

GRANITE.
Edgestone—50,000 lineal feet, with the privilege of taking more at the same rate, each piece not less than six feet long by twenty inches deep and seven inches thick when finished.

	Pigeon Hill			Cape Ann Rockport	
	Jas. Grant & Co.	Granite Co.	Granite Co.	Granite Co.	Granite Co.
Edgestone, 27 8-10c.	33¾c.	24 9-10c.	27¼c.		

CATCH-BASINS.				
100 pieces,	\$6 35	\$5 90	\$6 00	\$6 00
20 "	6 35	6 40	6 00	6 00
30 "	6 35	6 10	6 00	6 00

The awards will be made as follows: On beef, N. E. Hollis; on mutton, Increase E. Noyes; on fresh and salt fish, J. Burns & Co.; on granite, Cape Ann Granite Company.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Office of the Superintendent of Streets.

City Hall, January 27, 1898.

Bids were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Thursday, January 27, 1898, for furnishing the Street Department of the City of Boston with spruce lumber, to be delivered by districts, as may from time to time be ordered between February 1, 1898, and February 1, 1899. Bids were figured 1,000 feet board measure, 90 per cent. rough, and 10 per cent. planed.

South Boston	\$13 94
East Boston	15 44
Brighton	14 44
West Roxbury	15 44
Dorchester	13 94
Roxbury	13 94
City proper	13 94

Awarded to Curtis & Pope Lumber Company.

Charlestown \$15.345

Awarded to G. Fuller & Son.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Supt. of Streets.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER.

Old Court House, January 29, 1898.

The following is an exhibit by wards of the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending January 29, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		Brick Buildings.	Wooden Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	4	
2...	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	
3...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4...	—	2	—	1	—	—	1	1	2	1	
5...	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	9	
6...	—	8	1	—	—	—	1	1	7	24	
7...	2	6	—	—	—	—	4	2	4	44	
8...	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	13	
9...	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	16	
10...	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	30	
11...	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	9	4	20	
12...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	12	
13...	1	3	1	2	2	—	2	—	3	4	
14...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	12	
15...	—	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	3	4	
16...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	
17...	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	23	
18...	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	18	
19...	4	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	9	
20...	11	2	1	—	—	—	1	8	20	22	
21...	—	1	—	1	6	1	2	—	8	15	
22...	4	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	5	
23...	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	8	
24...	5	2	2	—	—	2	2	1	6	7	
25...	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	12	
Totals	37	36	12	6	12	13	20	27	83	320	

Engineering Department.

ARCHITECTURAL DIVISION.

February 2, 1898.

The resignation of Mr. J. F. Kavanaugh, draughtsman, dated February 1, 1898, has been accepted. Mr. Kavanaugh resigns to accept another situation.

The contract of M. H. & J. Dugan for the painting of corridor walls, whitening ceilings, washing and varnishing of woodwork, painting of elevator screens and elevators in City Hall has been completed and a final draft in the sum of \$1,957 was drawn January 28, 1898.

The contract of M. F. Sullivan for alterations on fifth floor and dome of City Hall has been settled and a final draft in the sum of \$2,596.18 was drawn January 31, 1898.

Plans showing the proposed alteration of the old Armory Building, Wareham street,

into a repair shop for the City of Boston, have been finished, and the work is now under way.

F. W. CHANDLER,
Consulting Architect.

Fire Department.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol Street, January 29, 1898.

Following is a statement summarizing the official action taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending January 29:

Condemned five (5) pieces of hose.

Orders drawn on the Walworth Construction and Supply Company for heating apparatus, \$800, and William Lumb & Co., for plumbing, \$891—both for new engine-house at Grove Hall.

Order drawn on George S. Bourne, for painting inside of Engine House 19, \$175.

Order drawn on W. H. Josselyn, for sixty-one (61) hanging bits.

Benjamin F. Thayer, formerly of Engine 23, and a pensioner of this department, died January 27. He was appointed August, 1860; pensioned February, 1893.

The following transfers and promotions have been made:

Assistant Engineer J. E. Pomeroy, Engine 10 to Engine 26; Hoseman Solomon Aaron, Engine 26 to Engine 33; Hoseman Thomas J. Cavanagh, Engine 33 to Engine 19; Hoseman George H. Fenno, Engine 19 to Engine 10, and promoted to Assistant Engineer.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Jr., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

Statistics for the week ending January 29, inclusive:

Cases pending last report	6	
Number of applications for admission to institutions	100	
Number of admissions:		106
To State Almshouses	46	
Long Island	21	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	1	
Marcella-Street Home	1	
Boston Insane Hospital	3	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	4	
Dipsomaniac Hospital,	1	
Applications refused	77	
Applications withdrawn	14	
Cases pending	8	
Legal settlements investigated	98	

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Park Department.

The following letter has been sent by the Park Commissioners to the Trustees of the Westminster Chambers Trust, Boston:

Jamaica Park, January 29, 1898.

MESSRS. HENRY BIGELOW WILLIAMS AND BABSON S. LADD, Trustees of the Westminster Chambers Trust:

SIRS: The attention of the Board has

been called to the fact that you have had plans drawn for a building at the corner of Trinity place and St. James avenue, more than 70 feet in height.

The Board desires to call your attention to Chapter 313 of the Acts of 1896 as amended by Chapter 379 of the Acts of 1897 and to the fact that St. James avenue is a way bordering upon a public park, to wit, Trinity Triangle, which was taken by the Board for park purposes; and the Board therefore thinks it proper before the Trustees of Westminster Chambers proceed to any further erection of his building that they be notified that elevation above 70 feet would be in violation of law.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) CHARLES E. STRATTON,
Chairman.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending January 29, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	18.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	23.8
Number of deaths:	
Males	86
Females	102
Total	188
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	237
Decrease	49

Of 188 decedents, 185 were white, and 3 colored; 110 born in the United States, 78 in foreign countries; 45 of American parentage, 125 of foreign parentage; parentage unknown, 18.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	37	5
Scarlatina	21	1
Typhoid fever	8	4
Measles	14	0
Total	80	10

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	24
Pneumonia	24
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	20
Bronchitis	8
Marasmus	1
Violent causes	6

Total from principal causes	84
Total from infectious diseases	10
Other causes	94
Total from all causes	188
Deaths of children under 1 year	35
Deaths of children under 5 years	51
Deaths of persons over 60 years	44
Deaths in public institutions	58

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 40 Hanson street, Ward 9, two bay windows of the following description: To project from second, third and fourth stories, over Hanson street. Dimensions: Each 30 feet high, 11 feet 6 inches wide, and 2 feet 11 inches over line of street.

JOHN KELLEY,
68 Pemberton square.

January 17, 1898.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

January 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the fourteenth day of February, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in THE CITY RECORD and The Republic, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 88 Minden street, Ward 19, one bay window of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over Minden street. Dimensions: 20 feet high, 9 feet wide, and 2 feet over line of street.

FREDERICK BLEILER,
15 Day street, Roxbury.

January 18, 1898.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

January 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the fourteenth day of February, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in THE CITY RECORD and Roxbury Gazette, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 208 Maverick street, Ward 2, one bay window and cornice of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Maverick street. Dimensions: 21 feet high, 11 feet wide, and 1 foot, 6 inches over line of street.

A. TRINCHITELLA,
by L. S. JOSLIN,
218 Tremont street, Room 407.

December 29, 1897.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

January 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the fourteenth day of February at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in THE CITY RECORD and the East Boston Free Press, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

Boston, January 31, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners will give a public hearing on petition to change name of Barrington street, at Dorchester, to Hamilton street, at City Hall, Friday, February 4, at 3 P.M.

By order of the Board.

JOHN P. DORE, Chairman.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

Boston, January 31, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners will give a public hearing on petition to change name of Parker street to Kilston street, on Friday, February 4, at 3 P.M., in room 38, City Hall.

By order of the Board.

JOHN P. DORE, Chairman.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

Boston, January 31, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners will give a public hearing on petition to change name of Hamerton street, Roxbury, to Waumbek street, Saturday, February 5, at 11 a. m., in room 38, City Hall.

By order of the Board.

JOHN P. DORE, Chairman.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

Boston, January 31, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners will give a public hearing on petition for changing names of Pontine and Hudson streets, at Dorchester, Saturday, February 5, at 11 a. m., in room 38, City Hall.

By order of the Board.

JOHN P. DORE, Chairman.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

Boston, January 31, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners will give a public hearing at 3 P.M., Wednesday, February 9, in room 38, City Hall, on petition to change name of Falmouth street to St. Stephen street.

By order of the Board,

JOHN P. DORE, Chairman.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

Boston, January 31, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners will give a public hearing on petition to change name of part of School street, Dorchester, to Bradlee street, Wednesday, February 9, at 3 P.M., in room 38, City Hall.

By order of the Board,

JOHN P. DORE, Chairman.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

COVE STREET—ATLANTIC AVENUE.

Boston, January 31, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners will give a public hearing to all persons interested in the matter of a change of the name of Cove street to Atlantic avenue, at their office, 38 City Hall, at 3 o'clock, afternoon of Wednesday, February 2.

By order of the Board,

JOHN P. DORE, Chairman.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

50 City Hall, January 31, 1898.

The Engineering Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building a portion of the sea-wall on Dorchester-avenue Extension, Boston, Mass.

The office copy of the contract and plan for the work may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston, Mass. A bond of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety for faithfully doing the work, will be required.

The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an envelope, endorsed "Proposal for Building Sea-Wall, Dorchester-avenue Extension," and with a certified check for five hundred (\$500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, left at said office, before twelve o'clock P.M., of Tuesday, February 15, 1898. This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

Advertisements.

Proposals filled out and left with check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the City.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 43 Arklow street, Ward 22, one bay window of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over Arklow street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 12 feet wide, and 2 feet over line of street.

MARGARET C. MULVEY,

41 Walden street.

January 10, 1898.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

January 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the fourteenth day of February, at 3 o'clock, P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in THE CITY RECORD and Roxbury Gazette, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

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TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on south-east corner of Huntington avenue and Shepard street, Ward 19, two bay windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Huntington avenue. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 10 feet wide and 2 feet over line of street.

AGNES K. SWEENEY,

692 Huntington avenue.

January 31, 1898.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

January 31, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the 14th day of February, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in THE CITY RECORD and Roxbury Gazette, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Suffolk ss.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

The Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation represents that, for the purpose of connecting its road with the Union Passenger Station, required to be constructed under the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of the year 1896, it is about to locate an extension of its road from a point at or near Dartmouth street to the grounds of the Boston Terminal Company, as required by said Act, upon a route crossing Dartmouth street, Columbus avenue, Cazenove street, St. Charles street, Berkeley street, Chandler street, Ferdinand street, Tremont street, Castle street, Shawmut avenue, Washington street, Harrison avenue, Way street, Broadway and Albany street in the City of Boston.

Wherefore, it asks you, after due notice and hearing, to determine the manner in which such extension of its road shall cross such streets and any other streets and highways in said county.

BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE RAILROAD CORPORATION,
By J. H. BENTON, JR., Attorney.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

January 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That a hearing be given thereon before said Board, at the City Hall, in the City of Boston, on the twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1898, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and that notice of such hearing be given by publishing said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD, the Boston Journal and the Boston Herald, newspapers published in said county, for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least seven days prior to said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS,

City Hall, January 24, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing to the Street Department of the City of Boston eight hundred thousand (\$800,000) large paving blocks. A bond of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety for faithfully doing the work, will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed, as directed therein, sealed in an envelope, indorsed "Proposal for Large Paving Blocks," and with a certified check for one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, left at said office before 12 o'clock M., of Monday, February 7, 1898. This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. Proposals filled out and left with check, as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WIRE COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

By authority vested in the Commissioner of Wires by Chapter 454, of the Acts of 1894, the section of the city prescribed for this calendar year, viz., 1898, within which any poles or structures used in the streets, and all wires, cables and conductors, except such as are excepted by said Chapter 454, shall be removed or placed underground, is that portion bounded by the line which marks the boundary of the prescribed district for 1897, running from the junction of Joy and Beacon streets through Joy street to Cambridge street and through Cambridge street to the water front. Commencing at this point the line will run along the Harbor Commissioners' line to the extension of the line of Berkeley street; thence through Berkeley street to Tremont street, through Tremont street to Castle square, through Castle square to Ferdinand street, through Ferdinand street to Columbus avenue through Columbus avenue to Park square, through Park square to Charles street, through Charles street to Beacon street, and through Beacon street to the point of beginning at Joy street.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner of Wires.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS,

City Hall, January 31, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing to the Street Department of the City of Boston three hundred thousand (\$300,000) paving blocks, Philadelphia size. A bond of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety for faithfully doing the work, will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed, as directed therein, sealed in an envelope, endorsed "Proposal for Paving Blocks, Philadelphia size," and with a certified check for one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, left at said office before 12 o'clock M., of Monday, February 7, 1898. This check is to be the property of the City if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. Proposals filled out and left with the check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
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THE CITY RECORD is also on sale at the Old Corner Book Store, 283 Washington street.

The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held February 7, 1898, Chairman Dyar announced the appointment of the following committees of the Board of Aldermen:

Armories and Military Affairs—Berwin, Conry, Lott, Cleary.

County Accounts—Conry, O'Toole, Paige, Prescho.

Electric Wires—Codman, Berwin, Norton, Cleary.

Faneuil Hall and County Buildings—O'Toole, Codman, Charles, and Paige.

Licenses—Charles, Prescho, Lott, Dixon.

Lamps—Dixon, Berwin, O'Toole, Codman.

Market—Norton, Codman, O'Toole, Lott.

Railroads—Paige, Dyar, Cleary, Dixon. (Later in the session the same Aldermen were appointed as a special Committee on Street Railways.)

Inspection of Prisons—Cleary, Lott, Dixon, Prescho.

Building Department (Aldermen)—Lott, Norton, Paige, Charles.

The Chairman appointed as the Committee on Joint Rules Aldermen O'Toole, Prescho, Norton, Codman, Dixon and Lott.

The Chairman also announced that Alderman Charles, Chairman of the Committee on Public Improvements, had appointed the following sub-committees:

Paving Division—Prescho, Norton, Paige.

Sewer Division—O'Toole, Berwin, Cleary.

Sanitary Division—Codman, O'Toole, Dixon.

Ferry Division—Dixon, Lott, Conroy.

Bridge Division—Lott, Conry, Berwin.

Street Cleaning Division—Cleary, Prescho, Norton.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 7.30 P.M., February 8, President Huggan in the chair all the members being present except Mrs. Ames, Mr. Bowdlear, Mr. Calderwood, Mr. Dunn and Mrs. Keller.

The Chair read the following:

IN COMMON COUNCIL,

January 13, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to select a site and establish a new grammar school in Ward 23, in the vicinity of Hyde Park avenue and Walk Hill street.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence

In Board of Aldermen, January 27, concurred.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

February, 5, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

The Chair read the following:

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

January 31, 1898.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor request the School Committee to appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the construction of a new eight-room primary school-house on Leon street, Ward 19.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. February 3. Came up concurred.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

February 7, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN, Secretary.

Referred to Committee on School-houses.

The Chair read the following:

IN COMMON COUNCIL,

January 27, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to include in their appropriation a sum sufficient to place the Chapman School-house in thorough repair, and to make additions to said school-house according to plans held by the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

IN COMMON COUNCIL,

January 27, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

January 29, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Strange for the Committee on School-houses, it was

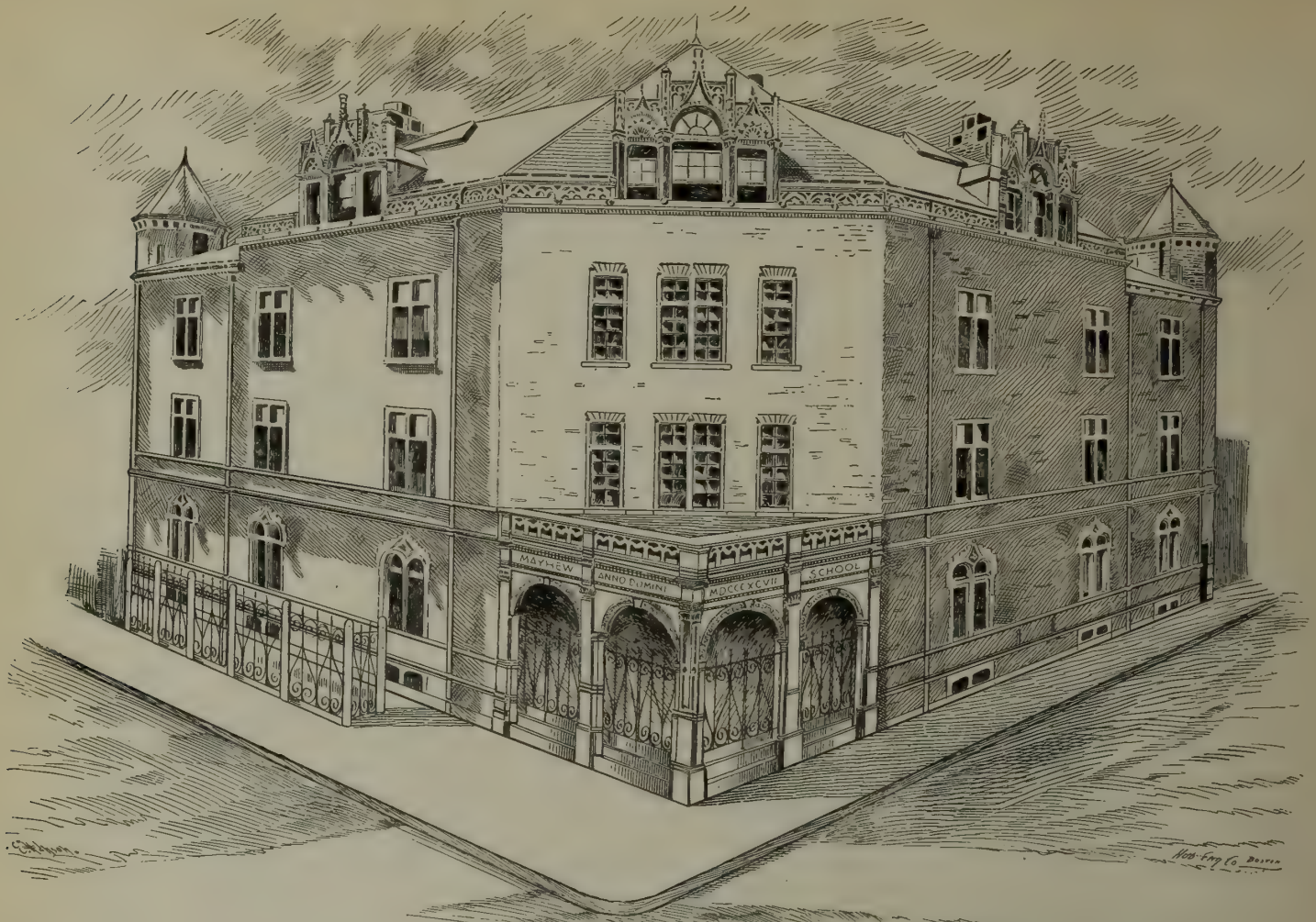
Ordered, That there be paid to James Woolley and Charles A. Tilden, Trustees of the Central Associates, the sum of twelve thousand (12,000) dollars as payment for their estate on Princeton street, at East Boston, taken for school purposes, by the City of Boston, December 17, 1897 (taking recorded December 18, 1897), upon the said trustees giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same Committee, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to Charles U. Cotting and others, trustees of the estate of Edward D. Sohler, the sum of thirty-three thousand (33,000) dollars and the taxes for the year 1897, as payment for their estate on Princeton, Marion, and Saratoga streets, at East Boston, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, December 17, 1897 (taking recorded December 18, 1897), such payment to include damages occasioned to the leasehold of No. 80 Saratoga street, and to be made upon the said trustees giving to the city a deed for said land so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same Committee, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the South Boston High School-house lot, a parcel of land belonging to the City of Boston, bounded and described as follows: North by Thomas park, about sixty-four feet; east by land heretofore taken by the City of Boston for school pur-



THE MAYHEW SCHOOL-HOUSE.

poses, September 14, 1897, about 423 and 14-100 feet; south by Thomas park, about sixty-four feet; and west by other land of said City of Boston, about 462 feet; containing about 26,600 square feet.

The Chair read the following:

ROOMS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

Mason street, February 7, 1898.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN, President.

DEAR SIR: I hereby resign as a member of the Committee on Manual Training of the Boston School Committee.

Yours respectfully,

ISAAC F. PAUL.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following:

Boston, January 27, 1898.

THORNTON D. APPOLLONIO, Secretary.

DEAR SIR: My resignation as a member of the School Committee will not be withdrawn.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD H. DUNN.

Placed on file.

Mr. Strange moved that the resignation of Mr. Dunn, now on the table, be taken from the table and placed on file.

Voted.

Mrs. Fifield read the following report:

Soon after the Henry L. Pierce School-house in Dorchester was built, Hon. Henry L. Pierce

presented to the school two portraits of distinguished men, Gen. Knox and Daniel Webster, whose names had been identified with the site on which the building stood. Subsequently, at the request of the committee having charge of the school, he promised to present a portrait of himself. It was his intention, as expressed not long before his death, to give a copy of the portrait painted by Louis Bonnat in Paris in 1895, which has recently been placed in the Museum of Fine Arts in this city.

To carry out this purpose a few of the family and friends of Mr. Pierce have employed Mr. Jacob Wagner to copy the painting by Bonnat. This has been done in a highly satisfactory manner, and the portrait, suitably framed, was presented to the Henry L. Pierce School on Tuesday, February 8, 1898. The presentation was made by Mr. Charles Sumner Pierce, and the gift accepted by the Chairman of the Division Committee.

Accepted.

Upon motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Ordered, That the gift be recorded in the proceedings of the Board, and the thanks of the School Committee for this valuable portrait be extended to Mr. Edward L. Pierce and family, and to Messrs. Howland, Bugbee, Gallagher, Delano and Brooks of the Walter Baker Company.

The Chair announced, to fill the vacancies on the Committee on School-houses, the appointment of Mr. Strange as Chairman and Mr. Bassett as member.

Confirmed.

Mr. Paul for the Committee on Evening Schools offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to extend for two weeks the terms of such of the Evening Schools as in their judgment will be profitable, and that schools so extended close their year on Friday evening, March 25, 1898.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Allen for the Committee on High Schools moved, and it was

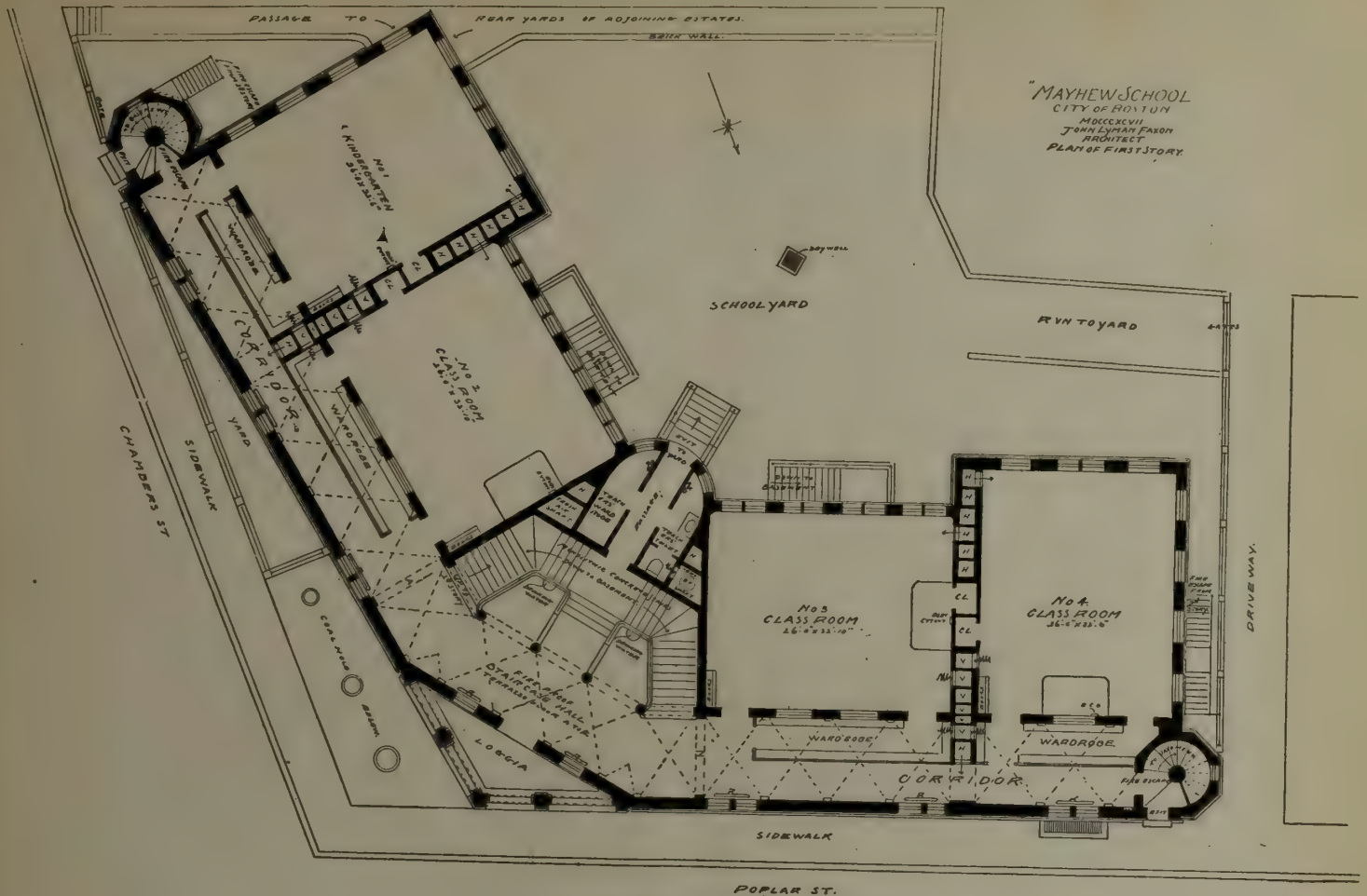
Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the use of the South Armory on Irvington street, as a drill hall for the cadets of the English High and Latin Schools, at an annual expense not to exceed three hundred and fifty (350) dollars for heating and janitor service.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Adjourned at 8.45 P.M., to Wednesday, February 23, at 7.30 P.M.

THE MAYHEW SCHOOL-HOUSE.

The Mayhew School-house has recently been completed, and is ready for occupancy. It is for children of the primary grade. It cost \$106,000, and is situated at the junction of Chambers and Poplar streets, in Ward 8.



PLAN OF FIRST FLOOR, MAYHEW SCHOOL.

As may be seen from the following description and cuts, showing its elevation and the plan of its first story, the building belongs to the new era of school architecture, and but faintly resembles the "little red school-house" of the ancient regime.

In planning the Mayhew School the architect has especially sought to secure: (1), quiet, in order that the exercises of the school may not be disturbed by the noise of the streets; accordingly, the class-rooms have been placed in the rear or yard side of the building, and the corridors upon the front or street sides; (2), ample light and the largest possible amount of sunlight in each room by facing all the class-rooms to the east, south or west; (3), the best attainable results in heating and ventilation; (4), perfection of installation for sanitary purposes which is in this building unusually elaborate and complete; (5), ample provision for ingress and egress, and safety in the use thereof; the building has eight exits, all of fire-proof construction; (6), thoroughness of construction and perfection of workmanship and finish, equal to that of private work.

The building covers 8,667 square feet of land, and has a frontage of 187 feet on

Chambers and Poplar streets, and a depth in the outer wings of forty-seven feet and ten inches, with a triangular loggia or porch, of four arches, at the junction of the streets, and two octagonal fire-escape towers, one at each end. The style of architecture is that of the French transitional, more familiarly known as Francis I. The loggia is of the Corinthian type, and is elaborately carved with representations of the animal and vegetable kingdoms, and the capitals are sculptured with little boys and girls holding books.

The exterior is faced with a mottled, reddish gray Croton brick, and trimmed with Berea gray sandstone and terra-cotta of the same color. The structure includes twelve class-rooms, four in each of the three stories, each 26 feet 4 inches by 32 feet 10 inches, and two large class-rooms in the fourth or roof story, each 32 feet 10 inches by 38 feet 4 inches, or fourteen class-rooms in all, with a capacity of 786 scholars.

The corridors are 11 feet wide, and, as will be seen by reference to the plan, are intersected at the centre by the main staircase hall, 27 feet by 40 feet. The staircase hall is of fire-proof construction, brickwork

and concrete, and the stairs are of monolithic concrete construction. The staircase halls are wainscoted in olive marble throughout, from basement to fourth story inclusive; and the floors are finished with terrazzo pavement. The corridor in the first story is finished in groined vaulting, supported by foliated Gothic corbels. Back of the staircase, in the first story, is a passage leading to the rear yard, with a teachers' wardrobe at the left and toilet-rooms at the right; over these are teachers' studies in the second and fourth stories, and boys' and girls' toilet-rooms in the third story, off the stair-landings.

The walls of halls and corridors are tinted in a subdued Pompeian red, with a frieze of warm green, and ceilings of pale yellow; the walls and ceilings of all school-rooms being tinted in soft, warm colors.

All division walls throughout the building are of solid brickwork, as are all heating and ventilating flues.

The wardrobes are of the open-screen type, enclosed by an architectural framework, filled with heavy iron screens, finished in antique green bronze, and the clothing of the scholars is hung from hooks in projecting shelves,

and not upon the walls. Each wardrobe is provided with copper-lined rubber and umbrella racks.

The basement is divided (by the main stairs and boiler-room) into boys' and girls' parts, with separate stairs and corridors. Adjacent to the play-rooms are the sanitariums; which are fitted with individual water-closets and provided with automatic flushing devices. The urinals are fitted with standing slabs of thick glass, and specially designed foot-slabs, and are flushed by hot water—glass being used instead of marble or slate because of its non-absorbent quality, and the facility with which it can be kept absolutely clean.

All of the plumbing installations are of the very best quality and workmanship and of the "open fit" sort; all metal fixtures, piping, etc., are of brass and iron, nickel-plated, and all cold water supply-pipes are block-tin lined. Special care has been given to secure separate ventilation of sanitary rooms and fixtures. The boiler-room is located in the centre, under the stair-case hall, and the main-heating coil chamber is back of the boiler-room. The boiler-room contains two boilers of 100 horse-power; two fans of a tested capacity, each of 44,000 cubic feet of air per minute, which are run by a 10 horse-power armor clad (C. & C.) electric motor. The provisions for heating consist of main and supplementary coils, with a capacity of over 6,000 feet of one-inch pipe, besides the direct and indirect heating of basement, sanitariums, corridors, vent shafts, etc. The building has a fresh-air shaft for taking in air above the roof, and there is also a specially designed "water spray" curtain for the elimination of all dust from fresh-air supply to the class rooms. All air for class-room supply, after being heated by the main coil, passes through the water spray, — the spray being supplied with hot water for winter use and cold water for the warmer seasons of the year.

The heating is automatically controlled throughout by the Powers' system of temperature control, and the temperature of each class-room is registered upon a dial in the boiler-room.

The building is wired for electric lighting, and the gas-piping has been installed after a specially designed system, to ensure equality of pressure and balance throughout, and at the several burners.

The systems of plumbing, heating, ventilation, electric work and gas piping were designed by the architect, Mr. John Lyman Faxon.

The contractors were Mead Mason & Co., for the general work; I. N. Tucker, for plumbing; A. A. Sanborn, for heating; C. W. Richards & Co., for electric work; John McLaughlin, for gas-fitting; Norcross Bros., for stone-work, and John Evans & Co. executed the carving.

The interior finish is of rock elm in the corridors, and Oregon cedar in the class-rooms.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Monday, February 7, at 3 o'clock, P.M., Chairman Dyar presiding, and all the members present.

Death of Firemen.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 7, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

It is my painful duty to inform you that six members of the Fire Department, namely, Assistant-Chief John F. Egan, Capt. James H. Victory, Lieut. George J. Gottwald and Firemen Patrick H. Disken, John J. Mulhern and William J. Welch, met their death by the collapse of a portion of one of the floors of the building 116-126 Merrimac street, in which a serious fire occurred early on Saturday morning last. This large loss of life shocked the community, and has aroused general sympathy for the families of the members of the Fire Department who were killed in the discharge of their duty, and this sympathy is already finding expression in substantial contributions from the public to a fund for the benefit of these families. While I do not desire to discourage in any way private contributions for this worthy object, it seems to me proper that the City itself should make some proper provision within the limits allowed by law for this purpose.

Under the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1880, the city may "if any member of the Fire Department shall die from injuries received while in the discharge of his duties, and shall leave a widow, or, if no widow, any child or children under the age of sixteen years," pay annually, by way of annuity to such widow, so long as she remains unmarried, or to any such child or children, so long as they continue under the age of sixteen years, a sum to be fixed by the Fire Commissioner, but not exceeding \$300; but apparently under the provisions of Chapter 258 of the Acts of 1874, the total payments under this authority cannot exceed \$3,000 in any one year, and as four pensions of \$300 are already so paid, the sum still available annually for this purpose is \$1,800. I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order, making the provision thus allowed for the families of the deceased firemen.

Under the provisions of Chapter 401 of the Acts of 1893, the sum of \$1,000 is paid by the Commonwealth to the executor or administrator of any fireman of any city or

town killed in the discharge of his duty "for the use of his widow and minor children, one-half to each, or if there are minor children, but no widow, to the use of such children, or if there are no minor children, to the use of the widow, or if there are no widow or minor children, to the use of the next of kin, if dependent on such deceased fireman for support." Furthermore, I am informed by the Fire Commissioner that the family of each fireman killed will receive from the assessment levied by the Boston Firemen's Mutual Relief Association about \$1,800. The Firemen's Relief Fund, of which the Mayor and Fire Commissioner are the trustees, also contributes \$100 in each case for funeral expenses, and comparatively small payments can also be made from time to time from this fund for the families of deceased firemen. I think it proper to state these facts in order that the public may be informed of the provision made for affording relief in cases of this character, other than by private subscription.

I have directed the Building Commissioner to make a thorough inquiry into the history of the building and the probable causes of this deplorable accident, and to report his conclusions to me as soon as possible. It should be stated at once, however, that the Building Inspector who supervised the the repairs made on this building, after the fire which burned a portion of the roof in 1893, positively denies the statement which has been made through the press that any of the floor timbers were even charred at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, that the Fire Commissioner be authorized, under the provisions of Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1880, to pay, by way of annuity, a sum not exceeding \$300 annually, out of the appropriation for the Fire Department, to the widow of any member of the Fire Department killed in the discharge of his duty at 116-126 Merrimac street on February 5, so long as she remains unmarried, or, if such member left no widow, to any child or children under the age of sixteen years, left by such members, so long as he or they continue under the age of sixteen years; provided, that the total amount of such annuities shall not in any one year exceed the limit of \$3,000 fixed by Chapter 258 of the Acts of 1873.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. The Committee reported that the order should be passed.

Report accepted, communication ordered sent down, and order passed and sent down.

Appointments by the Mayor.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 4, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, William R. Critcheson, to

be a Constable of the City of Boston (to serve without bonds), in connection with the work of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 7, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, Joshua Brothers, jr., to be a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

Boxing of Tree — Veto. — The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 7, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval an order granting permission to Walter Lougee to construct a box around a tree in Shaw square, opposite his place of business, for the reason that permission cannot legally be given to place a sign around a tree.

I assume that the purpose in boxing the tree is to furnish a support for a sign, as it would not be necessary to get permission from your Board if it was intended to simply place a suitable guard around the tree for its protection.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The board voted to reconsider the vote whereby the permit was granted, and the message and order were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Alderman Berwin.

Erection of Post — Veto. — The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 7, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval an order authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue a permit to William H. Seaver "to erect, maintain and use a wooden or metal post, about eight feet in height and about three inches in diameter, surmounted by a representation of a Yale lock key, in the sidewalk in front of estate 260 West Newton street, Ward 10," for the reason that the said order is illegal.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The Board voted to reconsider the vote whereby permission was granted, and the question came on granting permission, the Mayor's objections to the contrary, notwithstanding.

The Board refused to grant permission over the Mayor's veto, the vote being yeas, 3; nays, 8, Aldermen Dyar, Lott and Paige voting nay.

Information Regarding Fire-boat. — The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 4, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in reply to your order requesting information "as to the present condition of the remodeled fire-boat, and when it is expected that it will be placed in commission."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol street, January 31, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sir: Replying to the request of the Honorable Board of Aldermen for report as to the present condition of remodeled Fire-boat 31, I would respectfully report that, as at present arranged she might be serviceable in responding to nine out of ten alarms, but, in my opinion, does not possess sufficient speed and activity to warrant her being put in service without further improvement, and I enclose a copy of letter received to-day from Mr. Brooks, which, I think, explains the whole matter.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

January 31, 1898.

COL. H. S. RUSSELL, Fire Commissioner.

Sir: Replying to your inquiry of January 26, asking what steps have been taken to insure the completion of Engine 31 (fire-boat) at the expiration of the three (3) months' extension, granted by yourself, I have to report that I am negotiating with three different builders, and expect this week to complete a contract for new engines, which will give to the boat necessary additional speed and handling quality, which, in your opinion, she does not at present possess.

Yours truly,

L. M. BROOKS.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Alderman Conry.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P.M., Thursday, February 3, President Connolly in the chair.

Bath-House and Gymnasium, Ward 3. —

The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 3, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reply

to your order, requesting an estimate of the cost of establishing and maintaining an all-the-year-round bath-house and gymnasium in connection with the playground in Ward 3.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

Jamaica Park, January 28, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In reply to the order of the Common Council, requesting this Board to report an estimate of the cost of establishing and maintaining an all-the-year-round bath-house and gymnasium, in connection with the playground in Ward 3, we respectfully report that the cost of such an establishment would be approximately \$33,500.

With reference to the general question our Superintendent reports that a building of the size necessary to provide an all-the-year-round bath-house and gymnasium at Mystic playground would materially curtail the usefulness of the playground for small boys and girls, as the space left would be too small and confined for such a purpose. It is located in a district lacking in open spaces for children, and it would seem a pity to divert it from its original purpose.

If the Harbor Commission could be induced to move the bulkhead line further out on the flats below Charlestown Heights, provisions could there be made for out and in-door bathing, also for athletic work, all the year round, and still leave ground enough for a good-sized playground.

At Charlestown playground also there is room for such an institution, excepting that out-door bathing probably could not be arranged for, the retaining walls having been built at the dock line, unless the Harbor Commissioners would permit of a bench extension beyond the dock lines, or that sufficient land was sacrificed within the dock line for the purpose.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Park Department, when appointed.

Fire Company, Ward 24. — The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 3, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of establishing and maintaining a fire engine company near the corner of Milton avenue and Norfolk street, Ward 24.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

FIRE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Bristol Street, January 31, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the request of the Honorable Common Council for the cost of

establishing and maintaining a fire engine company with apparatus near the corner of Milton avenue and Norfolk street, Ward 24. I would respectfully report that independently of the land, of which I am unable to report the price, it would cost about \$43,000 to build a house, furnish it with apparatus and supply it with men for one year.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Extension of Dighton Place.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 3, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Street Commissioners in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the expense of extending Dighton place, Ward 25, to Chestnut Hill avenue.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, February 3, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Board of Street Commissioners respectfully report upon the order of the Common Council of January 20, 1898, of which a copy accompanies this communication, that in their opinion an extension of Dighton Place, to Chestnut Hill avenue, Ward 25, would require an appropriation of twelve thousand (12,000) dollars.

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Hancock Street Widening.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 3, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Street Commissioners in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of widening and straightening Hancock street, Ward 20, between Columbia road and Freeport street at a uniform width of 60 feet.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, February 3, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Board of Street Commissioners respectfully report upon the order of the Common Council of January 6, 1898, of which a copy is sent herewith, that, in their

opinion, the widening and straightening of Hancock street, Ward 20, to a uniform width of 60 feet from Columbia road to Freeport street, would require an appropriation of thirty thousand (30,000) dollars.

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Cross Street Extension.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 3, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Street Commissioners in reply to your order requesting "a list of the property-owners, and the assessed valuation of their property, that will be affected by the Cross-street extension."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, February 3, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Board of Street Commissioners respectfully report upon the order of the Common Council of January 27, 1898, of which a copy accompanies this communication, the following "list of the property-owners and the assessed valuation of their property that will be affected by the Cross-street extension," the names given, being those obtained from the Assessors' books. Such of the undermentioned estates as are held by trustees are so described in the list.

Joshua M. Sears, 48, 50, 52, Stillman street; 20 Charlestown street . . .	\$38,400
Leah Goldstein, 46 Stillman street . . .	7,800
Leah Goldstein, 44 Stillman street . . .	7,900
Teresa B. Moore, 38, 40 Stillman street; 70, 72 Endicott street . . .	12,000
Israel Goldstein, 66, 68 Endicott street, . . .	11,000
Michael F. D'Arcy, 64 Endicott street, . . .	16,300
Willard D. Bailey, 62 Endicott street, . . .	13,700
Lucy A. Hartt, heirs, 60 and rear Endicott street . . .	10,300
Solomon Pinkoffski, 56, 58 Endicott street . . .	10,100
Caroline T. Slater, 17, 18, 19 Charlestown street . . .	33,900
Mark I. Cohen, 51 Endicott street; 28 Cross street . . .	14,000
Mark I. Cohen, 30 Cross street . . .	5,500
Mark I. Cohen, 34 Cross street . . .	4,200
John Fleming, heirs, 34 rear Cross street . . .	2,100
Selig Lipsky, 36 Cross street . . .	3,700
Selig Lipsky, 38, 40 Cross street . . .	21,500
Selig Lipsky, 42, 44 Cross street . . .	26,900
Bernard Finkelstone, 46, 48 Cross street . . .	24,900
Jacob Izenberg, 52 and rear Cross street . . .	7,400
Annette Child, 54, 56 Cross street . . .	2,700
Bernard Finkelstone, 40, 42, 44 Salem street . . .	8,000
William K. Porter, 47 Salem street . . .	11,100
William F. Whittemore, trustee, 43, 45 Salem street; 60 Cross street . . .	17,500
David Pischanski, 66 to 74 Cross street. . .	12,700
Julius Abraham, 76, 78 Cross street . . .	12,200
Sarah M. Bruce, et al., trs., 80 Cross street; 192, 194 Hanover street . . .	17,700

Sarah M. Bruce, et al., trs., 194, 196 Hanover street . . .	\$20,100
M. H., H. F., and Max Ratschesky, 201, 203 Hanover street . . .	62,700
Ellen Stone et al, 96, 98 Cross street. . .	13,000
Ellen Stone et al., 100, 102 Cross street . . .	13,000
Augustus Hemenway, heirs, 106, 108 Cross street . . .	35,000
Augustus Hemenway, heirs, 110 North street . . .	56,600
Mary A. Clark, 109, 111 North street . . .	17,800
Freeborn F. Raymond, 105, 107 North street; 120 Cross street . . .	22,000
Albert E. Mowry, heirs, 124, 134, Cross street . . .	22,800
City Associates, 24, 30, Fulton street . . .	32,000
Rebecca A. Green, 35 Fulton street . . .	20,800
Charles A. Morss, 37, 39 Fulton street. . .	13,300
Eunice M. Weeks, heirs, 52, 60 Commercial street; 160 Cross street . . .	36,600
Arthur W. Hooper, trustee, 62, 64 Commercial street . . .	23,700
Annette and Caroline Child, 46 Salem street . . .	2,100
Charles Duffy, 48 Salem street . . .	8,900
Edward Lee Childs, 1 Central Wharf . . .	26,500
William L. Richardson, et al., 2 Central Wharf . . .	26,600
John D. Williams, 3 Central Wharf . . .	20,100
Daniel Goodnow, 297 Atlantic avenue. . .	31,900
William S. Dexter et al., 52 India street . . .	9,300
Jane N. Grew et al., 53 India street . . .	8,400

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Assigned to the next meeting, and ordered printed, on motion of Mr. Norris of Ward 13.

[The total assessed valuation of the property included in the above list is \$876,700.—ED.]

LEGAL ACTIONS.

Law Department.

The list of new cases entered in the Superior Court from January 25 to February 7, 1898, in which the City of Boston was defendant, is as follows:

Daniel T. Letteney, claim for mechanics' lien. Warren T. Billings, administrator, action of tort. Henry Masse, Dennis Haley, Frank Denescourt, James R. Cunningham, Cleophas Benoit, suits on claims filed for wages for work done for a contractor.

In the following cases the City of Boston was trustee:

Norah Clegg vs. Robert Clegg. Jane Tracy, administratrix, vs. Patrick McGarahan. Peoples Combination Clothing Co. vs. John Foye. William Macomber vs. Melvin P. Freeman.

T. M. BABSON, City Solicitor.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

The Civil Service Commissioners of Massachusetts will hold competitive examinations of applicants for positions as rodmen and as draughtsmen as soon as a sufficient number of applicants to make a class shall have filed applications.

The proper blanks may be obtained at the Commissioners' office at the State House.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 1898.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	199	16	215	92	85	38	105	26	39	215	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	56	—	56	38	18	—	9	9	32	56	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	200	23	223	90	123	10	77	51	50	222	1
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	12	—	12	11	—	1	6	—	8	12	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	4	—	4	3	1	—	—	1	—	4	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	27	6	33	11	16	6	24	2	5	33	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	24	22	46	15	30	1	18	8	2	46	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,271	298	2,569	183	2,337	49	1,232	958	235	2,341	228
* Total	2,793	365	3,158	443	2,610	105	1,471	1,055	371	2,929	229

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10		10 and under 15		15 and under 20		20 and under 25		25 and under 30		30 and under 35		35 and under 40		40 and under 45		45 and under 50		50 and under 55		55 and under 60		Over 60	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1	—	—	16	—	19	1	40	3	42	6	34	1	15	3	14	—	10	1	3	1	3	—	3	—
No. 2	1	—	5	—	25	—	8	—	8	—	5	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3	—	—	21	—	26	2	48	8	43	3	19	4	16	1	13	2	5	1	4	1	3	—	2	1
No. 4	—	—	5	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
No. 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6	—	—	—	—	4	—	6	—	1	—	4	—	2	2	4	1	1	—	2	—	2	1	2	1
No. 7	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	8	7	6	5	4	4	4	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 8	19	5	48	4	120	10	342	39	415	56	340	49	57	357	240	24	172	24	134	17	77	4	57	9
Total	20	5	95	4	197	13	451	58	516	72	407	58	67	367	276	27	188	26	146	19	85	5	65	11

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	19	Lodgers at station :	
Witnesses detained	15	Males	37
Missing persons reported	23	Females	1
Missing persons found	3	Americans	24
Lost children restored	51	Foreigners	14
Sick and injured persons assisted	264	Non-residents	34

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,687	24	<i>Brought forward</i>	3,141	38
British Provinces	267	2	Denmark	2	—
Ireland	696	4	Holland	—	—
England	118	4	Wales	5	—
France	7	1	East Indies	—	—
Germany	29	2	West Indies	6	—
Italy	91	—	Turkey	—	—
Russia	58	—	South America	1	—
China	38	—	Switzerland	2	—
Greece	11	1	Belgium	—	—
Sweden	46	—	Africa	—	—
Scotland	52	—	Hungary	—	—
Spain	—	—	Asia	—	—
Norway	22	—	Arabia	—	—
Poland	8	—	Mexico	—	—
Austria	7	—	Roumania	—	—
Portugal	3	—	Armenia	1	—
Finland	1	—	Alaska	—	—
<i>Carried forward</i>	3,141	38	Total	3,158	38

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

Senate Bills.

SENATE BILL introduced on leave January 31, by Senator Davis of Suffolk. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON UNDER ONE BOARD, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BOSTON BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Be it enacted etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Governor of the State of Massachusetts shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, three discreet persons, who together with two discreet persons to be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Boston, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen, shall constitute a Board to be known as the Boston Board of Public Works, and shall hold office for the terms as hereinafter specified.

Sect. 2. The Governor of the State of Massachusetts shall have the appointment of three members of the said Board, one member to serve five years, one to serve three years and one to serve one year. The Mayor of the City of Boston shall have the appointment of two members of said Board, one member to serve four years and one to serve two years. At the expiration of the several terms, or in case of any vacancy occurring, the Governor of the State of Massachusetts and the Mayor of the City of Boston shall have the appointment of their successors in rotation as herein named, and upon the expiration of the term of office, as above named, the term of office shall be for five years.

Sect. 3. Each member of said Board shall receive an annual salary of \$5,000.

Sect. 4. The following-named departments shall be consolidated and reorganized into the aforesaid Boston Board of Public Works, namely, Street Department, Wire Department, Water Department, Health Department, Public Buildings Department, Public Grounds Department, Engineering Department, Lamp Department, Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Sect. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 20 was introduced on leave by Senator Folsom of Suffolk; referred to Committees on Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws, sitting jointly. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. At every annual municipal election a President of the Board of Aldermen shall be elected by the registered voters of the City of Boston for the term of one year, under the same provisions of law, so far as applicable, as those under which the Mayor of said city is now elected.

Sect. 2. At said election in the current year six Aldermen at Large shall also be elected by said voters in the manner prescribed by the preceding section, three for the term of two years and three for the term of one year; and at every subsequent annual election there shall be elected, as afore-

said, three Aldermen at Large for the term of two years, and such other Aldermen at Large for the unexpired balances of terms as may be necessary to fill vacancies.

Sect. 3. The City of Boston shall be, and hereby is, divided into twelve aldermanic districts. Wards one and two shall constitute one district, to be known as the first aldermanic district; wards three, four and five shall constitute one district, to be known as the second aldermanic district; wards six and eight shall constitute one district, to be known as the third aldermanic district; wards seven and ten shall constitute one district, to be known as the fourth aldermanic district; wards eleven and nineteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the fifth aldermanic district; wards nine and thirteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the sixth aldermanic district; wards fourteen and fifteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the seventh aldermanic district; wards twelve and eighteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the eighth aldermanic district; wards seventeen and twenty-one shall constitute one district, to be known as the ninth aldermanic district; wards sixteen and twenty shall constitute one district, to be known as the tenth aldermanic district; wards twenty-three and twenty-four shall constitute one district, to be known as the eleventh aldermanic district; wards twenty-two and twenty-five shall constitute one district, to be known as the twelfth aldermanic district.

Sect. 4. At every annual municipal election there shall also be elected by the registered voters of each of the aldermanic districts of said city, as defined in Section 3 of this Act, one District Alderman for the term of one year, under the same provisions of law, so far as applicable, as those under which the members of the Common Council of said city are now elected.

Sect. 5. The President, the six Aldermen at Large, and the twelve District Aldermen shall constitute the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. The term of each of the members of the Board of Aldermen shall begin with the first Monday of January next following his election, and on that day the members-elect shall meet and be sworn as now provided by law.

Sect. 6. A political party entitled to make nominations to be placed on the official election ballot may make nominations for President of the Board of Aldermen, Aldermen at Large, and District Aldermen, to be placed on such ballot, only by direct plurality vote, at party caucuses held in the several districts; nominations for President of the Board of Aldermen, or for aldermen at large, to be placed on the official caucus ballot for such caucuses, may be made only by nomination papers bearing the signatures of at least one registered voter for every two hundred votes cast for Mayor at the next preceding election of a Mayor, and filed with the Board of Election Commissioners, as now required by law to be filed with the City Committee of the political party, instead of with such committee; nominations for District Aldermen to be placed on such caucus ballot may be made only by nomination papers bearing the signatures of at least fifty registered voters in the district, filed with the Board of Election Commissioners, as aforesaid; nominations for Aldermen at Large to be placed on such caucus ballot shall not specify for what term the

candidates are nominated, but the several candidates receiving respectively the largest numbers of votes at such caucuses shall be the nominees for the longest term to be filled, and those respectively receiving the next largest numbers of votes shall be the nominees for the next longest term to be filled, and if a tie vote between two or more candidates prevents such assignment of terms it shall be made by lot, publicly drawn by the Board of Election Commissioners of said city. No person shall sign caucus nomination papers for more candidates than there are nominations to be made.

Sect. 7. Nominations by nomination papers for President of the Board of Aldermen, and Aldermen at Large, to be placed on the official election ballot, may be made only by such papers bearing the signatures of at least one registered voter for every one hundred votes cast for Mayor at the next preceding election of a Mayor, the nomination papers of Aldermen at Large specifying the terms for which the respective candidates are nominated; nominations by nomination papers for District Aldermen, to be placed on the official election ballot, may be so made only by such papers bearing the signatures of at least one hundred registered voters of the district. No person shall sign nomination papers for more candidates than there are offices to be filled.

Sect. 8. The Board of Election Commissioners shall have the same powers, and perform the same duties, in relation to counting, tabulating and determining the votes cast at the several caucuses, as they have in relation to votes cast in the several precincts at elections, and all provisions of law relating to caucus and election nomination papers, nominations and caucuses, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, shall apply to nomination papers, nominations and caucuses, for the offices hereby created.

Sect. 9. The President of the Board of Aldermen shall, when present, preside at the meetings thereof; shall from time to time designate some member thereof to preside in his absence and when he leaves the chair; shall appoint the chairman and other members of committees to the number fixed by the Board of Aldermen; shall serve as acting Mayor in the same manner as the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen of a city is authorized by general law to serve in such capacity, and his succession to the office of Mayor shall constitute a vacancy in the office of President; and shall in the month of November of each year make a report, which shall be printed as a city document, giving a summary of the work of the Board of Aldermen for the current municipal year.

Sect. 10. The salary of the President of the Board of Aldermen, to be paid in monthly payments, shall be \$3,000 per annum, or such smaller salary as the City Council shall by ordinance determine; but no change of such salary shall take effect during the year in which the change is made. Each of the other members of the Board of Aldermen shall be paid, in monthly payments, a salary of \$1,200 per annum, and such further sum, not exceeding \$25 in any one month, as any such member shall certify has been incurred and paid by him as expenses in the performance of his official duties. No money shall be paid out of the city treasury for expenses of the Board of Aldermen, or of any committee thereof, or for the compensation or ex-

penses of any member thereof, except as provided in this section.

Sect. 11. The Board of Aldermen shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its members; shall from time to time establish rules for its proceedings; shall, when a vacancy occurs in the office of President, elect, by vote of a majority of all the members, some registered voter, not then a member, to be the President of the Board of Aldermen for the remainder of the municipal year; and, when a vacancy occurs in the office of any member, shall elect, by vote of a majority of all the members, a registered voter of said city, who, in case of a vacancy in the office of a District Alderman, shall be a resident of such district, to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the municipal year.

Sect. 12. All acts and parts of acts providing for the election of Aldermen of said city inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Act are hereby annulled.

Sect. 13. This Act shall take effect upon its passage, except that the provisions relative to the nomination and election of the President and members of said Board of Aldermen shall take effect at such date as may be requisite for the nomination and election of such President and members to serve for the municipal year 1899.

SENATE BILL No. 32 is a bill accompanying the petition of James E. Hayes. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE TREASURER, COLLECTOR AND AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. On and after January 1, 1898, there shall be in the City of Boston a Department of said city to be known as the Departments of Finance, and the Departments of said city, known as that of City Treasurer, City Collector and City Auditor shall be consolidated into said Department.

Sect. 2. The head of the Department of Finance shall be called the Comptroller of the City of Boston and of the County of Suffolk, whose annual salary shall not be less than \$10,000.

Sect. 3. At the next regular municipal election, said Comptroller shall be elected for a period of one year, and biennially after the regular municipal election of 1898. He shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties and shall give a bond with not less than five sureties made payable to the city, and to be approved by the Mayor, in the penal sum of \$250,000. There shall be three Bureaus to this Department.

1. A bureau for the collection of all city and county revenue accruing from any source, and for the collection of taxes and water rates, the chief officer of which shall be known as the "City Collector," who shall be appointed by the City Comptroller and may be removed by him for cause stated. The salary of the City Collector shall not be less than \$6,000 per annum. The duties now performed by the City Collector of Boston and not included in this section shall continue to be performed by him. He shall

give a bond with sufficient sureties to the Comptroller in the penal sum of \$75,000.

2. An Auditing Bureau which, under the supervision of the Comptroller, shall audit, revise and settle all accounts in which the city is concerned as debtor or creditor, and which shall keep an account of each claim for or against the corporation, and of the sums allowed, and shall certify to the same to the Comptroller, with the reasons for the allowance; the chief officer of which shall be called "Auditor of Accounts."

3. A Bureau for the reception of all moneys paid into the treasury of the city and for the payment on warrants drawn by the Comptroller and countersigned by the Mayor, the chief officer of which shall be known as the "City Treasurer." He shall be appointed by the Comptroller, and for cause stated in writing to the Mayor may be removed by him. His annual salary shall not be less than \$6,000. He shall give a bond with sufficient sureties to the Comptroller in the penal sum of \$150,000. All the powers and duties now belonging to the City Treasurer of Boston shall attach to the chief officer of this Bureau except those relating to the issuing of bonds and certificates of indebtedness, which shall be exercised solely by the Comptroller.

Sect. 4. All accounts rendered to or kept in the other departments of the City of Boston shall be subject to the inspection and revision of the Comptroller of Finance. He shall prescribe the forms of keeping and rendering all city accounts. All payments by or on behalf of the corporation shall be made through the City Treasurer on vouchers to be filed in said Department by means of warrants drawn on the Treasurer by the Comptroller and countersigned by the Mayor. The Comptroller may require any person presenting for settlement an account or claim against the corporation to be sworn before him touching such account or claim, and when so sworn to answer as to any facts relative to the justness of such account or claim. Wilful false swearing before him is perjury, and shall be punishable as such. He shall settle and adjust all claims in favor of or against the corporation and all accounts in which the corporation is concerned as debtor or creditor; but in adjusting and settling such claims he shall, so far as practicable, be governed by the rules of law and principles of equity which prevail in courts of justice. He shall furnish to each head of department semi-monthly a statement of the unexpended balance of the appropriation of his Department. He shall monthly furnish to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen a statement of the unexpended balances of all the departments. He shall be chairman of the Board of Sinking-Fund Commissioners for the City of Boston.

Sect. 5. In case of disability of the City Comptroller for a period exceeding three months, the Mayor shall appoint an able and discreet person to fill the office of Comptroller until the Comptroller is able to resume the duties of his office; and in case of the death, resignation or permanent disability of the Comptroller, the Mayor shall appoint some one to fill the balance of the term to the next municipal election, when a successor shall be chosen, either to fill out the balance of the unexpired term, or for a full term, as the case may be.

SENATE BILL No. 42 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The School Committee of the City of Boston shall hereafter be known as the School Board of said city, and shall consist of twelve members, nine of whom shall be elected and three of whom shall be appointed, as follows: there shall be elected at the municipal election in the year 1898, in the manner and under the laws under which members of the School Committee are now elected, three members of said School Board to serve for the term of three years, three to serve for the term of two years, and three to serve for the term of one year; and annually thereafter there shall be elected at the annual municipal election in said city three members of said School Board to serve for the term of three years; and there shall be appointed by the Mayor of said city as soon as may be after the commencement of the municipal year of the year 1899, without any confirmation being required, three members of said School Board, one to serve for the term of three years, one to serve for the term of two years, and one to serve for the term of one year, and thereafter the Mayor of said city, as soon as may be after the commencement of each municipal year, shall appoint, without any confirmation being required, one member of said Board to serve for the term of three years; the terms of each member of said Board, elected or appointed, shall begin with the first Monday of January in the year in which such members are appointed. All provisions of law relative to heads of the departments of said city shall apply, so far as applicable, to said members appointed by the Mayor.

Sect. 2. Said School Board shall, except as herein otherwise provided, have and exercise all the powers, and perform all the duties now held and performed under special or general laws by the School Committee of said city, and all that may hereafter be given to or required of school committees under general laws not inconsistent with this Act, and said Board shall during the months of January and February of each year, by a vote of a majority of all its members, make itemized appropriations for the maintenance and operation of the public schools of said city for the financial year of said city, and the orders or votes of said Board making such appropriations shall have the same force and effect as votes or orders of the City Council appropriating money for such purposes now have, and shall be subject to approval by the Mayor, in whole or by items, and to re-passage over his veto in the same manner as votes of the City Council appropriating money are subject to his approval, and such appropriations made by said Board shall be so itemized as to designate a specific purpose for which each appropriation is made.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 43 is a bill accompanying the petition of D. D. Rourke. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HOLDING OF CAUCUSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 23 of Chapter 530 of the Acts of 1897 is hereby amended by inserting in the fifteenth line after the word "closed," the following words: "within three feet of the rail."

Also amend Section 24 of the same Chapter, in line 16, by adding after the word "clerk," the following words: "Or inspector, or who is a State, county or city employee."

Also amend Section 24, in line 20, by adding at the end the following: "or candidate for delegate to a State, congressional, county, councillor, or senatorial convention."

Section 16 of Chapter 530 of the Acts of 1897 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Any voter participating in a caucus shall have the privilege of being present in the ward-room where such caucus is being held, during the progress of the caucus, and shall not be ejected therefrom, unless, in the opinion of the police officer in charge, he is committing a breach of the peace."

Amend, by adding a new section to Chapter 530 of the Acts of 1897, to wit: Chapter 275 of the Acts of 1895, entitled "An Act Relative to the Distribution of Circulars of Printed Matter in the Vicinity of Polling Places, shall not Apply to the Distribution of Circulars or Cards at Caucuses Held in the City of Boston."

SENATE BILL No. 44 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE WIRES AND ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of Chapter 454 of the Acts of the year 1894 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "city," in the seventeenth line, the following words: Said Commissioner shall in each January after the year 1898, until the work in the section of said city, hereinafter bounded, is completed, prescribe and give notice as above provided that a portion of that section of the city bounded as follows: Commencing at the intersection of Berkeley street with the Charles river, the boundary line will follow the river line to Saint Mary's street, thence through Saint Mary's street to the parkway, thence along the parkway, following the boundary line between Boston and Brookline to Huntington avenue, thence through Huntington avenue to Tremont street, through Tremont street to Columbus avenue, through Columbus avenue to Roxbury street, through Roxbury street to Eliot square, through Eliot square to Dudley street, through Dudley street to Columbia road, through Columbia road to Dorchester avenue, through Dorchester avenue to West Fourth street, through West Fourth street to the Dover-street bridge, across said bridge to Dover street, along the boundary line of the present underground district, through Dover street to Berkeley street and through Berkeley street to the water front, the point of beginning, within which portion all wires,

cables and conductors, except such as are hereinafter excepted, shall be during that calendar year removed or placed under ground and the area of such portion of said section so prescribed for each calendar year shall be not more than one-fourth nor less than one-sixth of the entire area of said section of the city. Said Commissioner shall also in the month of January of each year after the year 1898, after notice as aforesaid, prescribe such parts as he shall deem proper of Commonwealth avenue, Columbus avenue and Columbia road, within which portion all wires, cables and conductors, except railway trolley guard or span wires and of posts for the support of lamps exclusively, and to posts for the support of railway trolley guard and span wires, shall be, during that calendar year, removed or placed underground.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 46 is a bill accompanying a petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

(See CITY RECORD, page 63.)

SENATE BILL No. 47 is a bill accompanying the petition of Daniel D. Rourke. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TUNNEL OR TUNNELS BETWEEN BOSTON AND EAST BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows.

Section 1. The Boston Transit Commission are hereby directed to construct a tunnel or tunnels of sufficient size for two railway tracks, with approaches, entrances and other facilities for the running of railway cars therein, from a point at the corner of Washington and Hanover streets in Boston to a point near Maverick Square in East Boston. The City of Boston may borrow not exceeding \$2,000,000 outside the debt limit of said city for the purpose of meeting the expense of the construction of said tunnel or tunnels, and may issue bonds, notes or scrip therefor. Said bonds, notes or scrip shall be payable within a period not exceeding thirty years from the date thereof and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum. And the general provisions of law relating to municipal indebtedness and the creation of a sinking fund shall apply to the indebtedness herein authorized except as herein otherwise provided.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 50 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF BELVIDERE STREET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The vote of the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, passed in the year 1897, laying out Belvidere street, crossing land of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, is hereby ratified, and said

city may use the land of said railroad company within the lines of said street for the purpose of a highway.

Sect. 2. The Boston and Albany Railroad Company shall be entitled to damages for the land occupied for said highway, to be recovered in the manner provided for recovering damages for lands taken for highways in the City of Boston, interest to be computed in determining such damages from the date of the passage of this Act.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 56 was introduced on leave February 4, 1898, by Senator Davis of Suffolk; referred to the Committees on Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. At every annual municipal election hereafter held in the City of Boston, there shall be elected by the registered voters of each of the several wards of said city one person to be Alderman for the term of one year, and two persons to be members of the Common Council for the term of one year, under the same provisions of law, so far as applicable, as those under which the members of the Common Council of said city are now elected.

Sect. 2. The existing provisions of law as to nominations for members of the Common Council shall, so far as applicable, apply to nominations for Ward Aldermen and for members of the Common Council.

Sect. 3. Each Alderman elected as aforesaid, shall be paid, in monthly payments, a salary of \$1200 per annum, and each member of the Common Council shall be paid, in monthly payments, a salary of \$300 per annum.

Sect. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed; and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith annulled.

Sect. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 59 was introduced on leave by Senator Davis; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO UNITE THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE CITY OF CHELSEA AND TOWNS OF WINTHROP AND REVERE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. All the territory now comprised within the limits of the City of Chelsea and the towns of Winthrop and Revere, in the County of Suffolk, with the inhabitants and estates therein, is annexed to and made a part of the City of Boston in said County of Suffolk, subject to the same municipal regulations, obligations and liabilities, and entitled to the same immunities in all respects as the said City of Boston; provided, however, that until constitutionally and legally changed said territories shall continue to comprise for the purpose of electing members of the House of Representatives the twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth; for the purpose of electing a senator,

part of the first senatorial district; for the purpose of electing a councillor, part of the third council district; and for the purpose of electing a representative in Congress said territories shall continue to be part of congressional district number seven as the same is now constituted.

All the duties now required by law to be performed by the Board of Aldermen of said City of Chelsea and Selectmen of said towns of Winthrop and Revere, or either of them, pertaining to the election of representatives in Congress, State councillors, for State senators and members of the House of Representatives shall in like manner devolve upon and be performed by the Board of Aldermen and said Clerk of said City of Boston.

It shall be the duty of the ward officers of the wards erected out of said annexed territory, as hereinafter provided, to make to the said Clerk of the said City of Boston a return of all votes that may be cast therein, from time to time, for representatives in Congress, State, councillors, senators, members of the House of Representatives and for all other National, State, district, county and municipal officers.

Sect. 2. All the public property of said City of Chelsea and said towns of Winthrop and Revere shall be vested in and is declared to be the property of the said City of Boston, and said City of Boston shall succeed to all the rights, claims, causes of action, rights to uncollected taxes, liens, uses, trusts, duties, privileges and immunities of said City of Chelsea and said towns of Winthrop and Revere.

The City and Town Treasurer of said City of Chelsea and said towns of Winthrop and Revere, before the second Monday of January in the year 1899, under the direction of the Aldermen of the said City of Chelsea and Selectmen of said towns of Winthrop and Revere who shall for this purpose, and for all other purposes necessary to carry into full effect the provisions of this Act, continue to hold their offices; transfer, deliver, pay over and account for, to the said Treasurer of the said City of Boston, all books, papers, moneys and other property in their possession as City and Town Treasurers of said City of Chelsea and towns of Winthrop and Revere, when this Act takes effect, and the said City of Boston shall become liable for and subject to all debts, obligations, duties, responsibilities of said City of Chelsea and said towns of Winthrop and Revere.

All actions and causes of action which may be pending, or which shall have accrued at the time this Act takes effect, in behalf of or against said City of Chelsea and towns of Winthrop and Revere, shall survive, and may be prosecuted to final judgment and execution in behalf of or against said City of Boston.

Sect. 3. The several courts within the County of Suffolk shall continue to have the same jurisdiction over all causes of action and proceedings in civil and criminal causes arising in said territory that said courts now have.

Sect. 4. The said territories shall constitute three wards of the City of Boston, to be called wards twenty-six, twenty-seven and twenty-eight, and shall so remain until the alteration of the ward limits of the City of Boston, provided by law, and the ward so established shall be entitled to all municipal ward officers to which each of the other

wards of the said City of Boston is entitled, and shall be divided into precincts in the manner provided by law.

Sect. 5. Said annexed territories shall, after the fifth day of November in the year 1898, constitute three wards of said City of Boston, to be called ward twenty-six, which shall comprise wards one and two of the present City of Chelsea; ward twenty-seven, which shall comprise wards three and four of the present City of Chelsea, and ward twenty-eight which shall comprise ward five of the present City of Chelsea and the present towns of Winthrop and Revere, for all the purposes mentioned in this Section and in Sections 6 and 7 of this Act, and the Board of Aldermen of said City of Boston shall in due season issue their warrant for a meeting of the legal voters of said wards, to be held on the Tuesday following the second Monday of December in the year 1898, at such places within said wards as shall be designated in said warrant, there first to give in their ballots for the several municipal officers for the year 1899, for which they shall be entitled to vote by virtue of the provisions of this Act, and, second, to vote upon the question whether intoxicating liquors shall be sold in said wards for the next municipal year.

The Board of Election Commissioners of said City of Boston shall prepare lists for all the legal voters in said wards, to be used at said meetings, and shall do all other things which they are now by law required to do in respect to like elections in other wards of said City of Boston, and the Mayor and Election Commissioners of said City of Boston shall appoint ward officers for said wards the same as they are now by law required to do in respect to other wards of said City of Boston, and said ward officers shall be qualified according to law.

Sect. 6. The citizens of said annexed territories of Chelsea, Winthrop and Revere shall have the same right to vote for Mayor, Street Commissioner, School Committee, Aldermen, Councilmen, and all municipal officers at the annual municipal election in said City of Boston in the year 1898, as they would have had if said territories had formed part of said City of Boston more than six months next before said election. At the annual municipal election in said City of Boston, comprising the annexed territories of City of Chelsea and the towns of Winthrop and Revere, in the year 1898, there shall be elected a Mayor for said City of Boston for a term of two years from the first Monday in January of the year 1899, and other municipal officers for said City of Boston shall be elected for the terms and in the manner now prescribed by law.

Sect. 7. After the present municipal year the Board of Aldermen of the said City of Boston shall consist of twelve members, and in addition to the number of members of the Common Council of the said City of Boston, otherwise or now provided by law or ordinance, the territories hereby annexed shall be entitled to elect three members to said Council for each of the twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth wards of the said City of Boston; provided, however, that any increase in the number of Aldermen or change in the methods of electing Aldermen for said City of Boston shall apply also to said annexed territories, in like manner as it applies to other wards of said City of Boston.

Sect. 8. The several officers and employees in force in said City of Chelsea and towns of Winthrop and Revere when this Act shall take effect shall thereafter continue in the discharge of their respective duties in the same manner as if they were officers and employees of the said City of Boston, and shall belong to and be a part of the several departments now having charge of those respective duties.

Sect. 9. The legal voters of the said twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth wards of the said City of Boston at each municipal election that shall hereafter be had, shall vote upon the question as to whether intoxicating liquors shall be licensed to be sold in said wards for one year from the first day of May, next following, and if a majority of the voters of any of said wards casting their ballot at such election shall vote to license the sale of intoxicating liquors, then the Board of Police of the City of Boston shall have the right to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in said wards for said term; but if a majority of the voters of any of said wards voting at said election, shall vote against the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in said wards, then said Board of Police shall not grant a license for the sale of intoxicating liquors in any part of said wards, but the inhabitants of said wards shall have no right to vote as to whether intoxicating liquors shall be licensed to be sold in any other part of said City of Boston or not.

Sect. 10. This Act shall take effect on the twelfth day of November in the year 1898 so far as to authorize, legalize and carry into effect the acts and provisions of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh sections of this Act, but for all other purposes it shall take effect on the first Monday in January in the year 1899.

SENATE BILL NO. 63 was introduced on leave February 2, 1898, by Senator Quirk of Suffolk; referred to the Committee on Education. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The School Committee of the City of Boston hereafter shall consist of the Mayor of the city, who shall be ex-officio Chairman thereof, and the persons hereinafter named, who shall serve without compensation.

Sect. 2. At the municipal election held in the year 1898 in said city, and annually thereafter, the registered voters of each ward shall elect one person, an inhabitant of said ward to be a member of the School Committee for the ensuing year; nominations of any person for said office shall be made and election in each ward for such office had in the same manner, so far as applicable, as is prescribed by law for the nomination and election of Common Councilmen in said city.

Sect. 3. The persons so chosen as members of the School Committee shall meet and organize on the second Monday in January, in the year 1899, and annually thereafter, at such time and place as the Mayor may appoint. The unexpired term of office of all members and officers of the School Committee as hitherto organized and established,

shall terminate immediately upon the organization of the School Committee under this Act.

Sect. 4. A majority of all the members of the School Committee shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. They shall choose a Secretary, not of their own number, who shall also serve as Secretary to the Board of Supervisors, and auditing clerk, and such other subordinate officers as they may deem expedient, and shall define their duties, fix their compensation, and may remove them at pleasure.

Sect. 5. The School Committee shall have the supervision and direction of the public schools, and shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties in relation to the care and management of schools which are now exercised and performed, by virtue either of special acts or general laws, by the School Committee of said City.

Sect. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SENATE BILL No. 65 was introduced on leave February 2, 1898, by Senator Quirk of Suffolk; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENSIONING OF EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Any person sixty-five years of age who has been employed for twenty consecutive years as a common laborer by the City of Boston shall, if such person so requests, be retired from active service and placed upon the pension roll of said city. The pension paid to persons so retired shall be determined by the City Council of said city, but shall not be less than half the compensation paid to such person at the time of retirement.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City Council of the City of Boston.

In the House.

HOUSE BILL No. 291 is a bill accompanying the petition of Arthur F. Clarke; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS ON OR NEAR COPLEY SQUARE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The extreme height to which any building may be erected in that part of the City of Boston bounded by Berkeley street, Newbury street, Exeter street, and the Boston and Albany and Boston and Providence railroads, and including the two squares in said city known as "Copley square," shall be 70 feet exclusive of such steeples, towers, domes, cornices, parapets, balustrades, sculptured ornaments, chimneys and roofs as the Board of Park Commissioners of said city may approve.

Sect. 2. The Superior Court, or any justice thereof, shall have jurisdiction in Equity to enforce the provisions of this Act, and this Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 306 is a bill introduced on leave by Mr. Tague of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT TENEMENT HOUSES AND LODGING-HOUSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, OVER FOUR STORIES HIGH, SHALL BE FIRST-CLASS BUILDINGS.

The bill provides that every building hereafter erected over 70 feet in height, or hereafter increased in height to over 70 feet, shall be a first-class building; that every building hereafter erected or enlarged, or converted to use as a hotel or school-house, shall be a first-class building; and that every tenement or lodging-house hereafter erected of more than four stories in height shall be a first-class building.

HOUSE BILL No. 317 is a bill introduced on leave by Mr. McManus of Boston; referred to the Committee on Liquor Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF EXCISE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Governor of the Commonwealth, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint from the two principal political parties three citizens of Boston, who shall have been residents therein two years immediately preceding the date of their appointment, who shall constitute a Board of Excise Commissioners for said city, and who shall be sworn before entering upon the duties of their office. One member of said Board shall be designated by the Governor as Chairman, and two shall constitute a quorum. Their terms of office shall be so arranged and designated at the time of appointment that the term of one member shall expire on the first Monday of May in the year 1901, one on the first Monday of May in the year 1902, and one on the first Monday of May in the year 1903. The full term of office after these dates shall be five years, and all vacancies occurring after the passage of this Act shall be filled by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council. The members of said Board may be removed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, for such cause as he shall deem sufficient and shall express in the order of removal. The Board of Excise Commissioners shall appoint a clerk, who shall be sworn, who shall keep a record of all proceedings, issue all notices and attest all such papers and orders as said Board shall direct, whose term of office shall be five years, but who may be removed by said Board for such cause as it shall deem sufficient and shall express in its order of removal.

Sect. 2. The annual salary of the Chairman of said Board shall be \$4,500, that of the other members \$4,000, of the clerk \$2,500, which shall be paid monthly from the treasury of the City of Boston. Said officers shall not engage in any other business. The said Board, with the approval of the Governor and Council, shall be provided with such rooms as shall be convenient and suitable for the performance of its duties,

the rent of which shall be paid by the City of Boston.

Sect. 3. The Board of Excise Commissioners shall make a detailed report of its doings quarterly to the Mayor of said city, and annually to the Governor of the Commonwealth, in the month of December. The records of said Board shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Governor of the Commonwealth, the Mayor of said city, or to such persons as may be designated by them.

Sect. 4. Said Board of Excise Commissioners shall hereafter have and exercise all powers now vested in the Board of Police for said city in respect to receiving and granting applications for liquor licenses, and revoking the same.

Sect. 5. The Board of Police of said city shall continue to have and exercise all powers now vested in said Board in respect to the appointment and control of the police of said city; and in general shall continue to have and exercise the same authority as heretofore, except in respect to the receiving and granting applications for liquor licenses and revoking the same, and said authority as to licenses shall hereafter be exclusively vested in the Board of Excise Commissioners.

Sect. 6. No licenses granted prior to the time when this Act takes effect shall be invalidated by the passage of this Act, but all records, books and papers relating to liquor licenses which may be in the custody of the Board of Police, shall be turned over to the Board of Excise Commissioners.

Sect. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 324 is a bill accompanying the petition of Joseph R. Churchill; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PLOTTING AND LAYING OUT OF STREETS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston may lay out, locate anew, alter, widen or discontinue highways in that part of the territory of said city shown on Plan No. 6, sections X ninety-nine and X one hundred, made by the Board of Survey of said city, and on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, according to such directions, widths and grades as said Board of Street Commissioners may, after public notice and hearing, deem that the public necessity and convenience require.

Sect. 2. Said Board of Street Commissioners shall not be required to conform to said sections X ninety-nine and X one hundred of Plan No. 6 of said Board of Survey, and may make a new plan as a substitute therefor, as provided in Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1898 and Acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 348 is a bill introduced on leave by Mr. Stewart of Boston, January 28; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SEWERAGE WORKS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 426 of the Acts of the year 1897 is hereby amended by inserting in the tenth line, after the word "be" and before the word "used," the words "the amount to be used for interest on the bonds issued for sewerage works, and also the amount to be."

Sect. 2. Section 6 of said Chapter 426 is hereby amended by striking out the words "one million dollars in any one year" in the sixth and seventh lines and inserting in place thereof the words "two million dollars in the year 1898, and one million dollars in any one year thereafter."

Sect 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 356 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE CHILDREN OF CHARLES A. LAMBERT.

HOUSE BILL No. 358 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE FAMILY OF EDWARD C. CADIGAN.

HOUSE BILL No. 359 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE FATHER OF JAMES W. MCCABE.

HOUSE BILL No. 360 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE FAMILY OF JOHN KELLEY.

HOUSE BILL No. 374 is a bill accompanying the petition of Charles H. Innes; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. There shall be elected by the registered voters of the City of Boston at the municipal election in the year 1898, and annually thereafter, thirteen Aldermen at Large.

Sect. 2. A political party entitled to make nominations to be placed upon the official ballot shall nominate at least thirteen candidates. Any party nominating less than thirteen candidates shall not be permitted to place any of its candidates upon the official ballot.

Sect. 3. No voter shall vote for more than seven aldermen on one ballot, and the thirteen having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. All vacancies shall be filled by a new election.

Sect. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

HOUSE BILL No. 376 is a bill introduced on leave January 26, 1898, by William E. Mahoney of Boston; referred to the Committee on Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs, sitting jointly. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF ALDERMEN IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby divided into twelve aldermanic districts, as follows:

Wards one and two shall constitute one district, to be known as the first aldermanic district.

Wards three, four and five shall constitute one district, to be known as the second aldermanic district.

Wards six and eight shall constitute one district, to be known as the third aldermanic district.

Wards seven and nine shall constitute one district, to be known as the fourth aldermanic district.

Wards ten and eleven shall constitute one district, to be known as the fifth aldermanic district.

Wards twelve and seventeen shall constitute one district, to be known as the sixth aldermanic district.

Wards thirteen and sixteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the seventh aldermanic district.

Wards fourteen and fifteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the eighth aldermanic district.

Wards eighteen and nineteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the ninth aldermanic district.

Wards twenty and twenty-one shall constitute one district, to be known as the tenth aldermanic district.

Wards twenty-two and twenty-five shall constitute one district, to be known as the eleventh aldermanic district.

Wards twenty-three and twenty-four shall constitute one district, to be known as the twelfth aldermanic district.

Sect. 2. Each aldermanic district shall be entitled to elect one Alderman, who shall be chosen by and from the legal voters in such district. A political party entitled to make nominations for Aldermen to be placed on the official ballot may do so only by direct plurality vote at party caucuses held in the several wards of each aldermanic district. Nominations for Aldermen to be placed on the official caucus ballot may be made only by nomination papers bearing the signature of at least fifty registered voters of each aldermanic district. Nomination by nomination papers for Aldermen to be placed on the

official election ballot may be made only by such papers bearing the signature of at least one hundred registered voters of the said district.

Sect. 3. Chapter 473 of the Acts of the year 1893 providing for the election of twelve Aldermen at Large, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed.

Sect. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 377 is a bill introduced on leave January 28, by Mr. Miller of Boston; referred to the Committees on Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs, sitting jointly. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Common Council of the City of Boston shall consist of fifty-one members. Two members of said Council shall be elected by and from the legal voters of each ward of said city, and one member of said Council, who shall be the President thereof, shall be elected by and from the legal voters of the city at large. The President of said Council shall receive an annual salary of \$1,000, and the other members shall receive an annual salary of \$500 each.

Sect. 2. All the powers now vested by law exclusively in the Board of Aldermen of said city shall hereafter be exercised by the Common Council concurrently with the Board of Aldermen.

Sect. 3. The President of the Common Council shall, in the absence of the Mayor and Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, be acting Mayor of said city.

Sect. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 382 is a bill accompanying the petition, taken from the files of last year, of C. D. G. Mack; referred to the Committees on Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BAY STATE ELEVATED RAILWAY COMPANY AND TO PROMOTE RAPID TRANSIT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND VICINITY.

HOUSE BILL No. 390 is a bill accompanying the petition of M. J. Murray; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXTENSION OF HUNTINGTON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston may, by its order, lay out and construct an extension of Huntington avenue, in the City of Boston, beginning at a point near Parker Hill avenue, thence running through private lands to South Huntington avenue, as shown by plan of Street Commissioners, at its intersection with Heath street, thence by changing the lines of said street to conform to a plan that

accompanies this Act, to Perkins street, thence through private lands to a point on Centre street as shown by said plan, thence by the widening and changing the lines of said street to a point on the parkway in that part of Boston known as West Roxbury. The said avenue shall not be less than one hundred feet in width, with a central reservation of not less than twenty-five feet five inches, which may by authority of said Street Commissioners be used for electric cars, as shown by said plan.

Sect. 2. The said Board shall have power to take any lands from the Arnold Arboretum or for the crossing of the arborway as may be necessary to the symmetrical laying out of said avenue; and after its order aforesaid has been carried out, determine the cost incurred thereby, including any expenses in taking land and other proceedings in laying out, widening and construction of the said avenue, together with any expense for sewers, not exceeding \$4 per lineal foot of sewer laid therein, and for connections with said sewers and for all other work and materials furnished by or for the City of Boston in carrying out said order.

Sect. 3. All said expenses, except for gas-pipes, water pipes, their connections and laying thereof, shall be paid from the loan hereinafter authorized, and said Board shall assess a proportional part of such cost upon the estates which said Board shall adjudge receive any benefit and advantage from said laying out and construction, or either of them, or the laying of pipes aforesaid, beyond the general advantage to all real estate in said city, whether or not a part thereof is taken for said highway, and the proportion of said cost not so assessed and paid shall be borne by the City of Boston.

Sect. 4. Except as otherwise specified herein, Sections 10, 12 and 13 of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891, and in amendment thereto, shall apply to all proceedings and work done under this Act; but in determining damages sustained by the taking of any part of an estate under this Act no allowance shall be made, by way of set-off, for the benefit done to the remainder of said estate; and, except as otherwise specified in this Act, Sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Chapter 51, Public Statutes, shall apply to assessments under this Act, and notice shall be given of such assessments, as provided in Chapter 299 of the Acts of 1885.

Sect. 5. For the purpose of carrying out said order, the City Treasurer of the City of Boston shall, from time to time, issue and sell negotiable bonds of said city, outside the debt limit, not to exceed \$600,000; said bonds shall bear interest not exceeding four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July of each year; shall be registered, or with interest coupons attached, be sold and disposed of in such manner and such times and in such amounts as said Treasurer shall determine.

Sect. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 392 is a bill accompanying the petition of W. H. Dana; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PLOTTING AND LAYING OUT OF STREETS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston may lay out, locate anew, alter, widen or discontinue highways in that part of the territory of said city shown on Plan Number 8, Section O 42, made by the Board of Survey of said city and on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, according to such directions, widths and grades as said Board of Street Commissioners may, after public notice and hearing, deem that the public necessity and convenience require.

Sect. 2. Said Board of Street Commissioners shall not be required to conform to said Section O 42 of Plan Number 8 of said Board of Survey, and may make a new plan as a substitute therefor, as provided in Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891 and Acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 410 was introduced on leave, January 31, by Mr. Blaney of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PLOTTING AND LAYING OUT OF STREETS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, from time to time, after public notice and hearing, and with the approval of the Mayor, may make a new plan or plans, to take the place of any plan that has been made by the Board of Survey of said city, or that has been, or may hereafter be, made by the Board of Street Commissioners of said city under authority of Chapter 323, of the Acts of the year 1891, or acts in amendment or addition thereto, or under any other authority, and may make changes on any plan or plans that have been, or that may hereafter be, made as aforesaid, or on any plan or plans that may hereafter be made as aforesaid, to take the place of any plan aforesaid, and the last plan so made, or the plan with the changes last made thereon, being filed in the office of the City Engineer of said city, shall be the plan in accordance with which all highways within the territory shown on such plan shall be laid out, located anew, altered or widened, or constructed under the provisions of said Chapter 323, of the Acts of the year 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 413 was introduced on leave January 31, 1898, by Mr. W. E. Mahoney, of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO APPOINTMENTS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 256 of the Acts of the year 1896 is hereby amended

by inserting after the word "members," in the first line, the words "and call substitutes," so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. All call members and call substitutes in the Boston Fire Department who have served three or more successive years in said service shall, upon application to the Civil Service Commissioners, be placed upon the eligible list for appointment as permanent men, without any further examination. The Fire Commissioner may, at his discretion, appoint such men on the permanent force, at the same salary as a permanent man who has served three or more years in said service."

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 416, was introduced on leave January 31, 1898, by Mr. Porter of North Attleboro'; referred to the Committee on Education. It is entitled:

RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL ART SCHOOL BUILDING IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of erecting an addition to the Normal Art School building in Boston, the said amount to be expended under the direction of the State Board of Education.

HOUSE BILL No. 419 was introduced on leave January 31 by Mr. Clerke of Boston; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE VOTING DAY IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. In the City of Boston the election of candidates for municipal offices as provided by statute, shall be held at the same time, and at the same places, as the election of candidates for State offices.

Sect. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 424 was introduced on leave January 31, 1898, by Mr. Fenno of Boston; referred to the Committee on Liquor Law. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO TAKING THE VOTE UPON THE QUESTION OF GRANTING LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The vote upon the question of authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston to be taken at the municipal election in said city in the year 1899, if said city then votes to authorize the granting of such licenses, shall authorize the granting of licenses for two years from and including the first day of May next ensuing; but licenses so granted shall continue in force, unless sooner forfeited or rendered void, only for the period of one year.

Sect. 2. After the municipal election in the City of Boston in the year 1899, the vote upon the question of authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquors in said city shall be taken biennially at the municipal election; and if at any such election said city shall authorize the granting of such licenses, the Board of Police of the City of Boston may grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors for two years thereafter, beginning and including the first day of May next ensuing, but no license so granted shall continue in force for more than one year, unless sooner forfeited or rendered void.

Sect. 3. All laws now in force relative to the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, or applicable to the taking of the vote relative to authorizing the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, shall continue and remain in force except as amended by this Act.

HOUSE BILL No. 442 is a bill accompanying the petition of Charles H. Innes; referred to the Committee on Liquor Law. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE ISSUING OF LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. When licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors are to be granted in the City of Boston on the first day of May in any year, the Board of Police Commissioners shall, in the month of March then next preceding, cause a copy of this Act to be published in three or more newspapers in the City of Boston. Such notice shall also state the number of licenses of the first five classes provided for in Section 10 of Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes to be issued on the first of May, which number shall be one for each 750 of the population as ascertained by the last preceding National or State census. The notice shall also state the number of licenses of each of the first five classes provided for in Section 10 of Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes, and may contain such further information as to the locality where licenses will be granted, and such other information as the Board of Police Commissioners shall deem necessary.

Sect. 2. Any person who desires that a license of the first class shall be granted to him for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall submit to the Board of Police Commissioners a proposal as required by existing law, which proposal shall be in writing and under seal, together with the names and residences of the persons whom he proposes to offer as sureties upon his bond, and the price which he will pay for such license, but no proposal shall be received of a sum less than \$1,500, which sum is hereby established as the minimum fee for a license of the first class in the City of Boston; nor shall any proposal be received unless it be accompanied by a deposit of \$200, which sum shall be returned to the applicant if a license is not granted to him; if a license is granted to him, such sum shall be credited upon the license fee, but in case such person shall not pay the balance of said fee and take out the license awarded him, said sum shall be deemed to be forfeited, and shall be paid over to the treasury of the City of Boston.

Sect. 3. The second Monday in April of each year, when licenses are to be granted, the proposals submitted to the Board shall be opened and a record thereof made at the time, which record shall be published within one week thereafter, at the expense of the applicant, as now required by law. Said record shall always be open for public inspection, subject to such reasonable regulations as the Board of Police Commissioners may adopt.

Sect. 4. Said Board shall grant licenses to the highest bidders therefor until the full number of licenses of the first class shall have been awarded; unless for such cause as said Board shall deem expedient it rejects such proposal. The cause of such rejection shall be entered upon the records of the Board, and shall be always open for public inspection as hereinbefore provided.

Sect. 5. In case of a forfeiture of a license for any legal cause, such license shall not be again granted until the first day of May then next ensuing. In case there should not be as many applicants as there are licenses to be granted of said first class, there shall be no further licenses issued until the first of May in the year then next ensuing.

Sect. 6. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, but all laws now in force in reference to the granting of licenses in the City of Boston not inconsistent with this Act shall apply to licenses issued under the provisions of this Act.

HOUSE BILL No. 452 is a bill accompanying the petition of William E. Parmenter; referred to the Committee on Public Service. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE ADDITIONAL COURT OFFICER FOR ATTENDANCE UPON THE SEVERAL SESSIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR CIVIL BUSINESS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Justices of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, or a majority of them, shall appoint one additional officer for said court for attendance upon the several sessions of said Court for civil business, who shall be paid the same salary as is now paid the officers in attendance upon said Court for said civil business, and shall be subject to all provisions of Chapter 457 of the Acts of 1895.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 456 is a bill accompanying the petition of Daniel J. Kane; referred to the Committee on Street Railways. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPENSATION FROM CORPORATIONS FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC STREETS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Any corporation occupying any part of a public street in the City of Boston, shall pay to the said city therefor such pecuniary or other compensation as the

Board of Aldermen, with the approval of the Mayor of said city, may prescribe.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 487 was introduced on leave, February 1, by Mr. Baldwin of Boston; referred to the Committee on Manufactures. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRICE OF GAS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. No gas for illuminating or heating purposes shall hereafter be sold in the City of Boston at a price exceeding seventy-five cents per one thousand cubic feet of gas.

Sect. 2. This Act shall not affect contracts made before the date of the passage of this Act.

Sect. 3. The Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Court shall have jurisdiction in Equity to enforce the provisions of this Act by bill brought by the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, or by the Attorney-General, or by the Mayor of the City of Boston, or by any consumer of gas in said city.

Sect. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 489 was introduced on leave February 1, 1898, by Mr. Bartlett of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO COMPLETE BLUE HILL AVENUE AND OTHER AVENUES IN SAID CITY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 334, of the Acts of the year 1895, is hereby amended by striking out in the last line of said section the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the word "three". Also by adding at the end of said section the words "the proceeds of said bonds may be applied as hereinafter provided and also to meet the expenses incurred in extending and constructing said Blue Hill avenue under any of the Acts aforesaid."

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 491 was introduced on leave February 1, 1898, by Mr. Stalker of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO BENNINGTON STREET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston may, by its order, lay out and construct as a part of Bennington street, in the East Boston district of said city, a highway including Bennington street from its junction with Chelsea street in said district to its junction with Walley street, Walley street from its junction with Bennington street to its junction with Leyden street, Leyden street from its junction with said Walley street to its junction with Beachmont avenue, Beachmont avenue from

its junction with Leyden street to Belle Isle Inlet.

Sect. 2. Said highway shall be laid out, constructed and paid for, and the assessable cost incurred in carrying out said order shall be assessed under the provisions, so far as applicable, of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891, and acts in amendment of or addition thereto, including Chapter 319 of the Acts of the year 1897.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 502 was introduced on leave February 1, 1898, by Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BOARD OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor of the City of Boston, with the approval of the Board of Aldermen, shall appoint from the two principal political parties three citizens of Boston, who shall have been residents therein at least two years immediately preceding the date of their appointment, who shall constitute a Board of Police for said city, and who shall be sworn before entering upon the duties of their office. One member of said Board shall be designated by the Mayor as Chairman, and two shall constitute a quorum. Their terms of office shall be so arranged and designated at the time of appointment that the term of one member shall expire on the first Monday of May, 1901, one on the first Monday of May, 1902, and one on the first Monday of May, 1903. The full term of office, after these dates, shall be five years, and all vacancies occurring after the passage of this Act shall be filled by the Mayor, with the approval of the Board of Aldermen. The members of said Board may be removed by the Mayor, with the approval of the Board of Aldermen, for such cause as he shall deem sufficient and shall express in the order of removal. The Board of Police shall appoint a clerk, who shall be sworn, who shall keep a record of all proceedings, issue all notices, and attest all such papers and orders as said Board shall direct, whose term of office shall be five years, but who may be removed by said Board for such cause as it shall deem sufficient, and shall express in its order of removal.

Sect. 2. The Board of Police shall have authority to appoint and establish and organize the police of said City of Boston, and make all needful rules and regulations for its efficiency. All the powers now vested in the Board of Police for said City of Boston by the statutes of the Commonwealth, or by the ordinances, by-laws, rules and regulations of said city, except as otherwise hereby provided, are hereby conferred upon and vested in said Board of Police hereby established.

Sect. 3. The members of the Boston police force in office, when the said Board of Police are first appointed by the Mayor, shall continue to hold their several offices until removed or placed on the retired list by the said new Board of Police, and the present rules and regulations for the government of the police shall continue in force until otherwise ordered by said Board of Police. All police officers appointed by said Board of Police hereby created shall have and exercise within the limits of said city all the common

law and statutory powers of constables, except the service of civil process, and shall have all the powers given to the police as watchmen by the statutes of the Commonwealth, the laws relating to said city, or by any ordinances thereof.

Sect. 4. The annual salary of the Chairman of said Board of Police shall be \$4,500, that of the other members \$4,000, of the clerk \$2,500, which shall be paid monthly from the treasury of the City of Boston. Said officers shall not engage in any other business. The Board of Police, with the approval of the Mayor, shall be provided with such rooms as shall be convenient and suitable for the performance of its duties, the rent of which shall be paid by the City of Boston. The said City of Boston shall provide all such suitable accommodations for the police of said city as said Board of Police, with the approval of the Mayor, shall require. All expense for the maintenance of buildings, the pay of the police and all incidental expenses incurred in the administration of said police shall be paid by the City of Boston upon the requisition of said Board.

Sect. 5. The number of patrolmen which shall constitute the police force of said city shall be regulated by said Board of Police, subject to the approval of the Mayor. The pay of the police shall not be increased or diminished except by the concurrent action of the said Board of Police and the Mayor of Boston, and with the approval of the Boston Board of Aldermen.

Sect. 6. In case of tumult, riot, or violent disturbance of public order, the Mayor of said city shall have, as the exigency in his judgment may require, the right to assume control of the police of said city, and it shall be the duty of the Board of Police to execute all orders promulgated by him for the suppression of such tumult and the restoration of such order.

Sect. 7. The Board of Police shall make a detailed report of its doings to the Mayor of Boston at such times as the City Council of said city may require by ordinance or otherwise, but the said Board shall report to the Mayor, at least, once in every six months. The records of said Board of Police shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Mayor and City Council of said City.

Sect. 8. Nothing herein shall affect the enforcement of the provisions of Chapter 320 of the Acts of the year 1884, being an Act to improve the Civil Service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof, or of the rules made by the Commissioners appointed thereunder.

Sect. 9. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 503 was introduced on leave February 1, 1898, by Mr. Stewart of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF CHARLES J. VAUGHN.

HOUSE BILL No. 504 was introduced on leave February 1, 1898, by Mr. Bartlett of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ASBESTOS MILL BOARD MAY BE USED AS A FIRE-STOP IN THE FLOORS OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 63 of Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1892 is hereby amended by inserting in the eleventh line after the word "same," the words,—"or of two layers of asbestos mill board, each one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness,"—so as to read as follows:

Section 63. Every second-class building hereafter built, except as hereinafter provided, shall have a sufficient fire-stop at each floor, covering the whole floor of each story through all stud partitions, and extending to the masonry walls. Every air duct, except those expressly sanctioned by this Act, shall be effectually stopped at each story. Every such fire-stop shall consist of a solid, airtight, cohesive layer, at least one inch thick, of tile, brick, terra-cotta or like fire-made material, plaster, cement, cinder or ashes, or of a combination of the same, or of two layers of asbestos mill board, each one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness, or of equally non-inflammable, non-heat conducting materials, laid between the upper and under floors, or occupying all the space between the timbers under the under floor; provided that all second-class buildings hereafter erected, of forty-five feet or more in height, which are used above the first floor as storage stores, warehouses or stores for the storage and sale of merchandise, shall have a tight-splined or tongued and grooved under floor of at least two inch plank, with an upper floor one inch thick, matched and breaking joints, and in such buildings fire-stops need not be used. The foot of each partition, and of each tier of studding or furring, shall be filled solid between the uprights to the full width thereof, and to the height of six inches above the floor, with the same incombustibles as above prescribed for fire-stops or some combination thereof. The spaces between such parts of floor joists as rest upon partition heads shall be filled with the materials above required. The spaces between stringers of staircases and joists of landings, unless unceiled, shall be so stopped with some of the incombustibles above mentioned, at three places at least in every flight of stairs, so to prevent the passage of air.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 505 was introduced on leave, February 1, 1898, by Mr. Bresnahan of Boston; referred to the Committees on Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Chairman of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Common Council of the City of Boston shall be each elected for the term of one year by and from the voters of the city at large. Each of said officers shall be nominated by direct plurality vote cast at all the party caucuses

held in the several wards of said city, and not by conventions or committees. Returns of the votes cast at the several ward caucuses shall be made to the Election Commissioners of said city in conformity with the law relative to returns of votes of caucuses, and the candidate for Chairman of the Board of Aldermen who, in the aggregate of all the votes cast in the several ward caucuses, appears to have received a plurality of such votes, as shown by the returns made to the Election Commissioners, shall be deemed to be the nominee for said office by the political party holding such caucuses; and, in like manner, the candidate for President of the Common Council receiving a plurality of all the votes cast in the several ward caucuses shall be deemed to be the nominee of the party holding such caucuses, for the office of President of the Common Council.

Sect. 2. The Board of Aldermen shall consist of the Chairman, elected as above provided, and of twenty-five other members, one to be elected by and from the voters of each ward of said city for the term of one year. The Common Council shall consist of the President, elected as above provided, and of fifty other members, two to be elected by and from the voters of each ward of said city for the term of one year. Nominations of candidates for Ward Aldermen and Ward Councilmen, made by a political party which at the preceding annual State election polled for Governor at least three per cent. of the entire vote cast in the Commonwealth for that office, shall be made directly in caucuses in the respective wards entitled to elect such Aldermen or Councilmen, and not by conventions and committees.

Sect. 3. In case a vacancy occurs from any cause in the office of the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen or President of the Common Council, the other members of said Board or of said Council, as the case may be, shall elect a Chairman or a President from among their own number for the unexpired term.

Sect. 4. The Chairman of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Common Council shall have a vote upon all matters coming before their respective branches. Said Chairman of the Board of Aldermen shall receive an annual salary of \$2000, and the other members of said Board shall receive an annual salary of \$1000. The President of the Common Council shall receive an annual salary of \$1500, and the other members of said Council shall receive an annual salary of \$500.

Sect. 5. The Common Council shall have concurrent power with the Board of Aldermen on all matters.

Sect. 6. Chapter 473 of the Acts of the year 1893, providing for the election of Aldermen at Large, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 7. This Act shall be submitted for the acceptance of the voters of said city at the annual State election in the present year and, if accepted by a majority of the votes cast at such election, the provisions relating to the nomination and re-election of members of the City Council shall take effect on such acceptance, and this Act shall take full effect on the first Monday in January in the year 1899.

HOUSE BILL No. 506 was introduced on leave, February 1, 1898, by Mr. Baldwin of Boston; referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE INSPECTION OF WIRES IN BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Every corporation or person proposing to place wires within a building, designed to carry a current of electricity, shall notify the Wire Commissioner of said city thereof before they commence the work; and shall not turn the current on to wires that are to be used for electric lighting, heating or power until permission to do so has been given by said Commissioner.

Sect. 2. The Commissioner of Wires shall be deemed the sole judge of what constitutes proper insulation, and the safe installation of electric conductors and appliances within buildings, and is hereby authorized to make such rules and requirements as he may deem necessary to make such conductors and appliances as safe as possible.

Sect. 3. Whenever in the opinion of the Commissioner of Wires, any electrical conductors or appliances used for the distribution of an electric current within a building are in an unsafe or dangerous condition, he is hereby authorized to cause the current to be shut off, if the existing defects are not remedied within a reasonable time.

Sect. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 507 was introduced on leave February 1, 1898, by Mr. Bresnahan of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXTENSION OF COVE STREET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 11 of Chapter 516 of the Acts of the year 1896, as amended by Chapter 388 of the Acts of the year 1897, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines forty-three to forty-eight, inclusive, the words: "provided, however, that the extension of Cove street to West First street shall not be begun until such time after the first day of July in the year 1898 as may be determined by the Railroad Commissioners and Street Commissioners sitting jointly,—and inserting in place thereof the words: "provided, however, that the extension of Cove street to West First street shall be begun at such time, prior to the first day of January in the year 1899, as may be determined by the Railroad Commissioners and the Street Commissioners sitting jointly, and shall be completed before the first day of January in the year 1900." And Federal street from Fort Point Channel to Kneeland street and Kneeland street and Mount Washington avenue to Kneeland street shall remain open for public travel until Cove street extension to Dorchester avenue has been completed and open for public travel.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 508 was introduced on leave February 1, 1898, by Mr. Hammond of Boston. Referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SEWERAGE WORKS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the year 1897 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "used," in the tenth line thereof, the words "for interest on the bonds issued for sewerage works, and the amounts to be used."

Sect. 2. Section 6 of said Chapter is hereby amended by striking out the words "one million dollars in any one year," in the sixth and seventh lines, and inserting in place thereof the words "two million dollars in the year 1898, and one million dollars in any one year thereafter."

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 509 was introduced on leave February 1, 1898, by Mr. Gartland of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BORROW MONEY OUTSIDE THE DEBT LIMIT TO MEET THE EXPENSE OF ASPHALTING STREETS.

Be it enacted etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston may borrow not exceeding \$250,000 for the purpose of asphaltting streets. The Treasurer of said city may, from time to time, as may be necessary, on request of the Mayor of said city, issue and sell negotiable bonds or certificates of said city to an amount not exceeding the sum above specified for said purpose, and said bonds shall not be included in determining the debt limit of said city.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 529 is a bill accompanying the petition of J. B. L. Bartlett, and has been referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOULEVARD FROM MORTON STREET TO WASHINGTON STREET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston may borrow outside of its debt limit such sum of money as may be necessary to meet the expense of constructing a boulevard eighty feet wide from the junction of Blue Hill avenue and Morton street to Washington street in said city, according to the plan of the Board of Survey.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 553 was introduced on leave February 2, 1898, by Mr. Boutwell of Malden; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston is hereby increased by adding thereto the City Engineer, the Corporation Counsel and the Superintendent of Streets of said city, ex-officiis, and in case of a tie vote in said Board the Mayor of said city may vote as a member thereof, for the purpose of breaking such tie. No members of said Board shall hereafter be elected, but the membership of said Board shall be decreased as the respective terms of the present members thereof shall expire, or as they severally die or resign, so that at the expiration of the term of the member of said Board last elected, at latest, said Board shall consist only of the three above-named officers of said city, ex-officiis.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 588 was introduced on leave February 2, 1898 by Mr. Noonan of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Police for the City of Boston may, as authorized under the provisions of Chapter 372, of the Acts of the year 1874, appoint railroad police, and may, upon the written application of any officer or Board in charge of a department of the City of Boston, approved by the Mayor of said city, appoint special police officers for such department.

Sect. 2. Said Board may, if they deem it expedient so to do, on the application of of any corporation or person that said Board may deem responsible, appoint special police officers to serve without pay from said city, and the corporation or persons applying for an appointment under this section shall be liable for the official misconduct of the officer appointed on its or his application as for the torts of any servant or agent in its or his employ.

Sect. 3. Every special police officer appointed under the provisions of this Act shall serve from the time of appointment to the first day of April of the year next ensuing, and shall have the power of police officers to preserve order and to enforce the laws and ordinances of the city in and about any park, public ground, place of amusement, place of public worship, wharf, manufactory or other locality specified in the application. A record of all such appointments shall be kept in the office of said Board, and any appointment so made may be revoked by said Board at any time.

Sect. 4. Section 6 of Chapter 244 of the Acts of the year 1878 is hereby repealed, but any officer appointed before this Act takes effect shall continue to perform the duties of such officer according to the tenure of his appointment.

Sect. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 591 was introduced on leave February 2, 1898, by Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SINKING FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston shall annually pay into the Sinking Funds of the city, all premiums received during the year in the sale of bonds, notes or scrip of the city, and a sum equal to three per centum of the total face value of the bonds, notes and scrip of the city, issued for terms of five years or more, and not cancelled as hereinbefore provided, and if the Sinking Funds in any year shall not in the opinion of said Board be sufficient to meet the bonds, notes or scrip of the city coming due during that year, said Board shall in a request, approved by the Mayor, request the Treasurer to furnish the amount of the deficiency, and thereupon said Treasurer shall issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to the amount stated in the request, sell the same and pay over the proceeds thereof to said Board for the Sinking Funds; said bonds or certificates shall be for the term of thirty years from their date, and bear interest payable semi-annually at such times and at such rates not exceeding four per centum per annum as said Treasurer shall determine; the sum equal to the three per centum aforesaid shall be raised by taxation, and shall not be considered in determining the limit of taxation in the city.

Sect. 2. Said Board shall forthwith use the present Sinking Funds of the city, except the bonds, notes or scrip of the city, and shall use all sums hereafter paid into the Sinking Funds, and purchase or pay therewith such bonds, notes, or scrip of the city issued for terms of ten years or more as they shall deem most advantageous for the city; shall forthwith cancel each bond, note or scrip of the city now in the Sinking Funds or hereafter purchased or paid as aforesaid, by cutting or pricking thereon the word—cancelled—in capital letters not less than one inch in length and deliver the bond, note or scrip to the City Auditor.

Sect. 3. Said Board, Treasurer, and Auditor, shall forthwith discharge on their books the amount of the bonds, notes, or scrip, so cancelled, from the debt of the city, and make a report of their doings in the premises to the City Council.

Sect. 4. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require or authorize the city to neglect, or refuse to carry out any provisions of law relating to its Sinking Funds to which carrying out the city may heretofore have been pledged.

Sect. 5. The Supreme Judicial Court, and any justice thereof, and the Superior Court, and any justice thereof, shall have jurisdiction in Equity to enforce the provisions of this Act.

Sect. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 604 was introduced on leave February 2, 1898, by Mr. Noonan of Boston; referred to the Committee on Public Health. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INSPECTORS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON ACTING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Health of the City of Boston may establish a house inspection division of said Board, and may appoint house inspectors who shall perform all duties relating to the inspection of gas fixtures, plumbing, water fixtures, health inspection, and such other duties relating to inspection as said Board shall deem proper; and said inspectors in the performance of their duties shall, on exhibiting a badge of office, have authority to enter any and all premises in the discharge of their duties, under such directions and regulations as said Board may establish therefor; and any person who has served as an inspector of any kind in any department of the City of Boston shall be eligible to appointment as inspector under this Act without Civil Service examination.

Sect. 2. Any person who enters, or attempts to enter, any building claiming to be an inspector as aforesaid, and any inspector who enters, or attempts to enter, any building in violation of any rule or regulation established by said Board relating thereto, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for each offence.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 628 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Howard Improvement Association; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A CHANGE OF PLANS OF BOARD OF SURVEY IN CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston are hereby authorized to make a new plan under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891 and of Acts in amendment thereof, and in addition thereto, in regard to that portion of School street in that part of Boston known as Dorchester, lying between Athelwold and Harvard streets.

HOUSE BILL No. 632 is a bill accompanying the petition of John Gordon; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE OF THE ACTS OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN, RELATIVE TO BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 175 of the Acts of the year 1897 is hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 634 is a bill accompanying the petition of Henry M. Jarvis; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT RESPECTING AN ACT RELATIVE TO BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 175 of the Acts of the year 1897 shall not be construed as a repeal of or substitute for Chapter 389 of the Acts of the year 1895; but the authority of the inspector named in said Act of 1897 with respect to engines, dynamos, boilers and furnaces shall be construed to extend only so far as reasonably to insure the safety of, and to guard against accident from, engines, dynamos, boilers and furnaces.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No 635, is a bill accompanying the petition of Henry M. Jarvis; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE OF THE ACTS OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN RELATIVE TO BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 116 of Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1892, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 175 of the Acts of the year 1897, is hereby amended by striking out the words, "and no engine, dynamo, boiler or furnace shall be placed in any building," and the words, "for placing a boiler or furnace on such premises," and the words, "for other than a boiler or furnace," so that said Section 116 shall read as follows:

"Section 116. No building shall be used for a grain elevator or for the storage or manufacture of high combustibles or explosives, or for chemical or rendering works, without a permit from the inspector, and every application for such permit shall be filed with the inspector, in writing, and shall set forth the character of the building, the size, power and purpose of the apparatus, and such other information as the inspector may require. The inspector may, after an examination of the premises described in the application and hearing the applicant and any objectors, issue a permit on such conditions as he shall deem just and proper, or may refuse such permit, and the applicant shall publish notice of the application in at least two daily newspapers, published in the City of Boston, and at least three days in each, and, if so directed by the inspector, shall also post conspicuously on the premises a copy of the application and deliver copies thereof to such persons as the inspector may direct, and file an affidavit with the inspector that notice has been given as required."

Sect. 2. Section 117 of said Chapter 419 as amended by Section 1 of said Chapter 175, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words, "but if such objection is filed," the words, "or, in the absence of such objection, if the applicant so requests."

Sect. 3. Section 119 of said Chapter 419, as amended by said Section 1 of said Chapter 175, is hereby repealed.

Sect. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 645 is a bill accompanying the petition of George Dexter; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TAKING OF LAND FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The School Committee of the City of Boston are hereby authorized to take, with the consent of the City Council of said city, additional land adjoining the Gilbert Stuart school not exceeding 20,000 square feet, according to the provisions of Chapter 44 of the Public Statutes, except so far as any part of said Statute conflicts with the provisions of this Act.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 671 is a bill accompanying the petition of Horatio A. Lamb; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHILDREN IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Every child between seven and fourteen years of age residing in the City of Boston who wilfully and habitually absents himself from school contrary to law, shall be deemed a truant child, and shall, upon the complaint of a truant officer of said city to the Municipal or Police Court for the district in which such child resides, be committed by such Court to the custody and care of the Board of Trustees for Children in said city, until such child arrives at the age of twenty-one years, or for a less period.

Sect. 2. Every child under sixteen years of age residing in the City of Boston, who is dependent upon public charity, or who is growing up in circumstances exposing him to lead an idle and dissolute life, or who by reason of orphanage, or of the neglect, crime, drunkenness, or other vice of his parents, is growing up without education or salutary control, shall be deemed a neglected child, and said Board of Trustees for Children may, with the consent of either parent, or the legal guardian, of such child, or if there is no parent or legal guardian residing in said city having the care of such child, may, in their discretion, take the custody and care of such child until such child arrives at the age of twenty-one years; or such child may, upon complaint of a truant officer of said city to the Municipal or Police Court for the district in which the child resides, be committed by the Court to the custody and care of said Board until such child arrives at the age of twenty-one years, or for a less period.

Sect. 3. Every child under sixteen years of age residing in the City of Boston who shall be found by any court to have violated any ordinance of a city or town, or any statute, the punishment for which violation cannot be a commitment to the State prison, or to the reformatory prison for women, shall, at the discretion of the court, be punished as provided in such ordinance or statute, or shall be committed by the court to the custody and care of the Board of Trustees for

Children in said city, until such child arrives at the age of twenty-one years, or for a less period.

Sect. 4. Said Board of Trustees for Children shall have the same custody and care of any child committed to said Board, or, which said Board has taken the care and control of, as aforesaid, as the father of such child would otherwise have, and in their discretion may place such child in any institution under the charge of said Board, or wholly or partly supported by the state, which it deems suitable, or with persons selected and approved by said Board, and shall provide for the maintenance, schooling and visitation of all children so placed, at the expense of the city; and every such institution may take any such child on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon.

Sect. 5. Said Board whenever they determine that it will be for the best interests of any child committed to their custody, and after giving notice, and an opportunity to be heard, to the Superintendent of Schools of said city, may permit such child, upon such conditions as said Board may deem best, to be at liberty on parole, and shall place upon their records the reason and conditions of such parole.

Sect. 6. Whenever said Board shall determine that any child who is permitted to be at liberty as provided in the preceding section has violated a condition of his parole, at any time prior to the end of the period for which the child was committed or taken as aforesaid, the Board may revoke such parole, and may issue an order directed to the police officers and truant officers of each and every city and town in the Commonwealth to arrest such child wherever found, and return him to the Board, and any such officer may, without warrant, arrest such child wherever found and return him to said Board, who shall thereafter hold him as under the original commitment by the court.

Sect. 7. Any child committed to, or taken into, the custody and care of said Board as aforesaid, who grossly misbehaves, may upon complaint by said Trustees to the Municipal or Police Court for the district in which such child resided at the time the child was committed to, or taken into, the custody and care of said Board, be committed by said Court, if a boy under fifteen years of age, to the Lyman School for Boys,—if a boy over fifteen years of age, to the Massachusetts Reformatory at Concord,—if a girl under seventeen years of age, to the State Industrial School for Girls,—and if a girl over seventeen years of age, to the Reformatory Prison for Women, until such child arrives at age of twenty-one years, or for any less period, at the discretion of the Justice giving the sentence.

Sect. 8. The parents of any child committed to said Board as aforesaid shall pay quarterly to said city the expense incurred for said child at a rate not exceeding three dollars per week, and may be recovered of said parents or either of them if of sufficient ability to pay the same, in an action of contract.

HOUSE BILL No. 672 is a bill accompanying the petition of the President of the School Committee of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POWER OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO MAKE ADDITIONS OR ALTERATIONS TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 6 of Chapter 241 of the Acts of the year 1875, as amended by Chapter 297 of the Acts of the year 1889 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"Section 6. The School Committee shall have full power and authority to order, and by means of its officers, agents or contractors to make on the school buildings any additions, alterations or repairs for school purposes which it seems to be necessary; to provide temporary accommodations for school purposes; to select, bond and purchase the land required for school buildings and their yards, and to expend all moneys that may be appropriated by the City Council of said city for any of the foregoing purposes; provided that nothing herein shall authorize said School Committee in behalf of said city to expend or contract to expend for said purposes any money in excess of the amount previously appropriated therefor."

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 673 is a bill accompanying the petition of the President of the School Committee of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ISSUE BONDS FOR TAKING OF LAND FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City Treasurer of the City of Boston, to pay the expenses of building and furnishing, High, Latin and Normal Schools in said city, of taking land therefor, shall from time to time, on the request of the School Committee of said city, issue and sell negotiable bonds of said city to an amount not exceeding \$500,000 in the year 1899 and \$500,000 in the year 1900, which shall all be within the debt limit, and in addition to the bonds heretofore authorized for similar purposes. The proceeds of said bonds shall be expended in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 408 of the Acts of the year 1895; but the said School Committee may during any year make contracts for the payment of the whole or any part of the amounts to be issued in a subsequent year under this Act.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 674 is a bill accompanying the petition of G. W. R. Harriman; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH BUILDING LINES ON COLUMBUS AVENUE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. That all buildings hereafter built upon Columbus avenue, in the City of

Boston, shall not be extended into the street further than the deed restrictions now in force allow, and such lines are to be the permanent building lines for buildings hereafter constructed or altered.

Sect. 2. This Act to take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 676 is a bill accompanying the petition of C. R. Saunders; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF ASSISTANT ASSESSORS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Assistant Assessors of Taxes in the City of Boston shall be appointed and assigned to the various assessment districts on or before the tenth day of April in each year.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 686 is a bill accompanying the petition of the President of the School Committee of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO EXEMPT SCHOOL-HOUSES FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT RELATIVE TO THE ERECTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 55 of Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1892, as amended by Chapter 280 of the Acts of the year 1895, is hereby amended by inserting after the words "office floors" in the seventh line the words "and floors of school-houses," and inserting after the words "public buildings" in the eighth line the words "except school-houses," so that the said section shall read as follows:

Sect. 55. All new or renewed floors shall be so constructed as to carry safely the weight to which the proposed use of the building will subject them, and every permit granted shall state for what purpose the building is designed to be used; but the least capacity per superficial square foot, exclusive of materials, shall be for floors of dwellings, fifty pounds; for office floors and floors of school-houses one hundred pounds; for floors of public buildings except school-houses one hundred and fifty pounds; for store floors, floors of warehouses and mercantile buildings of like character, drill-rooms and riding-schools, at least two hundred and fifty pounds. The weight for floors not included in this classification, shall be determined by said inspector, subject to appeal as provided by law.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 707 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Cambridge; referred to the Committees on Metropolitan Affairs and Roads and Bridges. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A BRIDGE OVER CHARLES RIVER.

It is designed to enable the cities of Boston and Cambridge, by a Board of Commissioners consisting of the Mayors of said cities, with a third Commissioner to be appointed, to construct and complete within three years after the passage of the Act, a bridge across Charles River, at or near the present site of the so-called West Boston bridge.

It is provided that the bridge shall be one hundred feet in width; shall be built of stone or iron or both, with a draw-opening of at least forty feet in width.

For the purpose of providing a highway as an avenue of approach to both ends of the bridge, provision is made for the taking of land and the construction of said highway.

The expense of constructing the bridge, including dredging of channel, damages of taking of land and all other expenses, shall be borne and paid as follows: one-half by the City of Boston, and the other half by the City of Cambridge, the County of Middlesex, and such other cities and towns in said county as may be specially benefited by the bridge.

The Superior Court, or a Justice thereof, shall appoint a Board of three Commissioners, who shall determine what cities and towns in the county may be specially benefited by the bridge, and shall award what proportional part of said other half of the cost of same shall be borne by the City of Cambridge, County of Middlesex, and such cities and towns as may be specially benefited by the bridge; said determination and award, upon its acceptance by the court, to be final.

It is also provided that upon the completion of the bridge, the Board of Commissioners appointed by the Court shall give a hearing to determine what portion of the expense of constructing the bridge shall be borne by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and upon confirmation of such award by the Supreme Court said company shall pay one-half of the amount to the City of Boston and the other half in accordance with the decree of the Court.

For the purpose of defraying its cost, the cities of Boston and Cambridge and the County of Middlesex, respectively, are authorized to issue bonds to a certain amount.

HOUSE BILL No. 748 is a bill accompanying the petition of I. P. Hutchinson; referred to the Committee on Liquor Law. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO REGULARLY ESTABLISHED HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND EATING HOUSE IN GRANTING LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. In granting licenses of the first second and third class to sell intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, first consideration and preference shall be given to applications for such licenses coming from proprietors, owners or managers of hotels, eating-houses and restaurants, regularly established as such for at least one year prior to the date of such application, and

licenses shall be granted to such applicants in preference and prior to the granting of such license or licenses upon all other applications, whether they be for new licenses or for renewals.

Sect. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 749 is a bill accompanying the petition of Frank W. Estey; referred to the Committees on Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTING ALDERMEN IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston shall be and hereby is divided into twelve aldermanic districts; and wards one and two shall constitute one district, to be known as the first aldermanic district; wards three, four and five shall constitute one district, to be known as the second aldermanic district; wards six and eight shall constitute one district, to be known as the third aldermanic district; wards seven and nine shall constitute one district, to be known as the fourth aldermanic district; wards ten and nineteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the fifth aldermanic district; wards eleven and twenty-five shall constitute one district, to be known as the sixth aldermanic district; wards twelve and eighteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the seventh aldermanic district; wards thirteen and fourteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the eighth aldermanic district; wards fifteen and seventeen shall constitute one district, to be known as the ninth aldermanic district; wards sixteen and twenty-one shall constitute one district to be known as the tenth aldermanic district; wards twenty and twenty-four shall constitute one district, to be known as the eleventh aldermanic district; wards twenty-two and twenty-three shall constitute one district, to be known as the twelfth aldermanic district.

Sect. 2. The qualified voters of each of the aldermanic districts shall, at the annual election, give in their votes in their respective precincts for one able and discreet person, being a legal voter and an inhabitant of the district, to be a member of the Board of Aldermen for the ensuing year; and all the votes so given in shall be sorted, counted, declared and recorded, a declaration of the result thereof made, and a transcript of such record certified and transmitted, and the same proceedings had thereon, to ascertain and determine the persons chosen as Aldermen, as are hereinbefore directed in regard to the choice of Mayor.

Sect. 3. In case one or more members of the Board of Aldermen have not been elected; the members who have been elected, whether constituting a quorum or otherwise, shall order a new election for the number of aldermen not elected, at such time and place as they may deem advisable; and in case no member of the Board of Aldermen has been elected, the President of the Common Council shall order a new election for members of the Board of Aldermen at such time and place as he shall deem advisable, and the same

proceedings shall be as are provided in the preceding section. The course herein prescribed shall be repeated from time to time until a full Board of Aldermen shall be elected.

Sect. 4. Whenever there is a vacancy in said Board by removal from the city, death, resignation or otherwise, the members of said Board who shall continue in office shall order an election to fill such vacancy, at such time and place as they may deem advisable.

Sect. 5. Nominations of candidates for the Board of Aldermen in the City of Boston, made by a political party which at the preceding annual election polled for Governor at least three per centum of the entire vote cast in the State for that office, shall be made directly in caucuses and not by convention or committees, and the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes of the total vote cast in the several ward caucuses in his respective district shall be the nominee for Alderman for said district.

Sect. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 751 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CAUCUSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. All political parties entitled by law to make in caucuses, held in the City of Boston, nominations for any office to be filled by election in said city, or to choose in such caucuses delegates to political conventions authorized to make nominations, shall do so only as described in the following sections.

Sect. 2. The Board of Election Commissioners of said city shall fix a date for the holding in each precinct of one caucus for all such political parties prior to the State election, for the nomination of officers to be voted for at such election and the choosing of delegates to political conventions to nominate such officers, and of another caucus for all such parties prior to the municipal election, for the nomination of officers to be voted for at such election and the choosing of such delegates, and every voter affiliated with any such political party and entitled by law to vote at a caucus held by that party in a precinct, and no others, shall have the right to vote at the caucuses in that precinct herein provided for.

Sect. 3. Said Board shall appoint the election officers who are to act at said elections in sufficient season to enable them also to act as the officers at such caucuses, and such election officers shall so act and shall be paid for their services at such caucuses in the same manner and at the same rate as they are paid for their services at such elections.

Sect. 4. The voting at said caucuses shall be in the same manner as at elections, and caucus ballots for use thereat shall be prepared by said Board of Election Commissioners in the same manner as now provided by law; the polls shall be open at such caucuses during the same hours as meetings for elections are required by law to be kept open, and such caucuses shall be conducted in all

respects in the same manner as elections, so far as the laws relating to elections are applicable thereto, except as otherwise herein provided.

Sect. 5. After the name of a voter at any such caucus has been checked upon the voting list and he has been admitted within the guard-rail he shall, before receiving a ballot, declare his party affiliation and shall then be given the ballot of the party with which he declares himself affiliated; provided, however, that such voter shall be subject to challenge after making such declaration, and in case he is challenged, shall not be given such ballot unless he shall make oath or affirmation of his affiliation with such party as now provided by law in case of the challenge of votes in caucuses.

Sect. 6. The ballots cast at such caucuses shall be received, sorted, counted, declared and transmitted to the Board of Election Commissioners and recounted as in the case of ballots cast at elections. Before such ballots are counted, the ballots of each political party shall be separated and put and kept together in blocks of fifty and the ballots for each party shall be separately counted, tabulated and kept as aforesaid and returned.

Sect. 7. All laws relating to elections, the preparation of ballots therefor and determining the results thereof, shall, so far as applicable, apply to caucuses held under this Act, and said Board of Election Commissioners may make any reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of law for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

Sect. 8. The City Council of said city may provide by ordinance that nominations for all municipal offices in said city shall be made by direct vote of the voters of the several political parties in the caucuses herein provided for, instead of by delegates to political conventions.

Sect. 9. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 752 is a bill accompanying the petition of J. B. Maccabe and others; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 61 of the Acts of 1895 is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the words "Provided, however, that in the City of Boston no person shall be assessed as above provided, later than the first day of September," so that it shall read:

"Section 1. Every male applicant for registration shall present a certificate from the Assessors, or a tax bill or notice from the Collector of Taxes, showing that he has been assessed as a resident of the city or town on the preceding first day of May, and the same shall be accepted by the Registrars as prima facie evidence of such residence, or he shall present a certificate from the Assessors that he has been a resident for the six months next preceding the election at which he claims the right to vote, and the same shall be accepted by the Registrars as prima facie evidence of such residence. If a male person was a resident of the city

or town on the first day of May, and was not assessed a poll-tax by the Assessors of said city or town on the first day of May, such person, in order to establish his right to be assessed, shall appear before the Board of Assessors, accompanied by two witnesses who shall testify under oath that they are registered voters of the ward or town in which he desires to be assessed, and who shall also testify under oath to the truth of the statement of the applicant in regard to his right to be assessed at the place claimed by him as a legal residence on the first day of May: provided, however, that in the City of Boston no person shall be assessed as above provided later than the first day of September."

Sect. 2. Section 2 of Chapter 61 of the Acts of 1895 is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the words "provided, however, that in the City of Boston no person shall be assessed as above provided, later than the first day of September," so that it shall read as follows:

Section 2. Every male person moving into a city or town subsequently to the first day of May, and claiming the right to vote at an election and desiring to be registered by the Registrars of Voters, shall appear before the Board of Assessors, accompanied by two witnesses, who shall testify under oath that they are registered voters of the ward or town in which he desires to be registered, and who shall also testify under oath to the truth of the statement of the applicant in regard to his being a resident of the city or town for the six months next preceding the election at which he claims the right to vote. The Assessors shall give the applicant a certificate stating that he has complied with the provisions of this section: provided, however, that in the City of Boston no person shall be assessed as above provided later than the first day of September."

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL NO. 753 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FERRIES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 436 of the Acts of 1895 is hereby repealed and the following is substituted in place thereof:

"Section 1. The City of Boston shall construct such suitable slips, landings and head-houses for the accommodation of the East Boston ferries, and shall provide such other accommodations for the improvement of transit between Boston and East Boston as the City Council may determine."

Sect. 2. The amount which said city is authorized to borrow within the municipal year 1898, as now established by law, is hereby reduced by the amount of the bonds of said city already issued under the provisions of said Chapter 436; and any further bonds which may be issued for the above named purposes shall be within the debt limit of said city.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL NO. 754 is a bill accompanying the petition of Walter L. Sears; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A MORE EQUITABLE METHOD OF RAISING MONEY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Water Commissioner for the City of Boston shall, annually during the month of January, beginning in the year 1899, furnish the Mayor and City Council of said city with an estimate of the amount of money required for his Department during the next financial year.

Sect. 2. The City Council of said city shall levy a general tax on all real estate, as hereinafter provided, beginning on the first day of February in the year 1899, and annually thereafter, a sum estimated to be sufficient to pay for all expenditures of the said Water Department of said city for the aforesaid financial year.

Sect. 3. Beginning in the year 1899, and annually thereafter, the Board of Assessors of said city shall assess by a general tax levied upon all real estate such amount as the City Council, with the approval of the Mayor, may deem sufficient to meet all expenditures of said Department; and all moneys so raised shall be placed to the credit of said Water Department.

Sect. 4. Said Board of Assessors shall assess, and the City Collector shall collect, such water rates existing, or as may be established by said Water Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, for all water used for mechanical purposes in the same manner as at present, and the revenue derived from such collections shall be placed to the credit of the Water Department, to meet interest on debt, or sinking-fund requirements of said Water Department, as the Mayor may determine.

Sect. 5. On and after the first day of January in the year 1899, water for domestic purposes shall be furnished free by the City of Boston to its inhabitants; and the aforesaid Board of Assessors, together with the Water Commissioner, shall determine who are domestic users; and all other users shall be liable to assessment as provided in Section 4.

Sect. 6. Said Water Commissioner with the approval of the Mayor shall make such rules and regulations for the proper enforcement of this Act and the prevention of waste as may be necessary; and the City Council may, by ordinance, provide such penalties as they may deem proper for any violations of said rules and regulations.

Sect. 7. Any city by majority vote of its City Council, and approval of the Mayor, may adopt the general provisions of this Act.

Sect. 8. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 758 is a bill accompanying the petition of G. W. M. Hall and others; referred to the Committee on Education. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORMATION AND DISBURSEMENT OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Upon the passage of this Act, the School Committee of the City of Boston shall create a public school-teachers' retirement-fund as herein provided, which shall consist of the following, with the income and interest thereof:

First. Amounts retained from the teachers' salaries as follows: After the expiration of six months from the passage of this Act, the School Committee shall reserve, and the City Treasurer shall turn into said fund from all salaries of \$600 or less per annum, \$1 per month, and from all salaries exceeding \$600 per annum, \$1.50 per month.

Second. The sum reserved annually from each annuity by the Board of Trustees as hereinafter provided.

Third. The interest from a permanent fund, should such fund exist.

Sect. 2. First. Should the amount of money available for annuities at any time exceed the amount due to annuitants, such surplus shall form part of a permanent fund, and the interest thereof shall be used in the payment of annuities, when needed. When not so needed, the interest shall be added to the permanent fund.

Second. All moneys and property obtained by donation, legacy or any other means, save that hereinbefore provided, shall form a part of the permanent fund.

Third. All interest that may not be used for annuities or necessary expenses shall also form a part of said fund.

Sect. 3. The City Treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, shall be the custodian of such funds, and shall make payments therefrom as ordered by said Board.

Sect. 4. This Act shall be binding upon all teachers entering the service after it goes into effect, and upon such of the teachers in active service at that time as may elect, within six months, to come under its provisions.

Sect. 5. The Superintendent of Public Schools in the City of Boston, three members of the School Committee of said city, three men teachers and three women teachers also of said city, and in the public schools, who are contributing members, shall constitute a Board of Trustees. These last nine, three of whom shall be elected for a term of one year, three for a term of two years, and three for a term of three years, shall be elected by the teachers who are included in this Act at the first annual meeting in October, 1898. Annually thereafter, one member of the Boston School Board, one man teacher and one woman teacher shall be elected for a term of three years. Said Board shall have charge of said fund, investing the same in such securities as savings banks are allowed by law to invest in. They shall consider and examine into all applications for annuities, and if such applications duly conform to the requirements of this Act, they shall order such annuities paid. They shall direct the City Treasurer to reserve annually and turn into the annuity fund four per centum of each annuity, but not to exceed \$12. They shall have power to fill any vacancies which may occur for the unexpired term, and shall make and estab-

lish such rules and regulations for the administration of said fund as they shall deem best. They shall also report annually to the teachers at a meeting, which shall be appointed by the chairman in October, the condition of the funds, the receipts and disbursements on account of the same, and a complete list of the annuitants and the amounts paid. They shall provide for the payment out of the said fund of all needful expenses, but no money shall be drawn from this fund, except as provided in this Act. The members of this Board shall serve without compensation, unless otherwise voted at the annual meeting.

Sect. 6. The City Treasurer, by order of the Board of Trustees, shall pay to any teacher who retires from service, either by resignation or removal, an annuity of \$250 or more, but not exceeding \$600, provided the funds will admit of it, upon the following conditions:

First: That such retiring teacher has taught not less than thirty years, of which time not less than ten years shall have been in the public schools of the City of Boston; or that such retiring teacher, though having taught less than thirty years, has in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, become incapacitated for teaching; provided, that a certificate of such incapacity be furnished by the attending physician and a physician sent by the Board of Trustees; and further provided, that the annuity shall cease when the disability ceases; but should such teacher return to the service, there shall be repaid to him or her such sum as the teacher was required to pay in order to complete all of the assessments for thirty years. Such teacher shall then pay assessments as before retirement.

Second: That no annuity shall be paid to any teacher not referred to in Section 4 of this Act, nor shall any annuity be paid till the retiring teacher shall contribute or shall have contributed to said fund a sum equal to all of the assessments for thirty years, viz., \$540.

Sect. 7. Any teacher that shall have been a contributing member for five years or more, who shall resign for other cause than disability, shall, upon application within three months after date of such retirement, receive one-third of the total amount paid by such teacher into said fund.

Sect. 8. In case the fund should be insufficient to pay the annuities provided in Section 6 of this Act, the Board of Trustees shall have power to reduce the same by making an equitable distribution among the annuitants.

Sect. 9. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 759 is a bill accompanying the petition of Samuel Eliot and others; referred to the Committee on Education. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON; AND PROVIDING FOR A REORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT THEREOF.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The inhabitants of the City of Boston qualified to vote for its School Committee shall, at the annual municipal election occurring in the year 1898, elect nine

persons, inhabitants of the city, to constitute, with three inhabitants of the city appointed by the Mayor thereof, the School Board of said city, the members of which shall serve without compensation; the three persons voted for who shall have received the largest number of votes shall hold their office for three years; the three persons who shall have received the next largest number of votes shall hold their office for two years, and the three persons who shall have received the next largest number of votes shall hold their office for one year. In case two or more persons voted for shall have received an equal number of votes, those who are the seniors by age shall for the division into classes hereby required be classified as if they had received the largest number of votes in the order of ages. The three members appointed by the Mayor shall be appointed by him within the week preceding the second Monday of January, 1899, for one, two and three years respectively. Thereafter, the voters qualified as aforesaid shall annually elect three persons, inhabitants of the city, to serve as members of the School Board for the term of three years, and the Mayor of the city shall appoint one person annually, within the week preceding the second Monday in January, to serve as a member of the School Board for three years.

Sect. 2. Certificates of election shall be issued by the Board of Election Commissioners to such and to so many of the members of said School Board as appear to have been chosen at such election, and certificates of appointment shall be issued by the Mayor to those whom he has appointed; but said School Board shall be the final judge of the qualifications and elections of its own members.

Sect. 3. The persons so elected and appointed as members of the School Board shall meet and organize on the second Monday in January, 1899, and annually thereafter. The unexpired term of office of all members and officers of the School Committee as hitherto organized and established shall terminate immediately upon the organization of the School Board elected and appointed under this Act.

Sect. 4. The School Board shall have the supervision and direction of the public schools, and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties in relation to the care and management of schools which are now exercised and performed by the School Committee of said city, except so far as they may be changed or modified by this Act; shall succeed to the School Committee's corporate powers and rights, and shall have the powers and discharge the duties which may hereafter be imposed by law upon the School Committees of cities and towns. They shall elect a Superintendent of Schools and a Business Agent; they shall organize a School Faculty, and shall appoint Visitors, as hereinafter set forth.

Sect. 5. A majority of all the members of the School Board shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. They shall choose a Secretary, not of their number, who shall also serve as Secretary to the Superintendent and Inspectors as a Board, an Auditing Clerk, and such other subordinate officers as they may deem expedient, and shall define their duties, fix their compensation, and may remove them at pleasure.

Sect. 6. The School Board, on or before the first day of February of the year 1899, shall estimate and determine the amount of money actually necessary to be levied for the current year for the support of the schools of the City of Boston, and shall certify the same to the City Council; and it shall annually, before the first day of January, certify to the City Council, through its President and Secretary, the amount of money it has estimated to be requisite for school purposes during the ensuing year; and the City Council thereupon shall cause the said amounts certified to be levied and collected as part of the annual tax levy, provided the amount of said estimation and tax shall not exceed one-third of one per centum of the total assessed valuation of the city for the current year; but with the consent of the City Council it may exceed such limitation.

Sect. 7. The School Board shall succeed to all the powers granted to the School Committee in relation to the purchase of land and its laying out and maintenance for school purposes, and in relation to the erection of school buildings, and the alteration and repair of the same; but certain of these powers shall be exercised for the School Board by the Business Agent under its direction, as herein set forth. And in case its powers are found insufficient to enable it to purchase the lands and erect the buildings it deems necessary for school purposes, the School Board shall certify its needs in this respect to the City Council, and with the consent of the City Council shall, through its Business Agent, erect such buildings and purchase such additional lands as it has certified as necessary.

Sect. 8. The School Board shall fix the compensation of Superintendent, Business Agent, Inspectors, teachers, janitors, and of all other officers herein mentioned, except the expert accountants appointed by the Mayor. The School Board shall audit all expenses, but there shall be appointed by the Mayor for each year a Board of Audit, consisting of three expert accountants of good reputation, who shall audit the accounts of the year, and make a report thereon to the Mayor. The Board of Audit shall be paid by the city, and this payment shall not be part of the requisition referred to in Section 6.

Sect. 9. The votes of a majority of the whole number of the members of the School Board shall be necessary to elect the officers herein prescribed by it to be elected. Said officers shall hold office during good behavior and efficiency, but may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the whole number of the members of the School Board. Visitors may be appointed and removed by the votes of a majority of a quorum.

Sect. 10. The appointment, promotion and dismissal of teachers shall be vested in the Superintendent. He shall report all proposed appointments, promotions and dismissals to School Board, and these shall be final unless vetoed by a three-fourths vote of the Board. He shall, after consultation with the Inspectors and School Faculty, determine all courses of study and choose all text-books and other apparatus of teaching. He shall have direction of school attendance officers, who are to take the place of existing truant officers, and shall have the same power over their appointment and dismissal as that given him

concerning teachers. Said body of school-attendance officers shall include both men and women, who, under regulations provided by the School Board shall investigate and report upon the cases of pupils absenting themselves from school, with a view to prevent rather than to punish such absence.

Sect. 11. The Business Agent, with such assistance as the School Board shall authorize and determine, shall, under direction of the School Board, have the care and maintenance of school-houses, the purchase of school supplies, the purchase of real estate, and the letting of contracts for the construction and repair of school-houses. He shall nominate and, by and with the consent of the School Board, shall appoint the architects of school-houses. He shall have a general oversight over all constructions and repairs. He shall have the appointment, control and dismissal of the janitors, engineers and other persons employed to work in or about the school-houses. Said Business Agent shall give bond, approved by the School Board, with sufficient surety or sureties in a sum to be determined by the School Board, payable to the Treasurer of the City of Boston, with a condition for the faithful performance of the duties of his office before entering upon the same.

Sect. 12. The Superintendent shall nominate and, by and with the consent of the School Board, shall appoint not less than six nor more than twelve Inspectors to serve for the term of three years, subject to removal by two-thirds vote of the School Board, or by the Superintendent with the approval of a majority of a quorum of the School Board. The Inspectors shall act as assistants to the Superintendent in the performance of his duties. Examinations of teachers shall be in charge of the Inspectors under the direction of the Superintendent, and certificates of qualification to teach may, after such examination, be issued by the Superintendent.

Sect. 13. A School Faculty shall be organized by the School Board and shall consist of the Superintendent as President ex-officio, of the Inspectors, and of not less than thirty more members who shall be elected by the teachers of the schools (not including temporary teachers) from their own numbers; and so far as possible the School Board shall adopt rules of election to provide that every grade of instruction shall be represented, and that any school which does not fall within any particular grade shall also be represented. The Faculty may consider all educational subjects, including such as are disciplinary and sanitary, and at its pleasure may report thereon to the School Board.

Sect. 14. There shall be two classes of visitors,—visitors at large (not exceeding twenty in number) and local visitors (not exceeding three in number for each school district). They shall serve without pay. This body of visitors shall include both men and women, and shall be invited by the School Board to visit the schools with a view to a larger public knowledge of school affairs and to personal and moral influence. Visitors at large shall be appointed from among the whole number of citizens. Local visitors shall be appointed from citizens who live in the district for which they are appointed. The body of visitors, or the visitors of the same grade or school district, may meet from time to time at the call of the Superintendent, or otherwise, and may report to the

School Board on any subjects they wish to submit. Normal, High and Latin schools shall be considered each to constitute a district for the purpose of this section, and the metes and bounds of all school districts are left to the discretion of the School Board.

Sect. 15. The teachers, janitors, truant officers (hereafter to be designated school attendance officers) and employees of the schools of Boston, in office and employment at the time of the organization of this School Board, shall have the same tenure of office as if they had already been appointed under the provisions of this act.

HOUSE BILL No. 761 is a bill accompanying the petition of Samuel M. Child; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE BETTER ENFORCEMENT OF THE BUILDING LAWS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. No owner, contractor, mechanic or other person shall construct or alter a building in the City of Boston, except in accordance with plans bearing the approval of the Building Commissioner of said city, and shall exhibit said plans when demanded by any building inspector or police officer of the City of Boston.

Sect. 2. No building in the City of Boston hereafter constructed or altered to be occupied as a dwelling-house for more than two families, or as a tenement house, or lodging-house, shall be so occupied until the Building Commissioner of said city issues a certificate to the owners thereof that the building is constructed in accordance with the statutes and ordinances relating thereto.

Sect. 3. All violation of Acts relating to the construction, alteration, maintenance and repair of buildings in the City of Boston shall be subject to the same penalties provided for violation of Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1892.

HOUSE BILL No. 762 is a bill accompanying the petition of George P. Field and others; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

That Section 23 of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1892 be amended by adding at the end of said section the following words: "And all such buildings hereafter erected which are used above the first floor as storage stores, warehouses or stores for the storage and sale of merchandise shall not exceed 100 feet in height, and shall be so divided by brick partition walls of the thickness prescribed for bearing partition walls, and carried thirty inches above the roof, that no space inside any such building shall exceed in area 10,000 square feet."

HOUSE BILL No. 763 is a bill accompanying the petition of George B. Upham; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT FOR THE FURTHER REGULATION OF THE HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc. as follows:

Section 1. Except as hereinafter provided there shall be the following limit upon the height of buildings erected in the City of Boston, upon land lying without the district hereinafter excepted:

No building hereafter erected, or increased in height, except public buildings, grain elevators, towers of churches, spires of churches and domes of churches, chimneys of factories, shall, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, exceed eighty feet in height, measured in a perpendicular line from the highest street level on the principal front of the building in question to a level with the highest point of the roof or of the walls thereof, if said walls extend above the roof; provided, however, that if a building to be erected has its principal frontage upon a street of less than forty feet in width, such building shall not exceed a height greater than twice the width of the street; such width to be measured from the face of the building to the lawfully established line of the street on the other side; if the street is of uneven width, the average width of the part opposite the building shall be taken.

Sect. 2. The district excepted from the operation of this Act is bounded and described as follows, viz., beginning at the Charles river at the northerly end of Otter street and continuing on Otter street southerly to Beacon street; thence easterly on Beacon street to Arlington street; thence southerly on Arlington street to Boylston street; thence westerly on Boylston street to Berkeley street; thence southerly on Berkeley street to Tremont street; thence easterly across Tremont street to Dover street; thence easterly on Dover street to Fort Point channel; thence following the Harbor Commissioners' line on Fort Point channel, Boston harbor and the Charles river to the point of beginning.

Sect. 3. Buildings above said eighty feet in height may be erected or carried up upon land lying without the above excepted district, if erected in conformity with Section 25 of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1892, and with other laws and ordinances regulating building within said city; provided, that for each building so erected a permit is first obtained from the Board of Health of the City of Boston, after a duly advertised public hearing held by said Board in the same manner as is required for the hearings of said Board on the issuance of stable permits, and that said permit be also first approved by the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston and by the Mayor of said city.

Sect. 4. The City of Boston may from time to time, by ordinance, extend or restrict the limits of the district excepted from the operation of this Act in Section 2 hereof, and may establish other districts in other parts of said city to be excepted from the operation of this Act, and may thereafter extend or restrict the limits of such other districts.

Sect. 5. This Act shall not be held to repeal in whole or in part Section 25 of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1892, nor to repeal in whole or in part Chapter 313 of the Acts of 1896.

Sect. 6. Any court having equity jurisdiction in term time or vacation, may on the application of the City of Boston by its attorney, by any suitable process or decree in Equity, enforce the provisions of this Act, and may, on such application, issue an injunction to restrain the erection, alteration, use or occupation of any building or structure in the City of Boston, erected, carried up, altered, maintained or used in violation of this Act.

Sect. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 764 is a bill accompanying the petition of Frederic Ayer and another; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 36 of Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1892, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 416 of the Acts of the year 1896, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "forty-five" between the words "or" and "deep" in the twenty-third line, and inserting in place thereof the words "fifty-five"—so as to read as follows:

"Section 36. The external and party walls above the foundation of dwelling-houses of the first or second class, hereafter built, not over twenty feet wide, or thirty-three feet high, or forty feet deep, shall be not less than eight inches thick. For such buildings exceeding said dimensions, and not over twenty-three feet wide, or thirty-six feet high, or fifty-five feet deep, external walls shall be not less than eight inches thick, and party walls shall be not less than twelve inches thick. In case such buildings are to be used for store purposes, the external walls thereof to the top of the second floor timbers shall be not less than twelve inches thick. The external and party walls of dwellings of the first or second class hereafter built over thirty-six feet, but not over sixty feet high, shall be not less than twelve inches thick. Such walls of such dwellings sixty feet or over, but not over seventy feet high, shall be sixteen inches to the height of the top of the second floor, and twelve inches for the remaining height. Such walls of such dwellings seventy feet or over, but not over eighty feet high, shall be twenty inches to the top of the second floor, sixteen inches to the top of the upper floor, and to within fifteen feet of the roof, and twelve inches the remaining height. Such walls of such dwellings of eighty feet or more in height shall have for the upper eighty feet the thickness required for buildings between seventy and eighty feet in height, and every section of twenty-five feet, or part thereof, below such upper eighty feet shall have a thickness of four inches more than is required for the section next above it."

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 767 is a bill accompanying the petition of David A. Mahoney and another; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BORROW MONEY OUTSIDE THE DEBT LIMIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASPHALTING STREETS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The City of Boston is hereby authorized to borrow outside the debt limit the sum of \$500,000, the same to be expended for the purpose of asphaltting streets in said city.

HOUSE BILL No. 768 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section. 1. At any time within two years after the date of the taking under the provisions of Chapter 488 of the Acts of the year 1895 of any lands, waters, easements, or other property, or of the use of any property, of the City of Boston, or of the doing of any other act or thing causing damage to said city, the said city may file in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court for the County of Suffolk a petition for the determination of such damages, and thereupon said Court shall appoint a Commission consisting of three disinterested persons, which Commission shall, after notice and hearings, determine and award the damages sustained by said city by reason of the takings or acts set forth in said petitions; and upon the confirmation or modification by said Court of the award of said Commission the Metropolitan Water Board shall certify to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth the amount to be paid said city in conformity with such order of court, and said Treasurer shall pay the same to said city from the proceeds of the bonds authorized in said Act, or from the proceeds of such other bonds as may from time to time be authorized. The provisions of said Act relating to petitions for damages and inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall not apply to the City of Boston.

Sect. 2. The income received by the said City from the water-works under the charge of its Water Commissioner shall be applied to the expenses of maintenance and operation incurred by said Commissioner, to the interest and Sinking-Fund requirements of the Cochituate Water Loans, to the assessments to be apportioned to said city under said Act of 1895, and to the cost of all improvements, renewals and extensions of the water-works of said city; and the surplus income, if any, after all the payments hereinbefore referred to shall have been made, shall be paid into the Sinking Fund for the said Cochituate Water Loans until such time as in the opinion of the Commissioners of Sinking-Funds of said city the amount of said fund is, with its prospective accumulations, sufficient to meet the said Cochituate Water Loans at maturity without further contributions from other sources; and thereafter said surplus income shall be paid into the fund provided for in Section 3 of this Act. No further Cochituate Water Loans shall be issued by said city, and all authority now vested by law in said city to issue bonds, scrip, or incur any other form of indebted-

ness for the purpose of procuring, protecting or improving its sources of water supply, or of making additions or extensions to its works is hereby repealed. The provisions of Section 21 of said Act of 1895 are hereby repealed in so far as they relate to the City of Boston and are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

Sect. 3. All sums received since February 1, 1898, or that may hereafter be received by the City of Boston for the taking of any part of its water-works under the provisions of said Act, shall be paid to the Commissioners of Sinking-Funds of said city; and said sums, together with any payments that may be made from the surplus income of the city's water-works as provided in Section 2 of this Act shall, until the year 1925, be held, invested, and managed by said Commissioners as a separate fund, to be invested and used as herein provided as a means of meeting the obligations imposed by the provisions of said Act upon said city. Said fund shall be invested, as far as practicable, exclusively in bonds issued from time to time by the said city. The interest received from said bonds and any other securities in which said fund may be temporarily invested shall be applied to the payment of the assessments apportioned to the said city under the provisions of said Act of 1895; and if in any year the income of said fund shall be greater than the amount of said assessments the surplus shall be added to the capital of the fund. From and after the first day of January, 1925, the said fund shall be subject to the order and disposition of the said City of Boston.

Sect. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City Council of the City of Boston.

HOUSE BILL No. 769 is a bill accompanying the petition of Dudley G. Dorr; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO EQUALIZE WATER RATES AND ECONOMIZE THE USE OF WATER IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Any water consumer in the City of Boston may, at his own expense, attach to his supply-pipe a water meter such as is in use by said city or such as may be approved by its Water Commissioner, and thereafter he shall be charged according to meter rates. Said meter shall be kept in repair by said city at the expense of the owner thereof.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 881 is introduced on leave February 7, 1898, by Mr. Lyons of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RESERVE POLICE FORCE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 177 of the Acts of the year 1887 is hereby amended by striking out all after the word "force" in the fifth line, and inserting in place thereof the words: "for not less than nine months, and after such probationary period they shall

be appointed regular officers on the police force and receive pay as such," so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. The Board of Police for the City of Boston may, from time to time as authorized by said city and under such rules as the Civil Service Commissioners of the Commonwealth prescribe, appoint suitable persons to constitute a reserve police force for not less than nine months, and after such probationary period they shall be appointed regular officers on the police force and receive pay as such."

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 887 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO CHANGE A PART OF THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

That part of the boundary line between the City of Boston and the City of Cambridge from a point at the intersection of the present boundary line in Charles river and a point about 340 feet west from the westerly line of Harvard bridge is hereby changed so that said part of said boundary line is as follows; beginning at a point in the present boundary line in Charles river, 1,230 feet from the northerly line of Beacon street, measured at right angles thereto, and about 340 feet west from the westerly line of Harvard bridge; thence running easterly by a line parallel with and 1,230 feet from the northerly line of Beacon street about 4,690 feet; thence running north by a line parallel with and 1,000 feet west from the present harbor line south of West Boston bridge 2,110 feet; thence running northeasterly by an irregular line about 200 feet, to a point in the present boundary line. Said new boundary line is shown by a red line

upon a plan marked "Plan showing a proposed change in the boundary line in Charles river between Boston and Cambridge, Massachusetts, William Jackson, City Engineer of Boston, January 31, 1898," on file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE BILL No. 888 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO CHANGE A PART OF THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND NEWTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The boundary line between the City of Boston and the City of Newton, between a point at the intersection of the present boundary line and the northerly side of Commonwealth avenue and a point forming the boundary line of said cities about 30 feet north of the reservoir driveway, is changed so that the part of said boundary line between said points shall be as follows: Commencing at said point of intersection at a stone boundary monument marked B and N standing in the northerly line of Commonwealth avenue; thence turning and running southerly 298.79 feet to a stone monument marked B and N standing near and north of the Chestnut Hill driveway, at a corner in said boundary line; thence turning and running southwesterly by the division line between land of the said City of Boston and land now or late of the heirs of Daniel H. Knowles 482.73 feet to a stone monument marked B and N standing in a cross wall of said Chestnut Hill driveway, said wall being on the division line between land now or late of said heirs of Daniel H. Knowles and land now or formerly belonging to Amos A. Lawrence.

Said new boundary line is shown by a red line upon a plan marked "Plan showing a proposed change in the boundary line be-

tween Boston and Newton, Massachusetts, William Jackson, City Engineer, January 31, 1898," on file in the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 889 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO CHANGE A PART OF THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. A part of the boundary line between the City of Boston and the town of Hyde Park, southerly of and partly in Ashland street in said city and town, is hereby changed so that said line shall run as follows: Beginning at a stone monument marked B and N in the present boundary line 125 feet southwest from the southwesterly line of said Ashland street; thence continuing northwesterly parallel with and 125 feet from the southwesterly line of said Ashland street, about 675 feet to a stone monument marked B and H P; thence continuing northwesterly parallel with and 125 feet from the southwesterly line of said Ashland street about 263 feet, to a stone monument marked B and H P, standing in the present boundary line about 126 feet from the present southwesterly line of said Ashland street; thence turning and running southwesterly to a stone monument marked B and H P, standing on the northwesterly side of Hyde Park avenue.

Said new boundary line is shown by a red line upon a plan marked "Plan showing a proposed change in the boundary line between Boston and Hyde Park, Massachusetts, William Jackson, City Engineer of Boston, January 31, 1898," on file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred.	Date of Reference.	Date of Next Hearing.	Date of Report.	Nature of Report.
S. B. 11, for Providing a Temporary Presiding Officer for Boston Aldermen.	Metropolitan Affairs.	January 20.			
S. B. (by Senator Davis), to Consolidate Several Departments in the City of Boston, under One Board, to be known as the Boston Board of Public Works.	Metropolitan Affairs.	January 31.			
S. B. 20, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws.	January 28.			
S. B. 32, relative to the Consolidation of the Departments of the Treasurer, Collector and Auditor of the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 2.			
S. B. 42, relative to the School Committee of the City of Boston.	Education.	February 3.			
S. B. 43, relative to the Holding of Caucuses.	Election Laws.	February 3.			
S. B. 44, relative to the Wires and Electrical Appliances in the Streets of the City of Boston.	Mercantile Affairs.	February 3.			
S. B. 46, to Establish the Metropolitan District Commission.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 3.			
S. B. 50, relative to the Construction of Belvidere Street in the City of Boston.	Cities.	February 4.			
S. B. 56, relative to the Board of Aldermen and to the Common Council of the City of Boston.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs.	February 4.			
S. B. 59, to Unite the City of Boston and the City of Chelsea, and Towns of Winthrop and Revere.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 4.			

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898. — Continued.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred.	Date of Reference.	Date of Next Hearing.	Date of Report.	Nature of Report.
S. B. 63, to Reorganize the School Committees of the City of Boston.	Education.	February 2.	February 24.		
S. B. 65, relative to the Pensioning of Employees of the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 2.			
H. B. 78, as to Plotting and Laying Out Streets in Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	January 13.			
H. B. 80, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston.	Election Laws.	January 13.			
H. B. 82, as to Change of Harbor Lines and Improvements in South Bay.	Harbors and Public Lands.	January 13.			
H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston.	Cities.	January 14.			
H. B. 125, for more Boston Aldermen, and choice of Chairman by popular vote.	Election Laws.	January 17.			
H. B. 152, as to leasing of Building by Boston Park Commission.	Cities.	January 19.			
H. B. 195, for widening Rutherford avenue, Devens and Bow streets.	Metropolitan Affairs.	January 21.			
H. B. 204, for reorganization of the Boston City Government.	Election Laws.	January 21.			
H. B. 233, as to Choice of President of Boston Common Council by Popular Vote.	Election Laws.	January 25.			
H. B. 235, to Provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to Define the Duties and Powers.	Liquor Law.	January 25.			
H. B. 252, as to Registration of Voters.	Election Laws.	January 25.			
H. B. 253, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston.	Election Laws.	January 25.			
H. B. 254, as to Time of Opening and Closing of Polls in Boston.	Election Laws.	January 25.			
H. B. 255, as to Change in Method of Electing Boston Aldermen.	Election Laws.	January 25.			
H. B. 291, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston.	Cities.	January 26.			
H. B. 306, to Provide that Tenement Houses in the City of Boston, over Four Stories High, shall be First-class Buildings.	Cities.	January 27.			
H. B. 317, to Establish a Board of Excise Commissioners for the City of Boston.	Liquor Law.	January 27.			
H. B. 324, as to the Plotting and Laying Out of Streets in the City of Boston.	Cities.	January 27.			
H. B. 348, as to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	January 28.			
H. B. 356, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Children of Charles A. Lambert.	Cities.	January 28.		February 7.	
H. B. 358, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to Family of Edward C. Cadigan.	Cities.	January 28.			
H. B. 359, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Father of James W. McCabe.	Cities.	January 28.		February 4.	
H. B. 360, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Family of John Kelley.	Cities.	January 28.			
H. B. 374, as to the Election of the Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston.	Election Laws.	January 28.			
H. B. 376, as to Election of Aldermen in the City of Boston.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs.	January 28.			
H. B. 377, as to the Common Council of the City of Boston.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs.	January 28.			
H. B. 382, an Act to Incorporate the Bay State Elevated Railway Company and to Promote Rapid Transit in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways.				
H. B. 390, to Provide for an Extension of Huntington Avenue in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	January 31.			
H. B. 392, as to the Plotting and Laying Out of Streets in the City of Boston.	Cities.	January 31.			
H. B. 410, as to the Plotting and Laying Out of Streets in the City of Boston.	Cities.	January 31.			
H. B. 413, relative to Appointments in the Fire Department of the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	January 31.			
H. B. 416, resolve to Provide for an Addition to the Normal Art School Building in the City of Boston.	Education.				
H. B. 419, to Establish the Voting Day in Municipal Elections in the City of Boston.	Election Laws.	January 31.			
H. B. 424, relative to Taking the Vote upon the Question of Granting Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the City of Boston.	Liquor Law.	January 31.	February 25.		
H. B. 442, to Regulate the Issuing of Liquor Licenses in City of Boston.	Liquor Law.	January 31.	February 25.		

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.—Continued.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred.	Date of Reference.	Date of Next Hearing.	Date of Report.	Nature of Report.
H. B. 452, to Provide for the Appointment of One Additional Court Officer for attendance upon the Several Sessions of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston for Civil Business.	Public Service.	January 31.			
H. B. 456, to Require Compensation from Corporations for the Use of Public Streets in the City of Boston.	Street Railways.	January 31.			
H. B. 487, to Regulate the Price of Gas in the City of Boston.	Manufactures.	February 1.			
H. B. 489, to Enable the City of Boston to Complete Blue Hill avenue and other avenues.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 1.			
H. B. 491, relative to Bennington street in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 1.			
H. B. 502, to Reorganize the Board of Police for the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 1.			
H. B. 502, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Widow of Charles J. Vaughn.	Cities.	February 1.			
H. B. 504, to Provide that Asbestos Mill Board may be used as a Fire-stop in the Floors of Buildings in the City of Boston.	Cities.	February 1.	February 21.		
H. B. 505, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of the City of Boston.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs.	February 1.			
H. B. 506, to Facilitate the Inspection of Wires in Buildings in the City of Boston.	Mercantile Affairs.	February 1.			
H. B. 507, relative to the Extension of Cove Street in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 1.			
H. B. 508, relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 1.			
H. B. 509, to Authorize the City of Boston to Borrow Money Outside the Debt Limit to meet the Expense of Asphalted Streets.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 1.			
H. B. 529, relative to the Construction of a Boulevard from Morton Street to Washington Street in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 1.			
H. B. 553, relative to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston.	Cities.	February 2.	February 23.		
H. B. 588, relative to Appointment of Special Police Officers in the City of Boston.	Cities.	February 2.			
H. B. 591, relative to the Sinking Funds of the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 2.			
H. B. 604, relative to Inspectors in the City of Boston acting under the Direction of the Board of Health.	Public Health.	February 2.			
H. B. 645, relative to the Taking of Land for School Purposes in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 2.			
H. B. 671, relative to Children in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 2.			
H. B. 672, relative to the Power of the School Committee of the City of Boston to make Additions or Alterations to School Buildings.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 2.			
H. B. 673, to Authorize the Treasurer of the City of Boston to Issue Bonds for Taking of Land for School Purposes.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 2.			
H. B. 674, to Establish Building Lines on Columbus avenue in the City of Boston.	Cities.	February 2.	March 2.		
H. B. 676, relative to the Time of Appointment and Assignment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 2.			
H. B. 686, to Exempt School-houses from Certain Provisions of the Act Relative to the Erection of Buildings in the City of Boston.	Cities.	February 2.	February 28.		
H. B. 748, to give Preference to Regularly Established Hotels, Restaurants and Eating-houses in Granting Liquor Licenses in the City of Boston.	Liquor Law.	February 2.	March 2.		
H. B. 749, to Change the Method of Electing Aldermen in the City of Boston.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs.	February 2.			
H. B. 751, relative to Caucuses in the City of Boston.	Election Laws.	February 2.			
H. B. 752, relative to the Registration of Voters in the City of Boston.	Election Laws.	February 2.			
H. B. 759, relative to the Public Schools of the City of Boston, and Providing for a Reorganization of the Government thereof.	Education.	February 2.	February 24.		
H. B. 761, to Provide for the Better Enlargement of the Building Laws in the City of Boston.	Cities.	February 2.	February 28.		
H. B. 762, relative to the Construction, Maintenance and Inspection of Buildings in the City of Boston.	Cities.	February 2.	February 28.		
H. B. 763, as to the Further Regulation of the Height of Buildings in the City of Boston.	Cities.	February 2.	March 1.		
H. B. 764, relative to the Construction of Buildings in the City of Boston.	Cities.	February 2.	February 28.		
H. B. 767, to Authorize the City of Boston to Borrow Money Outside the Debt Limit for the Purpose of Asphalted Streets.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 2.			

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.—Concluded.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred.	Date of Reference.	Date of Next Hearing.	Date of Report.	Nature of Report.
H. B. 769, to Equalize Water Rates and Economize the Use of Water in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 2.			
H. B. 881, relative to the Reserve Police Force in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 7.			
H. B. 888, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line Between the Cities of Boston and Newton.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 7.			
H. B. 889, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line Between the City of Boston and the Town of Hyde Park.	Metropolitan Affairs.	February 7.			

Department Communications.

Fire Department.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol street, February 7, 1898.

The following official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending February 5:

Orders were drawn for two 35-gallon tanks for combination with Ladder Truck 11, price \$500; ten miles covered iron wire, and 25 miles of galvanized iron wire; two bay horses bought of Welch & Hall at \$137.50 each; Samuel Eastman & Co., eight Deluge sets, \$950; one piece of hose condemned.

Assistant Engineer J. F. Hennessey was transferred from Engine Company 15 to Engine Company 2.

Assistant Engineer G. H. Twiss was transferred from Engine Company 2 to Engine Company 15.

Joseph W. Bartlett, Engine 44, was honorably discharged at his own request.

John M. Larecy, Engine 22, was dishonorably discharged.

B. F. UNDERHILL, jr., Secretary.

FIRE ALARM BRANCH,

Bristol Street, February 5, 1898.

COL. HENRY S. RUSSELL,

Fire Commissioner.

SIR: In compliance with your request I submit the following statement:

All overhead circuits of the fire-alarm system were rendered inoperative by the effects of the late storm. The underground circuits, covering the congested district in the city proper, West End and a part of the Back Bay remained intact, however, with the exception of circuit No. 5, which was opened on account of a small portion of it still remaining overhead.

By the destruction of these overhead circuits, all that part of the city proper south of Dover street, and all suburban districts, were deprived of the protection afforded by the maintenance of the system when in its normal condition, as lines of poles were prostrated and wires broken in all directions, and not a circuit escaped the effects of the wreck which, everything being considered, was the most extensive and complete that has ever occurred in the history of the fire-alarm in this city. The demoralization of the system was further increased by the burning out of the apparatus in many of the Department houses by currents from electric light and other high tension wires that were down in the general wreck.

Every effort is being made to restore the service in the shortest possible time, but in view of the magnitude of the work necessary to be done, it will require considerable time and expense to accomplish this result.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. FLANDERS, Superintendent.

Park Department.

The following reply has been sent by the Boston Park Commission to W. Henry Winslow regarding his petition that certain gentlemen outside the Commission be allowed to co-operate in regard to changes in trees and shrubbery of the parks. The letter is as follows:

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

February 3, 1898.

MR. W. HENRY WINSLOW, Boston, Mass.:

Dear Sir: The Board has duly considered the petition presented by you at our last meeting, asking that in matters relating to the "removal of trees and shrubbery and the substitution of costly artificial, for natural, features" in the parks, we shall "co-operate with certain gentlemen from a list of names" that the petitioners propose to offer us, and allow them to share in our responsibilities in these matters. We cannot grant the prayer of the petition. The law vests in us the responsibility for all the work of this Department, and we cannot share it with anyone. It may be unnecessary to add that we are glad at all times to receive suggestions which will be of value to us, and we shall seek the best expert advice available to assist us in our work.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) CHARLES E. STRATTON,
Chairman.

The following is a letter from the Superintendent of the Park Department with regard to a petition relative to the removal of trees in the parks, submitted to the Board of Park Commissioners at a hearing given on January 24, 1898:

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

Jamaica Park, February 8, 1898.

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Esq.,

Chairman Board of Park Commissioners.

DEAR SIR: Regarding the petition which Mr. Winslow and other gentlemen presented to the Park Board at Pine Bank, January 24, asking that the Board select advisers from a list of names submitted by them, based on the statement that in the matter in question (the thinning of woods and plantations) "you rely on your Superintendent, who himself does not wish to be wholly responsible," I beg to say, I have no desire, nor have I expressed any, to be relieved of any responsibility in this work. It is one of necessity where healthy natural effects are desired, and one that practical foresters and landscape gardeners understand.

Charges were made by the various gentlemen, who spoke at the meeting, in effect, that shrubbery and undergrowth were being cut down; that fine trees were being felled; that the trees were being thinned out so that those remaining would resemble a plantation on a geometrical plan, and that all naturalness and wildness were being destroyed.

These statements certainly are not the result of close observation or investigation, as can be proved by present conditions. I am able to say that the intent and purpose of the work that has been done on the plantations and woods were the opposite of those contained in the charges. The work of marking the trees for cutting was done in the summer, when the trees were in full leaf. Consequently, the condition of each tree could be accurately ascertained. Special effort was made to retain or create pleasing or picturesque groupings. Where trees were being injured by too close crowding, the weak or sickly were marked for cutting. In no case has a single fine tree been sacrificed. All ground cover, shrubbery or undergrowth of native material has been carefully preserved, except possibly in the case of young tree saplings which, for obvious reasons, have all been cut out, leaving only those selected to replace sickly trees or for other requirements. In the work of marking, I had the eminent advice and assistance of Prof. C. S. Sargent during nearly the whole period, and every step was marked with careful consideration of intended effect, and a desire to retain and emphasize natural features. Much of the ground had been covered by private residences, and thick plantations of neglected, incongruous material were found, which it would be hard to blend into a natural piece of woodland scenery. In such places, naked Norway spruces and similar foreign stuff were freely marked to make room for new plantations.

It is to be regretted that this work had not been commenced as soon as the lands came into the possession of the Park Department. Judicious thinning from year to year, with the planting of native shrubs would, ere this, have shown the effect of intelligent effort to assist Nature, for Nature can be assisted and the evidence of assistance be concealed.

Hastily considered criticism of the landscape gardener's effort to improve the condition of growing timber by thinning out crowding trees is probably largely to blame for the deplorable condition of the trees in most of our parks throughout the country. Central Park, New York, contains scarcely one fine specimen of a tree, even in grounds set apart for ornamental work; its woodlands are forests of bare poles. Prospect Park, Brooklyn, still contains hundreds of nurse trees, planted for shelter to the intended permanent trees, which they have smothered and malformed, instead of protecting, because they were not cut out when their intended work was accomplished. Much of the planting will have to be commenced over again; the ruin being irretrievable, and all because of the mistaken sentiment against the cutting of a tree.

The places from where trees were cut last year cannot now be identified; it is ever found so in forestry, the branches, having more

room, spread out; the boles feather out; the general health of the tree is improved; undergrowth is encouraged, having more light. The cutting down this year has even now left little evidence; none will be found in summer except in the greater wealth of verdure and natural beauty.

I desire to add that in conjunction with the work of thinning, extensive bordering plantations of native trees and shrubs have been planned, 30,000 trees and 100,000 shrubs purchased, and the ground got in readiness to plant next spring.

J. A. PETTIGREW, Superintendent.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, February 7, 1898.

A synopsis of the work of the Wire Department for the week ending February 6, is herewith appended:

On Monday, January 31, the regular duties of inspection were performed by the several Divisions, as usual. As early as half-past eight Monday evening the first report of electrical trouble, due to the effects of the storm, was received, when a live wire was reported down on Groton street; immediately following this came the report of a wire down on Granite and West Second streets, and from that time to the present, the work of the employees of the Wire Department has been incessant and arduous.

The snow which began to fall Monday forenoon, and continued nearly all day Tuesday, was of that kind which falls at rare intervals, and is much dreaded by those owning and operating overhead electric wires, owing to the tenacity with which it clings to them. Every flake that touched a wire remained on it, so that a No. 12 wire soon assumed the dimensions of the largest sized cable. During the night the snow froze and formed a sheath around the wires and cables that nothing but a warm rain or a south wind could remove. Early Monday night the small iron and copper wires began to break and fall and cross the electric light and trolley wires, and, as the force of the wind increased, poles, cross-arms, fixtures, wires and cables came down in all parts of the city. From 8.30 P.M. Monday, until 4 A.M. Tuesday, the electric lighting circuits were in trouble, owing to the number of wires that fell across them, each one of which became an element of danger to persons and property. As soon as indications of trouble were noticed at the electric light stations on any of the circuits, the current was cut off, so that by 4 A.M. Tuesday no circuits were in operation, except those whose wires were entirely underground.

The circuits of the Boston Elevated Railway Company were kept in operation as long as possible, in order to operate the snow plows and keep the tracks as clear of snow as possible. Some portions of the road had to be abandoned owing to the wreckage of poles and wires, and certain sections of the roads are not yet in full operation.

Realizing the immense task involved in clearing the debris throughout the entire city, the Wire Department early on Tuesday morning was reinforced by a detail of nine men from the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department, seven men and two teams from the Street Department, Sewer Division, and twenty extra men with two hired teams, and ever since all have been kept busy, day and night, in removing the dangerous wires from streets and buildings.

The character of the trouble was the same from Winthrop to the Dedham line.

The first duty attended to by this Department was the clearing of trolley-wires where crossed by other wires, in order to prevent delays in car traffic and to lessen the dangers to life and property. Efforts were next

directed towards the removal of low tension wires that had become crossed with circuits of the electric lighting companies, in order that the city might be properly lighted.

Early on the afternoon of February 1, the following letter was sent to the Suburban Light and Power Company, Boston Electric Light Company, Brookline Gas Light Company and Charlestown Gas and Electric Light Company:

"In consideration of the heavy fall of snow causing many telegraph, telephone, trolley and low tension wires to break away from their supports and hang loose in the streets and thoroughfares of the city, and furthermore, in many instances, lying across and in contact with wires of your company, thereby making said telegraph, telephone and other wires alive and dangerous to life and property, providing your overhead circuits are alive and in operation, therefore in pursuance of my duty as Commissioner of Wires and in consideration of the dangers to the lives of our citizens, I would respectfully ask your company not to start your overhead circuits to-night."

Compliance with this request proved a great measure of safety to our citizens, and in consequence of it only the lights fed from the underground system were in operation on the evening of February 1. Since that date, however, certain employees of this Department have been detailed to accompany inspectors of the electric lighting companies upon a thorough inspection of the various overhead circuits. As each circuit is pronounced safe, permission is granted the company operating the same to turn on the current.

Poles were down on Zeigler, Roxbury, Leverett, North Beacon, Lamartine, Maverick, Bennington, Marginal, Meridian, West First, East and West Second, Front, Federal and Swett streets, Guild Row, Commonwealth, Rutherford, Harrison and Boylston avenues, and a great number of other streets, and it is estimated that the number of fallen poles was at least 1,200. The amount of wire removed from the streets by this Department since the commencement of the storm will reach from 175 to 200 miles. The above-named streets and a great many others required a second and even a third inspection by this Department to insure their being entirely safe, and will necessitate close supervision for some time to come.

Some 25 or more photographs of fallen poles and wires were taken by Wire Department employees in that part of the city outside the underground district which fully show the nature of the damage and havoc wrought to the overhead construction by this storm.

Comparatively few roof fixtures were torn from their fastening, doubtless, because they carried but few wires.

The work of the several electric lighting and telephone companies in making repairs since the storm has been mostly of a temporary character, and it will demand the constant care and inspection of this Department to insure that such work is in conformity with its rules and requirements.

In the underground district, that is, that portion of it where the work of placing wires underground has been completed, practically no electrical trouble was experienced.

It is a matter of congratulation that no human lives were lost owing to contact with the deadly current. The estimated number of horses killed by live wires exceeds twenty.

Since the commencement of the storm the entire force of the Wire Department has been on duty by day and night to respond promptly to reports of electrical trouble. A request was sent to the Fire Alarm Branch of the Fire Department to report any fires or accidents probably due to electrical causes, and a similar request made to the Police Department. Both of these Departments have complied with our request on numerous occasions, and thus enabled the Department to prevent losses by fires and probably injury to citizens. The Fire

Alarm and Police Notification Company are also in constant communication with this office.

During the week ending February 6, there were eleven fires due to electrical causes, all of which can be attributed chiefly to the effects of the heavy storm. Four examinations as to the cause of fires have been made by the Department.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

City Hall, February 7, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Chairman, J. Albert Brackett, 92 State street, Boston, on January 12, 1898, at 4 o'clock P. M.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse, Hersey and Atteaux.

The Chairman read a communication from Henry W. Putnam, Esq., one of the Trustees of the Roxbury Latin School, in reference to the Kearsarge Avenue Burial Ground, to the Committee, setting forth the fact that the Roxbury Latin School had acquired title to said ground by deed from the First Parish of Roxbury, and suggesting that the city release its custody of same to the school under certain conditions.

It was voted that the communication, with the facts pertaining thereto, be referred to His Honor the Mayor for instructions.

It was voted that inasmuch as the city had no burial rights in said ground, the same having been closed by the Board of Health, and the right to use the same voted by the Common Council in 1890 to the Roxbury Latin School, that in the opinion of this Board it is advisable for the city to be relieved in some way of its technical custody and responsibility for the ground.

It was also voted that the bill of H. S. Hussey, amounting to \$665.83, for the repair of one of the walls of Copp's Hill Burial Ground, be paid out of the special appropriation passed by the City Council for that purpose.

NELLIE V. NORTON, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

City Hospital, January 26, 1898.

A meeting of the Trustees of the City Hospital was held at the Hospital on January 26, 1898, at 4.30 o'clock.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Burnham, Keany and Rueter.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

First. Concerning City Hospital seal. The matter was referred to Mr. Sprague and to the Secretary.

Second. Concerning copies of Medical and

Surgical Reports for the Staff; referred to the Medical Committee.

Third. Concerning the sale of old gas fixtures, junk, etc.; referred to the Committee on Supplies, with full powers to dispose of the property mentioned in said communication.

The Committee on Ambulances submitted a report. It was voted that copies thereof be sent to each member of the board.

A communication was received from the Chief of the Electrical Construction Division respecting the substitution of electric motors for steam-engines. It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to request of Mr. H. F. Cottle, Chief of the Electrical Construction Division, his estimate of the cost and saving to the Hospital Department resulting from the substitution, as proposed by him, of electric motors for the steam-engines now in use about the Hospital.

The annual report of the Ear and Throat Department, by Dr. J. Orne Green, was submitted, and ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from His Honor the Mayor, requesting suggestions on behalf of this Department concerning new legislation, and also concerning transfers in the Hospital appropriation. It was voted that Section 1 of said communication be referred to Mr. Sprague, and that Section 2 of said communication be placed on file.

It was voted that Mr. Burnham be authorized to procure from the proper department of the City of Boston plans and specifications for the new boiler-house and plant.

It was voted that the President be requested to communicate with His Honor the Mayor concerning the acceptance by the Trustees of the electric light plant of the Hospital.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Overseers of the Poor Department.

Charity Building, January 7, 1898.

At a meeting of the Board, held January 5, 1898, at 3 P.M., there were present Messrs. Fowler, Campbell, Sproules, Humphreys, Cunningham, Logue, Stuart and Mullen, and Miss Rogers, Mrs. Wolcott and Mrs. Thorndike.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasury for \$3,000.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay on and after January 10 the Trust pensions then due.

Notice was received from the Superintendent of Public Buildings of contract for fuel for three months, from January 1 to April 1, 1898. Referred to Committee on Supplies.

Voted, To refer the matter of copy for THE CITY RECORD to the Chairman with full powers.

The Committee on the Temporary Home reported that after a month's trial of Delia McNamara as night matron, it recommends that she be confirmed as night matron at a salary of \$25 per month from December 1, 1897, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Voted, That the recommendation of the committee be adopted.

Miss Rogers, for the committee to confer with the Trustees of the Lying-in Hospital, reported an informal conference, as a result of which the trustees of the hospital have

written a letter offering to care for emergency cases at their usual price.

Voted, That the thanks of the Board be extended to the Trustees of the hospital for their courtesies in the past and their offer for the future, and that the same be accepted.

The Chairman of the Board stated that the Industrial Aid Society had voted to employ a man to endeavor to find work for worthy men at the Lodge.

Voted, That the sub-committee of the Committee of Investigation and Relief be requested to confer with Penal Institutions Commissioner Marshall with regard to the short terms now given drunkards, and report at the next meeting.

Voted, That the Chairman make application to the Civil Service Commission for a special examination of applicants for the position of Visitor of the Board.

Voted, That the pay of a new visitor be at the rate of \$1,200 per year for the first six months, \$1,400 for the year following, and then the full salary of \$1,600 per year, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

The Committee on Supplies reported having made contracts for the delivery of coal during the balance of the winter, and at the same prices as for the months of November and December.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Children's Institutions Department.

32 Tremont street, February 7, 1898.

The following is a census of inmates in the Children's Institutions Department for the week ending February 3, 1898:

Number in Marcella-Street Home:	
Boys	115
Girls	52
	167

Number in Parental School:	
Boys	170
Girls	3
	173

Number in House of Reformation:	
Boys	158
	158

Number in Placing-Out Department	841
	841

Total under control of Department 1339

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending February 5, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	18.9
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	24.5
Number of deaths:	
Males	102
Females	90
Total	192
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	244
Decrease	52

Of 192 decedents, 187 were white, and 5 colored; 118 were born in the United States and 74 in foreign countries; 37 were of American parentage and 126 of foreign parentage; parentage unknown, 29.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	34	3
Scarlatina	14	3
Typhoid fever	6	1
Measles	14	0
Total	68	7

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	30
Pneumonia	25
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	16
Bronchitis	12
Marasmus	10
Violent causes	5

Total from principal causes 99

Total from infectious diseases 7

Total from all other causes 86

Total from all causes 192

Deaths of children under 1 year	40
Deaths of children under 5 years	54
Deaths of persons over 60 years	40
Deaths in public institutions	52

HACK AND CAB FARES.

By order of the Board of Police the following schedule of hack fares by day in the city proper has recently been promulgated:

Between any two points north of Berkeley and Dover streets	\$0.50
Between a point north of State, Court and Cambridge streets, and a point beyond Berkeley and Dover streets, not further than Massachusetts avenue, \$1.00 for one, and 50 cents for each additional passenger.	
Between points south of State, Court and Cambridge streets, and not further than Massachusetts avenue	.50
From Northern Union Station to other railroad stations	.50
From Northern Union Station to any point not further than Berkeley and Dover streets	.50
From Northern Union Station to any point beyond Berkeley and Dover streets, not further than Massachusetts avenue, \$1.00 for one, and 50 cents for each additional passenger.	
From Boston & Albany Station to other railroad stations	.50
From Boston & Albany Station to any point north of Massachusetts avenue,	.50
From Old Colony Station to other railroad stations	.50
From Old Colony Station to any point north of Massachusetts avenue	.50
From Park Square Station to other railroad stations	.50
From Park Square Station to any point north of Massachusetts avenue	.50
By the first hour or fraction, \$2.00; each succeeding third of an hour or fraction, 50 cents.	
Children under four years of age (with adults), free; over four and under twelve years (with adults), half price.	
One trunk, free; each additional trunk, 25 cents. Hand valises, free.	
Between midnight and 6 A.M., 50 cents additional for each passenger.	

Fares between all parts of the city are provided for in printed rules, which the driver is required to deliver to passengers on demand.

Complaints against the driver, or applications for articles lost in carriages, should be made to the Inspector of Carriages, 29 Pemberton square, stating the number of the hack or driver.

By order of the Board of Police the following schedule of cab fares by day in the city proper has recently been promulgated:

Between any two points north of Berkeley and Dover streets \$0.25
Between any point north of Berkeley and Dover streets, and any point beyond Berkeley and Dover streets, not further than Massachusetts avenue, 50 cents for one, and 25 cents for each additional passenger.
Between the Northern Union, Boston & Albany, Old Colony and Park Square Stations25
From the Northern Union, Boston & Albany, Old Colony and Park Square Stations to any point beyond Berkeley and Dover streets, not further than Massachusetts avenue, 50 cents for one, and 25 cents for each additional passenger.

By the first hour or fraction, \$1; each succeeding quarter of an hour or fraction 25 cents.

Children under four years of age (with adults) free; over four and under twelve years (with adults) half price.

One hand valise, free; each additional hand valise, 25 cents.

Between midnight and 6 A.M., 25 cents additional for each passenger.

Fares between all parts of the city are provided for in printed rules, which the driver is required to deliver to passengers on demand.

Complaints against the driver, or applications for articles lost in cabs should be made to the Inspector of Carriages, 29 Pemberton square, stating the number of the cab or driver.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WIRE COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

By authority vested in the Commissioner of Wires by Chapter 454, of the Acts of 1894, the section of the city prescribed for this calendar year, viz., 1898, within which any poles or structures used in the streets, and all wires, cables and conductors, except such as are excepted by said Chapter 454, shall be removed or placed underground, is that portion bounded by the line which marks the boundary of the prescribed district for 1897, running from the junction of Joy and Beacon streets through Joy street to Cambridge street and through Cambridge street to the water front. Commencing at this point the line will run along the Harbor Commissioners' line to the extension of the line of Berkeley street; thence through Berkeley street to Tremont street, through Tremont street to Castle square, through Castle square to Ferdinand street, through Ferdinand street to Columbus avenue through Columbus avenue to Park square, through Park square to Charles street, through Charles street to Beacon street, and through Beacon street to the point of beginning at Joy street.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner of Wires

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

50 City Hall, January 31, 1898.

The Engineering Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building a portion of the sea-wall on Dorchester-avenue Extension, Boston, Mass.

The office copy of the contract and plan for the work may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston, Mass. A bond of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety for faithfully doing the work, will be required.

The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an envelope, endorsed "Proposal for Building Sea-Wall, Dorchester-avenue Extension," and with a certified check for five hundred (\$500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, left at said office, before twelve o'clock P.M., of Tuesday, February 15, 1898. This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

Proposals filled out and left with check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the City.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HEARINGS BY STREET COMMISSIONERS.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

February 3, 1898.
Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that that part of the water-course in West Roxbury, known as Goldsmith Brook, from Keyes street to South street be widened, deepened, paved and covered, that parts of said water-course be diverted from the present channel thereof, that parts of the original channel from which said water-course is so diverted be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purposes, substantially as shown on a plan of said water-course deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the seventeenth day of February, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

February 3, 1898.
Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Hewins street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway from Columbia road to Erie street, and constructed by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and Acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the eighteenth day of February, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on north side of Crescent avenue, corner Buttonwood street, Ward 16, two bay windows and one balcony, and one hood over front door of the following description: windows to project from second and third stories, balcony to project from second story, all to project over Crescent avenue. Dimensions: windows, 20 feet high, 12 feet wide and 2½ feet over line of street; balcony 15 feet long to project 2½ feet over line of street; running between the bay windows; door-cap 8 feet long, to project 2 feet over street.

DANIEL E. HENNESSEY,

for

MARGARET A. HENNESSEY,
2 Buttonwood street.

January 8, 1898.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

January 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the 14th day of February, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in THE CITY RECORD and Dorchester Beacon, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STATE ELECTION.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

February 10, 1898.

In accordance with the provisions of the Election Act of 1893 and amendments thereof, notice is hereby given that meetings of the citizens of Ward 11, in this city, qualified to vote for State officers, will be held in the several polling-places in said Ward, designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on TUESDAY, the first day of March next, and all such citizens will, on said date, in the several precincts in which they are entitled to vote, give in their votes for one Representative in the General Court.

The polls at said election will be opened at six o'clock, A. M. and closed at four o'clock, P. M.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDINANCES OF 1898—CHAPTER 1, CONCERNING THE

ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEPARTMENT OF BATHS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Eight.

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF BATHS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Section 1, of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Ordinances of 1892, is hereby amended by striking out in the fourteenth line thereof, the words "shall establish and maintain bath-houses."

Section 2. A Department of Baths is hereby established, to be in charge of a Board of seven members, to be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, two of which members shall always be women. The members of said Board may be appointed by the Mayor at any time after the date of the passage of this ordinance, to serve until the first day of May next. On or before said first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, the Mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, one member to serve for the term of five years, two for the term of four years, one for the term of three years, two for the term of two years and one for the term of one year, beginning with said first day of May; and annually after the current year, in the years in which any term or terms shall expire, a member or members of said Board shall be appointed for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May in the year of appointment. Said Board shall establish and maintain bath-houses, and shall have the care and custody of all bath-houses, whether for all-the-year-round use, or floating bath-houses in salt water for summer use, now or hereafter established by the city, and shall have the care and custody of all urinals or public convenience stations now or hereafter established by the city, and shall have and exercise as to such baths and urinals all the powers now vested in the Board of Health.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 20, 1898.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 31, 1898.

Concurred.

PERLIE A. DTAR, Chairman.

Approved, February 4, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

J. M. GALVIN City Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Suffolk ss.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

The Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation represents that, for the purpose of connecting its road with the Union Passenger Station, required to be constructed under the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of the year 1896, it is about to locate an extension of its road from a point at or near Dartmouth street to the grounds of the Boston Terminal Company, as required by said Act, upon a route crossing Dartmouth street, Columbus avenue, Cazenove street, St. Charles street, Berkeley street, Chandler street, Ferdinand street, Tremont street, Castle street, Shawmut avenue, Washington street, Harrison avenue, Way street, Broadway and Albany street, in the City of Boston.

Wherefore, it asks you, after due notice and hearing, to determine the manner in which such extension of its road shall cross such streets and any other streets and highways in said county.

BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE RAILROAD CORPORATION,
By J. H. BENTON, JR., Attorney.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

January 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That a hearing be given thereon before said Board, at the City Hall, in the City of Boston, on the twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1898, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and that notice of such hearing be given by publishing said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD, the Boston Journal and the Boston Herald, newspapers published in said county, for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least seven days prior to said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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THE CITY RECORD is also on sale at the Old Corner Book Store, 283 Washington street.

The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

THE STORM AND THE STREETS.

OFFICE OF STREET DEPARTMENT,

February 15, 1898.

The storm of January 31 and February 1 was a most unusual one. Monday afternoon, the thermometer was stationary at about 32°. In the late afternoon, the Weather Bureau informed us that it might turn to rain or continue to snow; but there was no intimation given of the severe and unusual storm which followed. In the early evening it looked very threatening, and, as a matter of precaution, forty extra double teams were ordered to report at 8 o'clock in the shopping district, the intention being to have that section of the city covered in the very early morning. All

through the night the storm continued to increase, and by 1 A.M. traffic was practically suspended. The cars were stalled, the streets blocked by fallen poles and wires, and from that time on the snow, which had been wet—almost rain—continued with a lower temperature, which by early morning had fallen to 20°, and continued to fall until it reached 5° on the morning of the second of February.

At 5.30 in the morning on February 1, a consultation was held over the telephone between the Street Department officials, and arrangements made for the work of the day. The Department was greatly handicapped, however, from the fact that it was impossible to reach more than one or two districts by telephone. It was necessary to communicate with the district foremen, owners of teams and others, by messengers. By seven o'clock a considerable force of contractors' teams and teams of the Paving and Street-Cleaning Divisions were at work on the main thoroughfares, and clearing away from the fire-houses. By eight o'clock the Sanitary Division teams and men had been reached, and were added to the force of workers. As soon as possible, as many Sewer Division men as could be notified were ordered to report on snow-work, so that by afternoon the entire available Street Department force and teams, and such additional contractors' teams as could be secured, were actively engaged in removing the snow. Thus, with the full force of the Paving, Street-Cleaning and Sewer Divisions and a portion of the Sanitary men, work was carried on night and day, including Sunday.

As many men and teams were worked as could be used to advantage. The number of dumps substantially regulates the entire work, as only a limited number of teams can be used to advantage at each dump; and the number of men profitably engaged in work is in proportion to the number of teams. The difficulties of handling snow in Boston are increased by the scarcity of dumping-places. In this storm, owing to its severity, dumping was allowed on the Common, which greatly assisted in the work. In addition to the regular dumps a small dump was also secured at Long wharf, and at night the Sanitary dumping-wharf at Fort Hill was made available.

In Boston, unlike New York, the Department must take into account the fact that the larger part of the teaming immediately goes on runners as soon as there is a sub-

stantial snowfall, and it is therefore not permissible to take the snow out of the streets entirely. So, during the work, a certain amount of snow was left. Up to Saturday the sledding was excellent. On Saturday the rain came, and Sunday, with its high temperature, softened the snow, and it became necessary to start in and clean to the paving.

The conditions of the storm were a damp, heavy fall of snow, followed by several days of low temperature, the thermometer ranging between 5° and 20°, thus creating a hard, firm bed of packed snow, which became ice, practically speaking. As the temperature rose, this bed became full of cradle-holes, and the streets in some parts of the city, where the heaviest travel was, were almost impassable until the Department had cleaned them to the paving. To do this it was necessary to pick the streets, and so, substantially, every business street in the city had first to be picked, before the bed of snow-ice could be removed, and this added greatly to the cost and labor.

Another factor which made removal of the snow difficult and expensive was that, owing to the wet conditions at the time of its fall, the snow was banked on the roofs, and, on account of its weight, it was found necessary to shovel more than the usual number of roofs; and, as reported by the district foreman, who for a great number of years has had charge of the down-town district, more snow was thrown into the streets from roofs and areas than had ever been the case in his experience. This made it necessary, in a great number of streets, to do the work three times over.

The number of men employed on snow was substantially as follows:

Paving Division	1,000
Sewer Division	500
Street-Cleaning Division	600
Sanitary Division (for a portion of the time)	300
Total	2,400

The number of teams employed in the work ranged from 300 to 850.

The amount charged to snow-work from February 1 to February 13, inclusive, is as follows:

LABOR ROLLS.	
Paving and Sewer Divisions	\$38,747 39
Street-Cleaning Division	11,681 27
Sanitary Division	1,761 99
Total	\$52,190 65

COST OF TEAMS HIRED.

Paving Division	\$33,570 50
Street-Cleaning Division	2,488 25
Total	\$36,058 75

In addition to the work as above, the Department worked on snow Friday, Friday night and Saturday, and on Sunday the entire force, including the Sanitary teams. The men of the Sewer and Sanitary Divisions were returned to their divisions on Monday, February 14. The larger portion of the men of the Paving Division, however, will be continued on the final cleaning up of snow until Thursday night of this week. So to the above figures should be added, as an estimate, \$20,000 for this week's labor and teams, making a total cost of \$108,249.40.

The number of single loads removed, as reported from the dumps, is as follows:

Paving Division	103,915
Street-Cleaning Division	19,276
Total	123,191

As a matter of record, and in connection with the above report, the Street Department weather records, as taken from the United States Weather Bureau, are of interest.

From this table (see page 103) it will be seen that the snowfall amounted to 14.3 inches. It will also be noted that the minimum temperature on Monday, the day of the storm, was 5°, and the maximum 32°. So, on the succeeding day, February 1, the thermometer ranged from 32° down to 10°; and this was followed by three days of very low temperature.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Supt. of Streets.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS APPROVED BY THE MAYOR.

Orders Passed by the City Council.

The two following, having been passed by the City Council, were approved by the Mayor February 9, 1898.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be authorized to expend the sum of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars in construction work upon the park system; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer, at his discretion, issue and sell coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount; said bonds or registered certificates to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer thirty years from their date, and to bear interest at the rate of three and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually at such times as said Treasurer shall determine.

Ordered, That any premium coming to the city in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

An Ordinance Establishing THE CITY RECORD.

Be it ordained, etc.:

Chapter 2 of the Ordinances of 1897, being "An Ordinance to amend the Revised

Ordinances of 1892 by providing for a Statistics Department," is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered Section 2, as follows:

Section 2. Said Board shall publish, at least once a week, an official gazette of the city, to be designated as THE CITY RECORD. Every department shall insert in such publication a copy of every advertisement or public notice issued by it, a summary of all proposals received in response to the same, and a statement of all awards of contracts; and said publication shall contain such record of official action, and such other matters of interest to the city, as said Board may from time to time, with the approval of the Mayor, direct. Said Board shall cause said publication to be distributed regularly to the several departments, and to the press, as soon as published, and may provide for the sale to the public, by subscription or otherwise, of such number of copies thereof as it shall deem expedient.

The three following orders, having been passed by concurrent vote of the City Council, were approved by the Mayor, February 7, 1898.

Ordered, That the Municipal Register be printed by the Superintendent of Printing, under the direction of the Joint Special Committee on Rules and Orders, when appointed, and that they also prepare a pocket edition of the rules and orders and a list of the members and committees; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for printing.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be authorized to increase the pay of any officer of the Police Department who has received a medal for conspicuous bravery by the sum of \$25 per annum.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to grant the use of Curtis Hall, Ward 22, to William J. Leonard, on the nights of February 21, 22, 1898, waiving the fee.

Orders Passed by the Board of Aldermen.

The four following orders having been passed by the Board of Aldermen, were approved by the Mayor, February 9, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the S. S. Pierce Company to construct, maintain, and use an area 19 feet 4 inches by 10 feet, with sidewalk light covers, under and along the sidewalk in front of estate No. 208 Dartmouth street, Ward 10; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

A permit to the B'nai Educational Society to use Faneuil Hall for a public meeting, on Monday evening, February 14, 1898.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to place an iron strap around the tree standing on the sidewalk in front of the estate 19 King street, Ward 24, to preserve the tree, which was split during the recent storm and at present is in a dangerous condition; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for the Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That coasting be allowed during the present winter, under such restrictions as the Board of Police may deem proper to

impose, on Woodland avenue, across Savin Hill avenue and down Denny street, Ward 20.

The following order was passed by the Board of Aldermen:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested to forward to the Board of Aldermen at its next meeting a copy of the contract in regard to remodeling Engine 31, and a statement of what payments, if any, have been made for the work that has been completed, and a detailed report as to the present condition of the boat.

Minors' licenses granted to 65 newsboys and three bootblacks.

The following order, having been passed by the Board of Aldermen, was approved by the Mayor February 12, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Real Estate Trust to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, 5 ft. by 1 ft., with a wooden cover under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 166 North street, Ward 6, the same to be closed during the night time. The work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The following having been passed by the Board of Aldermen were severally approved by the Mayor on February 2, 1898.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be directed to pay the amounts that may be due to soldiers and sailors and their families, under the provisions of Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1890, as amended by Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1893, Chapters 279 and 301 of the Acts of 1894, and Chapter 361 of the Acts of 1895, and to employ such assistance as may be required for the purpose; the amounts so paid and the expenses incurred on account thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company to move a wooden building, flat roof, sixty feet in length, by thirty feet in width, by fifteen feet in height, from present location on Sleeper street, to and across A street, to land of Boston Wharf Company on Congress street, Ward 13, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company to move a wooden building, flat roof, sixty feet in length, by thirty feet in width, by twenty-two feet in height, from present location on Sleeper street to and across A street to land of Boston Wharf Company, on Congress street, Ward 13, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Lansing street, Ward 21, from No. 11 to the corner of 56 Sherman street, in front of the estates of A. E. Hnunen et al.; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, and report to the Board a schedule of the cost of said work.

Ordered, That coasting be allowed on Lawrence avenue, Ward 20, during the present winter, under such restrictions as the Board of Police may deem proper.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to lay out and construct Custer street, Carolina avenue and Williams street, and connect the same as a continuous public thoroughfare.

ORDERS ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

Orders Passed by the Board of Aldermen.

The four following orders, having been passed by the Board of Aldermen, were presented to the Mayor January 28, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be hereby requested to remove a tree located in front of house Nos. 909-911 Dorchester avenue, as the said tree is so close to the house as to interfere with its being painted or repaired; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be hereby requested to remove a dead tree standing in the sidewalk in front of the estate of Mrs. Alice Daly, 204 South street, Jamaica Plain; any expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove the tree in front of estate No. 521 Seventh street, South Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to C. J. Johnston to erect, maintain and use an iron hitching-post in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 80 Munroe street, Ward 21. The work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The five following orders, having been passed by the Board of Aldermen, were presented to the Mayor February 2, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate an electric light on the bridge of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad on Webster street, East Boston. Any expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be hereby directed to locate and maintain an electric light in front of No. 17 Albany street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Baptist Tabernacle to construct, maintain and use areas under and along the sidewalks on Bowdoin square and Chardon street, Ward 6; the same to be covered with sidewalk lights; one coal-hole opening not ex-

ceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with iron cover of rough upper surface; as shown on plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department. The work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Jordan, Marsh & Co. to widen, maintain, and use the present five-foot tunnel under and across Avon place, Ward 7, from No. 38 to No. 43, to a width of thirteen feet, as shown on a plan made by Aspinwall & Lincoln, civil engineers, dated December 30, 1897, on file in the permit office of the Street Department. The work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Jordan, Marsh & Co. to construct, maintain, and use an area with granite and sidewalk light covers, under and along the roadway and sidewalk in front of estate on the northerly side of Avon place, Ward 7, according to dimensions as shown on plan dated January 24, 1898, on file in the permit office of the Street Department. The work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

STREET DEPARTMENT.—SMOKE INSPECTION.

Weather report for the week ending Saturday, February 5, 1898:

January and February.		Temper- ature.			Relative Humidity.		Character of the Day.	Wind.	
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	8 A.M.	8 P.M.		Direction.	Miles per Hour.
Sun.,	30	11	1	■	70	31	Clear.	N.W.	10
Mon.,	31	32	5	18	82	100	Cloudy.	N.E.	14
Feb.									
Tues.,	1	32	10	21	93	72	Cloudy.	N.W.	22
Wed.,	2	18	5	12	68	61	Clear.	W.	12
Thurs.,	3	18	■	13	62	55	Clear.	W.	10
Friday,	4	28	6	17	53	60	Clear.	S.	7
Sat.	5	43	19	31	82	88	Cloudy.	S.	9

PRECIPITATION.

	Character.	8 A.M.		Character.	8 P.M.		Snowfall.	Rainfall.
		Begin-ning.	End.		Begin-ning.	End.		
Sun....								
Mon....				Sm.	A.M. 8.15	.....	4.3	.45
Tues. ..	Sm.	.....	.....	Sm.	.....	P.M. 2.40	10.0	.93
Wed....								
Thurs..								
Friday.								
Sat... {				Sm.	10.05	A.M. 10.10	.....	.....
				R.	12.30	P.M. 12.35	T.	T.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Monday, February 14, 1898, Chairman Dyar presiding and all the members present.

Contract for Engine 31.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 14, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in reply to your order requesting a copy of the contract for remodeling Engine 31 (the old fire-boat), a statement of what payments have been made on account of this contract, and a report as to the present condition of the boat.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol Street, February 11, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sir: Replying to the request of the Honorable Board of Aldermen, I herewith enclose the contract for remodeling Engine 31, and respectfully state that of the \$16,000 appropriated \$5,106.25 are still on hand unexpended, and, further, that the boat to-day is in fair order for ordinary fire duty with a speed of eight miles an hour, and power to back and turn her when quickness of movement is not requisite; but, inasmuch as she may at any time be needed for duty where speed and activity are necessary, I have extended until May the time for her completion, when Mr. Brooks hopes to be able to turn her over in every way satisfactory.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Contract for Building a New Fire-boat for the City of Boston Engine No. 31.

John M. Brooks, of Boston, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the City of Boston, in said Commonwealth, on this twentieth day of January, A.D. 1897, agree as follows:

Article 1. Said Brooks shall with first-class materials and workmanship, and to the satisfaction of the Fire Commissioner of said City, build for said City of Boston the hull of a new fire-boat, remove the machinery, boilers, tanks, steering-gear, piping, and other parts from the present Engine 31 fire-boat, as directed by said Commissioner or an inspector appointed by him, and set them up in proper running condition in the new boat; make all necessary repairs, and furnish all new parts required to make the running condition perfect, and all other materials and labor required, and make a proper working fire-boat in substitution of the present Engine 31 fire-boat; conforming so far as they go to the specifications hereto annexed, and the directions from time to time given by said Commissioner, or any inspector designated by him; and complete and deliver the work to said

Commissioner for the City on or before May 25, 1897, at such place in Boston harbor as said Commissioner shall direct.

Article 2. Said City of Boston shall pay for said work and materials, completed and delivered as aforesaid, the sum of fourteen thousand five hundred and twenty-five (14,525) dollars, and shall deliver the hull of said present fire-boat to the Contractor as his property.

One-quarter of whole amount to be paid when framed.

One-quarter of whole amount to be paid when planked and ceiled.

One-quarter of whole amount to be paid when launched.

One-quarter of whole amount to be paid when accepted.

SPECIFICATIONS OF THE WORK.

Section 1. Hull—Length over all, 112 to 116 feet; beam moulded, 27 feet 6 inches; beam moulded over plank, 28 feet; extreme depth, 6 feet; to draw with everything aboard, including 25 tons of coal four (4) feet six (6) inches.

Section 2. Keel—To be of best white oak, sided 12 inches and moulded 8 inches.

Section 3. Planking—Garboard streak to be 4 inches thick, tapering to 3 inches at the ends, of best white oak. All other outboard planking to be of the best white oak and hard pine, 3 and 4 inches thick. All rails to be of best white oak, 4 inches thick and 11 inches wide. Plank-shear to be of best white oak, 3 inches thick.

Section 4. Frame, Ceiling and Keelsons—The frame, ceiling and keelsons to be of the same materials as in Engine 44 boat, also the same size.

Section 5. Deck, Deck Frames and Deck Plank—The deck beams, deck frames and deck planks to be of the same material as in Engine 44 boat, also the same size.

Section 6. Fastenings—The fastenings to be the same in quality and size as in Engine 44 boat.

Section 7. Joiner-Work—All joiner-work and wood-work of every description to be equal in quality and workmanship to that of Engine 44 boat.

Section 8. Painting—Thoroughly painted, equal to Engine 44 boat.

Section 9. Caulking—All caulking to be done equal to Engine 44 boat.

Section 10. Fittings—Fittings to be the same as old Engine 31 boat.

Section 11. Model and Lines—The builder shall furnish his own model and lines, and so construct the work that the boat will have a draught of water not over four (4) feet six (6) inches with everything aboard ready for actual service. The vessel is to be kept insured by the builder in favor of the City of Boston as its interests may appear.

JOHN M. BROOKS.

City of Boston,

By H. S. RUSSELL, Fire Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Examination of 116-124 Merrimac Street.

—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 14, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

At my request, the Building Commissioner has made an examination of the premises 116-124 Merrimac street, and of the causes, so far as ascertainable, of the loss of life and property which occurred at this place on February 5, and I submit herewith his report for your information.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER,
Old Court House, February 10, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In compliance with your request, that I make, or cause to be made, a thorough and searching examination of the causes and conditions which led up to and culminated in the disastrous fire, to both life and property, occurring February 5, at No. 116-124 Merrimac street, I herewith submit my conclusions.

This structure was previously occupied for church purposes, and subsequently remodeled for business purposes; and upon this remodeled structure demands were made by the Building Department. Pending the compliance with these demands the building was partially destroyed by fire. An application to remodel and rebuild was made by Mr. James H. Roberts on November 17, 1873; the building was completed and approved by Mr. Oliver L. Shaw, Inspector of Buildings of that district, December 3, 1874. In this remodeling the floors were raised to adapt it to the uses for which the building was to be occupied, i. e., for the storage and sale of heavy machinery. In this remodeling and alteration no architect was employed, and no plans were submitted to the Building Department, so far as I know, and the work was done, under the direction of Mr. Roberts, by Mr. Wentworth, a mason, at a cost of \$13,000.

It is also a fact that it was occupied for a period of twenty years, more or less, for the manufacture, storage and sale of heavy machinery, the building being equipped and supplied with power necessary to carry on such a business.

During the twenty odd years there have been two or three trivial fires in the building, of such small moment that there is no notation of damage to its structural portions.

October 10, 1893, a fire occurred, and by the official fire report it appeared that the roof was partially destroyed. This examination and report was made by Capt. Barry, Supervisor of Construction. Subsequently, application was made by Mr. Ira G. Hersey "to repair damage to roof caused by fire," the work being done under Mr. Mainland's supervision. This application was approved by Supervisor Barry, and a permit was granted October 19, 1893. The fire report makes no mention of any burning whatever on the fourth or fifth floor.

During the restoration of the roof it is in evidence that Mr. Griffin, the inspector of that district, earnestly labored with the contractors and owners to discontinue the mansard portion of the roof. This effort was earnestly supplemented by District Chief Cheswell, and, as a substitute for said mansard, to increase the height of the external walls sufficient to receive the roof. But the owners, as it was a matter of repairs, claimed the right to restore it to its former condition.

These repairs were made at a cost of \$4,600.

As to the charring by fire of the timbers of either the fourth or fifth floor, I have no data at my command, but that certain floor-timbers were charred from a sixteenth to three-eighths of an inch, as well as some of the girders appearing very slightly charred, cannot be questioned, and that they were re-enforced at intervals by new timbers placed against them is also a fact, but not

at this time—1893—or within the knowledge of Inspector Griffin.

The girders were scraped and re-enforced by adding a seven-eighths of an inch board upon either side of said girders, and as no mention is made in the fire report, I am forced to the conclusion for want of more positive information, that these floor timbers were the remnants of the fire of 1873, and the under side of said timbers was sheathed over; but I would not dare state this as a premise of positive facts without more information than I now possess. It is also clear that this section of floors on both the fourth and fifth stories did not collapse, as noted by the diagram which accompanies the Department reports. The local inspector declares he was not cognizant of the fact of the fourth and fifth floors being repaired as stated; that he did not order their re-enforcement; but he also declares he did order the re-enforcement of the roof timbers, where necessary, and by said re-enforcement their weight-bearing capacity was increased one-fifth, making that part of roof one-fifth stronger than previous to their charring.

With these facts in view I respectfully submit that I find no reason or cause to charge the local inspector with negligence of duty.

As to the conditions, they may be summarized as follows: As a result of the recent disastrous storm a safe estimate of the increased load of snow and ice would be at least twenty-five tons on the roof. That, in addition to the loads concentrated upon the fifth floor, there was added upon a recent date twenty-five tons of material known as excelsior with other material used in the business of Messrs. Bent & Co., making a total estimate of thirty-seven tons on the fifth floor. This load was concentrated on a line of columns and girders.

Two days after the fire, by actual computation of weights made, it was found that seventy-eight tons would be a fair estimate of the amount of weight on the fifth floor, and during the fire it was increased at least twenty per cent. making at the time of rupture on this floor on line of columns and girders nearly one hundred tons in weight, which is a very low estimate. This would include absorption and water on the floor.

As to the weakening of the structure by fire—that there was sufficient fire either in merchandise stored or in the structural portions of the building itself on the fourth and fifth floors to cause the Fire Department to be apprehensive as to results, the three alarms sent out testify, and the fire must have appeared somewhat formidable to warrant this apprehension.

To extinguish this fire and prevent a conflagration was the thought and purpose of those in charge of that duty. To drown that fire out was the aim and purpose of our Fire Department. This supreme effort loaded this structure with a number of gallons of water thrown into this building every minute of the duration of the fire, and, according to the number of streams called into requisition, and the number of gallons of water thrown by each steamer, with a weight of 8½ pounds, more or less, to the gallon, the amount of strain to which this building was subjected on the roof and in the fourth and fifth stories is readily seen.

The heft or volume of the fire was in the structural part of the building, and not in this merchandise, which consisted of bales of goods closely packed, and which must have been burning a long time before being discovered. The roof timbers and girders in that portion of the building subjected to fire, together with the columns which were so burnt as to be unable to further sustain the tremendous weight upon the roof, were constantly diminishing in strength, while, of course, the weight was constantly increasing by the water incident to a fire of this kind.

I find that there was an amount of burning which was the primary cause of the falling in of the roof, and the point of rupture is as designated by the diagram.

The momentum of the fall of the roof, with its sudden shock, broke the girders and floor timbers which were then subjected to a weight beyond the factor of safety. This in turn carried down the fourth and third and other floors.

This building which had carried the load imposed upon it for manufacture, sale and storage of machinery for so many years yielded to this unusual combination of snow and ice upon its roof, the storage of an unusual amount of material in the fifth floor, by the fire which destroyed and weakened the building, as heretofore referred to, together with the volume of water poured into the building, and this combination is the direct cause of this calamity.

As to the origin of the fire I have not been able to determine.

This disaster with other disasters has strengthened to a degree the actual necessity of owners or occupants relieving the roofs of mercantile buildings of the extra load which they would be called upon to carry as the result of a heavy snow, as of last week.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

February 11, 1898.

Capt. JOHN S. DAMRELL, Building Commissioner of the City of Boston.

DEAR SIR: In compliance with your request for a full report in regard to the building numbered 116 to 124 Merrimac street, in the city of Boston, I respectfully report:

That said building was occupied prior to 1873 by the Baptist Society, who were the owners of said building; that in October of 1873 James H. Roberts and brother leased the building for a term of twenty years for their use as dealers in heavy machinery; that said building was reconstructed for their use under Oliver L. Shaw, who was then Inspector of Buildings; that said building was occupied by Roberts Bros. in their business, as heavy machinists, until 1893, when their lease expired, and the premises were leased by the Baptist Society to George W. Bent & Co.

As I am informed, George W. Chipman was then Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Baptist Society. Mr. Bent hired the premises, which was then a five-story building, to be, and was, occupied by him in his business as dealers in beds, bedding and material. That in October, 1893, while I was an inspector in the district under you as Inspector of Buildings, a fire occurred on the fifth floor under the roof in the rear of said premises; that said fire partially destroyed the timbers in a portion of the roof in the rear above the said fifth floor.

An application was made to repair the roof occasioned by said fire, which said application

is number 1796 of 1893. As inspector in said district, under said permit, I required additional timbers to be placed alongside of the charred timbers then supporting the roof, which said charred timbers were only partially burned and were, in my judgment, sufficient to sustain the roof then covering the building, but as said timbers were slightly charred, I required the additional timbers, which the builders thought unnecessary, to be placed as additional supports for the roof. I also required them to re-enforce the girder by seven-eighth-inch boards on either side and under the base.

In further compliance with your request, in my judgment, the accident occurred by reason of the weight of snow on the roof, together with the fact that the fifth floor was loaded with excelsior and jute; and that the water poured in by the Fire Department upon that floor and the roof caused the additional weight which, supplemented by supports being weakened by the fire, were unable to stand the strain and caused the collapse which occurred; that the building in its construction under the existing building laws at the time in which the building was remodeled, which building-law requirements were not as they now exist, which, together with the foregoing facts, occasioned the collapse.

I desire further to state that while I was inspector in said District I never knew of anything in the construction or of any fire that occurred that would weaken the building, as it then existed, and I never knew of any sheathing to have been added to cover up any charred timbers on any floor of said building.

Very respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

GEO. W. GRIFFIN,

Assistant Inspector.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT,

Old Court House, February 7, 1898.

TO THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

I herewith submit a report of a Special Examination, made upon the following-described premises:

The examination was made at the request of Commissioner.

Date of examination, February 7, 1898.

Location of premises, Nos. 116 to 124 Merrimac street, Ward 8.

Material of building, brick.

Size of main building—Feet front, about 69; feet rear, about 60; feet deep, about 79; number of stories, five; style of roof, flat; roofing, composition.

OCCUPATION AND OCCUPANTS.

General storage, basement, G. W. Bent & Co.; offices and salesroom, first story, G. W. Bent & Co.; iron bedsteads, second story, G. W. Bent & Co.; general workroom, third story, G. W. Bent & Co.; mattress floor, fourth story, G. W. Bent & Co.; storage excelsior, etc., fifth story, G. W. Bent & Co.

Name of owner, Union Baptist Church; address, Tremont Temple.

Cause of examination, general construction of building after fire of Saturday, February 5, 1898.

REPORT.

We have made a careful examination of the within-described building, the same having been damaged by fire on Saturday, February 5, 1898, resulting in the death of six members of the Boston Fire Department. This building is of brick and wood construction, five stories in height, not including the cellar or basement. The rear portion, and part of both sides, in the upper or fifth story, is surmounted with a wooden mansard roof. The remaining portion of this story on the sides and front, together with all the external walls, are of

brick. The internal construction is composed of wooden posts and girders and wooden floor timbers, iron-cap plates on each post, and all heading and footing to same. The capacity of the different parts of the construction is fully shown on the marginal notes in connection with the diagrams herewith presented. Many of the floor timbers and girders in the fifth floor are in a charred condition to a depth of one-eighth to one-half an inch, diminishing the strength to some extent. Several new timbers have been introduced where floor timbers were seriously impaired. The girders have been enclosed in a seven-eighth-inch casing, and the whole ceiling boarded or sheathed in to prevent dust and dirt from dropping to the floor below. All the girders are trenailed to iron-cap plates and roof girders, also iron-dogged where centred or jointed over columns. Appearances indicate that the fire on Saturday was at its height in the fifth or roof story, as a large section (see diagram) of the roof timbers are entirely burnt off, thus precipitating an accumulation of snow and water, being pocketed on this section of the roof, this pocket was formed by the continual burning of the roof timbers, gradually settling same until burned off. This weight falling to fifth floor, which was stored with a large quantity of excelsior, cane, wool and hair, the same being thoroughly saturated with water from the Fire Department, the fire having worked down into this story and through one section of this floor, thus allowing the superimposed weight to fall with sufficient force to break through part of the floor below, including the breaking of a heavy girder. As this weight descended, it was increased from one story to another by the accumulation of iron bedsteads, frames, and other heavy material used in the manufactory. The amount of excelsior, wool, rattan, hair, feathers, tow, etc., independent of minor articles, stored on the fifth floor at the time of the fire was in the aggregate 78,000 pounds dry, the increased weight by saturation with water may be cited as double, or 156,000 pounds (78 tons). This result in the increase of weight was obtained by weighing one or more bales of the material and comparing it with weight marked on consignment checks. Each result thus obtained showed about double weight and at minimum, being different now (that is, lighter), that volumes of water were poured into the burning premises. The weight imposed on the second and third floors (mezzanine being hung to the third floor), embracing iron bedstead frames, independent of incidental machinery and tools, amounted to 87,650 pounds, or 43.8 tons.

The first floor was largely used as a sales-room and contained a large number of iron bed frames, excepting that portion of west side about the office or counting room, up to third bay from same, and extending back from first bay to fourth, which was free from materials, and through this story, over this space the accumulated weight of material stored in the upper story, including weight of floors, fell through the unobstructed space and broke through the 4 x 12 inch hard pine floor timbers of first floor into cellar. Inspection of basement or cellar story shows 20-inch brick piers under columns in position, except one that is covered with the fallen material.

In conclusion we find that the cause of falling floors was by reason of fire destroying the strength of the fifth floor timbers, columns and girders, and the columns in part of support of the fourth floor and the entire destruction of a large section of roof timbers, causing the superimposed weight of snow and water to fall to the already burned fourth floor timbers, together with the saturated material and material of construction, thus breaking and fracturing floor timbers and girders below.

The east and west side walls of this building should be taken down, the same at present having been rodded together (by order), and in case of renovations, restrictions should be

placed on the floor storage. See accompanying diagram and photographs of the premises.

M. W. FITZSIMMONS,
JOHN CURRIE,
GEORGE McDONNELL,
CHARLES NORWOON.

P. S.—A close inspection of parts of fifth story remaining indicate that material was piled near to roof over section indicated as burnt away. The computations set forth in connection with diagrams have been made in accordance with Section 19, Chapter 419, Acts of 1892, and not as formerly used and in vogue at the time of remodeling from church to business purposes.

First story columns, hard pine; second story columns, hard pine; fifth story columns, hard pine; third and fourth story columns of spruce.

(Accompanying the above was a further detailed report as to the material of which the building was composed, together with plans and photographs.)

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Flooding of North End Park.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 14, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in regard to your order requesting the flooding of the North End Park for skating purposes during the winter months.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Jamaica Park, February 10, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In regard to the order of the City Council requesting this Board to cause North End Park to be flooded for skating during the winter months, we beg to report that during the past month the Board made an effort to flood this ground, although the slope of the ground and the manner in which it had been filled did not seem to warrant that skating could be provided.

The result was as anticipated, it being impossible to hold the water with the ground in its present condition, it having only a light filling over old cellars, sea-walls and drains which allow the water to escape. The Board will investigate further, however, with a view of determining whether the trouble can be remedied so that skating can be provided for another season.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Sent down.

Free Public Concerts.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, February 14, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In connection with the passage of the annual appropriation order, I wish to call the attention of the City Council to the desirability of making reasonable provision for free public concerts. For the last two years the sum of \$5000 has been annually appropriated as a separate item, to be expended

under the direction of the City Messenger, for free concerts; and as about sixty open-air band concerts have been given each year under the contract arrangements which were made, each concert has cost the city, on an average, only \$83. For this comparatively small expenditure, a great many thousands of our citizens have enjoyed the pleasure and benefit of listening to good music. These band concerts were omitted during 1895, but during the seven years previous to that year about \$4000 was expended annually for this purpose.

I believe that the furnishing of a reasonable amount of music at the public expense falls within the proper functions of a large municipality, and that it would be enlightened policy for this city to appropriate for free public music, under proper direction, several times the amount which has recently been expended, and to develop its work in this direction upon broader lines and upon a more definite and permanent basis. I fully believe in the idea that a large city should make some reasonable provision for the healthful recreation of its people, and for their social elevation, and this doctrine has come to be generally accepted in Europe, if not in this country. By the establishment of parks, playgrounds, baths and gymnasias, this city has already taken considerable steps in the direction of recognizing its obligations of this character. The civilizing and refining influence of music has been recognized from the earliest times, and I am fully convinced that judiciously directed expenditures for this purpose will be fully warranted. The reputation of Boston as a centre of musical education should stimulate us to afford to the masses of our people greater opportunities of listening to good music, and to endeavor to raise their appreciation of music. Under proper control a great deal can be accomplished in this direction at a comparatively small expenditure; free popular concerts should not be confined altogether to the summer months, when they can be given out of doors, but should also be given during the winter at suitable places in-doors, which could be utilized without extra expense. After mature consideration of the subject I have come to the conclusion that, in order to raise free public music to a proper plane in dignity and importance, it should be placed under the direction, even if the appropriation is no larger than in the past, of an unpaid board, composed of persons of musical taste, who would appreciate the social and educational value of free public music, and the opportunity of rendering a useful service to our people by its judicious development.

Formerly the money to pay for free concerts was taken out of the appropriation for City Council, incidental expenses, but last year it was appropriated under the head of

City Messenger Department. There is, however, no proper connection whatever between the work of the City Messenger Department and the control of free concerts, and specialized administration is necessary in order to ensure the best results. I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance creating a Department of Public Music, to be under the charge of an unpaid board of five members, and I trust that this recommendation may receive favorable action at the hands of the City Council, and that the band-concerts during the coming season may be provided for more liberally, and may be under the charge of such a board.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

City of Boston, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight. An ordinance to amend the Revised Ordinances of 1892, by providing for a Department of Public Music. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

A Department of Public Music is hereby established, to be in charge of a board of five members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor. The members of said Board may be appointed by the Mayor at any time after the date of the passage of this ordinance, to serve until the first day of May next. On or before said first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, the Mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, one member to serve for the term of five years, one for the term of four years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of one year, each term beginning with the first day of May; and annually after the current year one such member shall be appointed as aforesaid for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May in the year of his appointment. Said Board shall have charge and control of free public music, both in-doors and in the open air, and shall expend any appropriations made for such purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

Fruit-Stand — Veto.—The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 14, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval a permit granted to Albert Smith to maintain a fruit-stand in front of the Old Court House, on Court street.

There were as many permits granted last year for stands of different kinds as the space in front of the Old Court House will accommodate, and all the persons who had permits last year have petitioned to have them renewed. It seems to me that all these petitions, together with any new ones which may be pending, should be acted upon collectively. I have, moreover, withheld my approval during the last two years from all permits for fruit-stands in front of the Old Court House, on the ground that such stands occupy too

much space, and are otherwise objectionable, and I feel obliged to withhold my signature from this permit on the same grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Special Communications.

The Associated Charities of Boston.

Central Office, Charity Building,

Boston, January 18, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I take great pleasure in forwarding to you, on behalf of our Board of Directors, the enclosed copies of resolutions, passed at their recent meeting, in support of two proposals in your annual address; those referring to the private ways and to playgrounds.

Yours very respectfully,

ROBT. TREAT PAINE,

President of the Associated Charities.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED JANUARY 14, 1898.

(1.) Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Associated Charities call the attention of all interested in the social condition of the city to the proposal made in the recent annual address of His Honor Mayor Quincy to lay out the private alleys in Boston as public ways.

This measure will conduce greatly to improve the condition of life in the poorer sections of Boston. The filthy condition of little private streets and of alleyways has long been notorious, and it has been found practically impossible to remove these evils under the present system. The result has been that large numbers of the poorest classes of our population have lived in their little homes or in tenement houses situated upon streets which after rains were deep with mud and were always filthy, and where the conditions of life were degrading, and children grew up accustomed to an utter lack of self-respect.

The city undertakes to care for all the public streets of Boston, to police them, light them, keep the surface in fit condition for use and travel and to repair them from time to time as occasion requires. The cost of all these items is a common charge upon the property of the whole city. The result is that tenements upon private alleys have been paying in their taxes their full share of keeping in order all the public streets everywhere else, and have received no part of this expenditure upon the little private ways where they themselves are situated. To lay a heavier burden upon the poorest tenements wholly for the benefit of the more favored portions of the city is unreasonable and unjust.

We earnestly trust that the reform will be carried through and that the public officials, especially the Street Commissioners, will use to the utmost such power as they now have, and endeavor to procure any legislation needed, to put these private ways under the

charge of the city, so that the estates abutting upon them may receive an equal share in the protection and care of the whole city.

(2.) Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Associated Charities heartily approve the recommendation made in the annual address of His Honor Mayor Quincy for securing additional playgrounds located upon a comprehensive plan for the whole city. No measure can conduce more powerfully to the health and physical and moral welfare of the great multitude of boys and girls who are now growing up in the City of Boston, and are to follow through all future time, than that of providing ample and accessible playgrounds reasonably near to their places of residence.

The child problem in great cities is now fully recognized as of supreme importance in all its aspects. It is found to involve a tremendous annual expense to maintain parental schools, houses of reformation, jails, and reformatories, which are necessary to provide for a great criminal population. Moreover, experience shows that it is too often true—once a criminal always a criminal. Besides the argument for economy, social justice to the children of the great masses of plain people, demands that they shall have reasonable opportunities for the inevitable outpouring of animal spirits in innocent ways. Every arrest of a boy for coasting, playing ball, or other game, in the public streets proves the necessity for the prompt provision of grounds where boys and girls may play as vigorously as they will in every innocent game.

The growing value of land throughout the city, and the cutting up of large tracts by streets and improvements, renders it certain that every year's delay in securing the necessary tracts of land will add greatly to the cost of purchase.

We urgently appeal, therefore, to the municipal authorities, to a public-spirited press and to the enlightened zeal of all good citizens to support this measure of such vital welfare at the present time, and for all future years to come.

Cost of the East Boston Tunnel.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION,

20 Beacon street, January 27, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SENATE AND
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN
GENERAL COURT ASSEMBLED.

Respectfully represents the Boston Transit Commission that by the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1897, Chapter 500, it was provided that whenever the Boston Elevated Railway Company is authorized to begin the construction of its railway over the route first applied for, as provided in Section 13 of the Act, the Boston Transit Commission shall construct a tunnel or tunnels of sufficient size for two railway tracks, with approaches, entrances, sidings, stations and connections therefor, and for the running of railway cars therein, from a point on or near Hanover street in the City of Boston or such other point or points as said Board may deem proper for a suitable connection with the subway or subways provided for in Section 25 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1894, to a point at or near Maverick square in that part of Boston called East Boston, where a suit-

able connection with surface tracks may be made;

That to provide means for such construction the Treasurer of the City of Boston was authorized to issue bonds to the amount of five hundred thousand (500,000) dollars, in addition to the seven million (7,000,000) dollars authorized for the construction of work contemplated by the said Act of 1894, making a total of seven and a half million (7,500,000) dollars;

That the estimate of cost of the subway now in process of construction as made before the work was begun, was five million (5,000,000) dollars;

That the estimate of cost, made in 1895, and previously reported, of building a tunnel or tunnels from East Boston to a convenient exit on Hanover street was two million four hundred and six thousand six hundred (2,406,600) dollars;

That based upon such estimates of cost the appropriation of seven and a half million (7,500,000) dollars would have been sufficient to complete said subway and tunnel;

That the Act of 1897 requires the tunnel from East Boston to be continued so as to connect with the present subway, thereby adding nearly 2,000 feet of structure to the tunnel contemplated in the estimate of 1895, and involving large additional expenditure;

That the preliminary but not final estimates of cost of building a tunnel or tunnels from East Boston and extending the same so as to connect with the present subway, in accordance with the Act of 1897, vary, according to the route which may be selected out of the nine which are under consideration, from three and three-quarter million to over four million dollars;

That based upon these estimates of cost the amount appropriated will be insufficient to complete the work in the manner required by the Act of 1897;

Wherefore, said Boston Transit Commission makes report as above to the end that such action may be taken in the premises as to the General Court may seem fitting.

(Signed)

GEORGE G. CROCKER,

CHARLES H. DALTON,

THOMAS J. GARGAN,

GEORGE F. SWAIN,

HORACE G. ALLEN,

Boston Transit Commission.

Fire Department.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol Street, February 10, 1898.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

The following transfers and promotions have been made by the Fire Commissioner, to take effect at 10 A.M., February 11, 1898:

Capt. John I. Quigley, Engine 4 to Chemical Engine 11; Lieut. Henry W. Adams, Chemical Engine 11 to Engine 4; Capt. Edward H. Whitney, Ladder 3 to Engine 34; Capt. George W. Frost, Engine 34 to Engine 41; Capt. John S. Cleverly, Engine 41 to Ladder 3; Lieut. Thomas H. Ramsey, Engine 22 to Combination Company 5; Lieut. Michael N. Hoar, Tower 2 to Engine 22; Lieut. John Ready, Engine 6 to Chemical Engine 6; Lieut. Mellen R. Joy, Ladder 14 to Engine 6; Lieut. Alfred J. Porter,

Engine 10 to Tower 2; George A. Waggett, Engine 10 to Engine 26; Samuel A. Osgood, Tower 2 to Ladder 3; William H. Gill, Ladder 3 to Tower 2; David W. Towle, Ladder 15 to Engine 32; Daniel T. Callahan, Engine 4 to Engine 36; Chauncey R. Delano, Engine 20 to Combination Company 5; Dennis Magee, Engine 36 to Combination Company 5; Philip M. Sullivan, Chemical Engine 1 to Combination Company 5; John H. Murray, Engine 26 to Combination Company 5; Daniel L. Caddigan, Ladder 5 to Combination Company 5; John E. McGowan, Ladder 8 to Combination Company 5; Martin F. Conley, Engine 43 to Engine 7; Patrick W. Lanigan, Ladder 14, to be Lieutenant of same company; Cornelius J. O'Brien, Engine 7, to be Lieutenant of same company; John A. Mahagan, Engine 1 to Engine 2; William Hart, Engine 2 to Engine 36-39; Martin A. Kenealy, Ladder 4 to Engine Company 7.

The following order was issued:
Ordered, That William H. Hawkins, Ladder Company 17, forfeit one (1) week's pay for shirking his duty at fire-box 412, February 5, 1898.
Attest: B. F. UNDERHILL, JR.,
Secretary.

Awards of Contracts.

Street Department.

City Hall, February 14, 1898.

Proposals for furnishing and delivering iron castings were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Monday, February 14, 1898, at 12 M., as follows:

Bidders.	Per cent.
Sessions Foundry Company	\$1 13½
Osgood & Hart	1 24
Mechanics' Iron Foundry Company	1 23
Davis & Farnum	1 24

The contract was awarded to the Sessions Foundry Company.

Proposals for furnishing and delivering at Moon Island, dimension stones, consisting of 294 pier-stones, 710 linear feet coping for retaining walls, 1166 linear feet coping for division walls, 3 coping-stones for corners of reservoir extension, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Monday, February 14, 1898, as follows:

Bidders.	Total Bid.
Cape Ann Granite Company	\$10,135 42
Webster Cobb	10,882 39
Pigeon Hill Granite Company	11,225 12
Rockport Granite Company	11,746 06
Austin Ford & Son	11,998 20
Simpson Brothers Corporation	27,443 30

The contract was awarded to the Cape Ann Granite Company.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Boston Transit Commission.

20 BEACON STREET,

February 15, 1898.

The following bids were opened by this Commission on February 3, for furnishing steel for extension of easterly platform in Scollay square:

	Per Ton.
Edge Moor Bridge Works	\$39 67
Passaic Rolling Mill Company	49 50
New Jersey Steel and Iron Company	47 60
Pennsylvania Steel Company	35 94
Carnegie Steel Company, Limited	51 40
New England Structural Company	59 00
Boston Bridge Works	45 00
Berlin Iron Bridge Company	46 69

The contract was awarded to the Pennsylvania Steel Company.

For building draw foundation and fender piers for Charlestown bridge:

W. L. Miller & W. H. Ellis	\$78,450
E. W. Everson & Co.	66,400
Perkins, White & Co.	63,200

The contract was awarded to Perkins, White & Co.

The following bids were opened by this Commission on February 5 for lining the Adams-square station of the Subway with enameled tile:

	Per Yard.	
	Straight.	Curved.
J. W. Hahn	\$7 67	
Grueby Faience Company	6 00	\$7 00
M. J. Fitzgerald	5 58	6 21

The contract was awarded to M. J. Fitzgerald.

The following bids were opened February 12 for lining the Scollay-square station of the Subway with enameled tile:

	Straight.	Curved.	Straight.*
Grueby Faience Co.	\$5 89	\$6 70	\$5 15
J. W. Hahn	5 60	6 25	5 55
M. J. Fitzgerald	**5 67	6 12	5 04

*To be without backing.
**Time for completion of work fixed in specifications as May 10; this bid was for completing work June 1.

The contract was awarded to J. W. Hahn.
Yours truly,
B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

Engineering Department.

City Hall, February 15, 1898.

The following canvass of bids was made February 15, 1898, for extension of Dorchester Avenue Sea Wall, adjoining Federal Street Bridge:

No.	Name of Bidder.	Address.	Amount of Bid.
1.	Wm. H. Ryan	Boston	\$21,180 47
2.	Ross & Fowler	Boston	21,500 00
3.	Wm. L. Miller and W. H. Ellis	Boston	23,695 00
4.	Jos. M. Parsons & Co.	Boston and Salem	24,928 00
5.	William S. Lawler	Charlestown	26,203 00

The contract was awarded to William H. Ryan.
WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

MUNICIPAL TRAMWAYS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The following statement regarding the municipal ownership of tramways in Great Britain is taken from the Municipal Year Book of the United Kingdom for 1898, London, 1898.

The first town to operate its tramways directly was Huddersfield, which obtained authority in 1882. Plymouth followed in 1893, and Leeds in 1894.

Parliament, which gave every facility for municipal ownership, was so anxious to prevent municipal working that a standing order of the House of Commons supplemented the interdiction in the Act and precluded any bill with the object of giving local authorities power to run tramways from being introduced.

It was not until the session of 1896 that the standing order was suspended, and the House at once made reparation by unanimously passing the Sheffield bill, which authorized the corporation of that city to work its tramways. A few weeks after the passing of the measure, Dover and Hull obtained similar powers.

In the session of 1897 the following cities and towns obtained the same powers, including, as in the former cases, power to introduce mechanical traction:

Birkenhead, Bolton, Bradford, Edinburgh, Halifax, Huddersfield, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Newport (Mon.), Neath, Nottingham and Southampton.

In the coming session of 1898, the following towns are promoting bills to acquire and work the tramways, to build new lines, and to use mechanical traction:

The Corporations of Aberdeen, Blackburn, Blackpool, Burnley, Bury, Cardiff, Dundee, Halifax, Keighley, Oldham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, St. Helens, West Ham, Wigan, the London County Council, and the Urban District Councils of East Ham, Ilford and Leyton.

Applications are also being made for provisional orders by the following authorities:

The Corporations of Huddersfield and Liverpool (extensions), and the Urban District Councils of East Ham, Ecclehill, Great Crosby, Llandudno and Waterloo-with-Seaforth.

In some cases these towns, where they have not actually possession of the tramways and working them, are making arrangements to acquire and extend the systems and to introduce electric traction. As above stated, in cases where the leases of the companies have some years to run, the Councils are buying the undertakings, and only in a few instances are parting with them. Cardiff, where the lease has seven years to run, is promoting a comprehensive scheme for extensions and improved traction. Dundee corporation has purchased the tramway undertaking and is making arrangements to work the system and to lay down new lines. The corporation paid £76,583 for the existing lines. It proposes to spend £40,000 on new lines, £58,500 in electric equipment, and £14,100 in widening streets on the tramway route. Blackburn Corporation has acquired the tramways, paying the company £1 per share above the market value.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER,
Old Court House, February 14, 1898.

The following is an exhibit by wards of the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending February 14, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		Brick Buildings.	Wooden Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
2...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	-
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	-
6...	1	4	-	1	1	-	9	1	7	30	-
7...	1	4	-	-	-	-	7	-	6	43	-
8...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	16	-
9...	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	15	-
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	20	-
11...	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	11	35	-
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	-
13...	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	11	-
14...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	-
15...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
16...	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
17...	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	8	-
18...	-	1	-	-	3	-	3	2	1	19	-
19...	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	5	-
20...	11	-	3	-	-	3	-	1	7	19	-
21...	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	13	-
22...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	7	-
23...	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	3	8	-
24...	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	21	6	-
25...	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	-
Totals	19	15	6	3	4	13	35	7	80	309	-

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

City Clerk's Department.

City Hall, January 31, 1898.

The following is a showing of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending Saturday, January 29, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	132
Number of discharges of mortgages	31
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of assignments of mortgage	8
Number of assignments of wages	19
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors on file	6
Number of married women's certificates	4
Number of liens on ships	2

Notice was received of the filing by the Merz Universal Extractor and Construction Company of a bill of complaint asking for a writ of injunction against the City of Boston et al.

Notices of suits against the city:

John Woodall, for \$3,000; Mary E. Stevens, for \$3,000; John S. Kerr, for \$500; Maria Higgins, for \$2,000; John P. Petterson, for \$2,000; George M. Jackson, for \$2,000; August Mahrenholz, for \$2,000; Sadie E. Davis, for \$2,000; Mary M. Ballem, for \$1,500—all actions of tort.

Accident notices were filed as follows:

January 24—Michael Hanley, personal injuries, from fall near corner of Beach and Tyler streets, caused by defective coal-hole cover, December 25, 1897.

January 25—Mary E. Spottsford, personal injuries received from fall through coal-hole opening at 55 Kendall street, December 27, 1897. Timothy A. Sheehan, personal injuries received from fall on sidewalk at 372 and 374 Columbus avenue, December 26, 1897. Esther Seletsky, personal injuries from fall on sidewalk at 104 Salem street, January 16, 1898.

January 27—Norman McNeal (filed by Conrad Reno, attorney), personal injuries, resulting in death, from fall on basement steps of school-house, corner St. Botolph and Cumberland streets, December 21, 1897.

January 28—Pasquale Carosella, personal injuries from fall on Charles-river bridge, December 29, 1897.

The following shows the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending February 5, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	112
Number of discharges of mortgages	25
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of assignments of wages	24
Number of married women's certificates filed	10

Notices of suits against the city have been filed as follows:

February 2—Lizzie Doyle, for \$300, action of tort. Margaret J. McLavey, for assessment of damages by a jury for land taken for a playground.

February 5—James J. Costello, for assessment by a jury of damages for land taken for sewer purposes.

An accident notice was filed on February 4, by Margaret Murphy, on account of alleged injuries received from a fall on St. Alphonsus street on January 27, 1898.

The following shows the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending February 12, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	130
Number of discharges of mortgages	20
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of assignments of mortgages	8
Number of assignments of wages	20
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	7
Number of married women's certificates	8
Number of ship liens	1
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2

Accident notices were filed as follows:

February 7—Mrs. Nellie Willis, injuries received by falling at 33 Weston street, January 29, 1898; Samuel Goldberg, injuries received by snow and ice falling from school-house on Chambers street, February 5, 1898; Harry Silvert, injuries received from snow and ice falling from school-house on Chambers street, February 5, 1898.

Suits against the city were filed as follows:

February 11—William H. Richardson Company, action of contract, \$1,000; Mary Maguire, action of tort, \$2,000; Esther Seletsky, action of tort, \$2,000.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol Street, February 12, 1898.

In announcing the funerals of the victims of the fire in Merrimac street, February 5, Commissioner Russell said:

"In officially recording the deaths of District Chief J. F. Egan, Capt. J. H. Victory, Lieut. G. J. Gottwald, Hoseman P. H. Disken, Hoseman J. J. Mulhern, Hoseman W. J. Welch, on February 5, while in the execution of their duty at the fire Nos. 116 to 124 Merrimac street, it is needless for me to recall the virtues of our comrades as citizens and firemen, some of whom stood in our foremost rank; but, while we all personally and officially deeply mourn our loss, let us be truly thankful that the fire had been so far subdued as to render possible the deliverance of other comrades who would probably have met a horrible death if the flames had been still in possession of the building at the moment when the floors collapsed."

The official action taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending February 12, 1898, may be summarized as follows:

Two (2) horses have been purchased from Messrs. Welch & Hall, and one (1) from L. H. Brockway, at the price \$135 each.

A special draft has been drawn for \$3,700 in favor of L. K. Marston for building new engine-house at Grove Hall.

One mile of Aerial cable has been ordered for the Fire Alarm branch.

William A. Whittemore, of Engine 32, has been placed on the retired list with pay at the rate of \$600 per annum.

The following-named men have been assigned as permanent substitutes:

Michael J. Leary, Geo. J. Baumeister, A. C. Ackerly, jr., D. W. Baker, Henry F. Brady, John H. Crowley, James J. Doyle, George H. Feeney, George H. Magwood, Joseph Murphy, Peter J. Sheridan, James J. Lunny, Florence J. Sullivan, William C. Swan.

The following-named men have been sent to the Civil Service Commissioners for examination and promotion:

Capt. J. M. Garrity, Engine 7, to be a District Chief; Lieut. S. J. Rider, Engine 15, Lieut. J. J. O'Connor, Engine 7, Lieut. Peter Callahan, Engine 4, to be Captains; W. J. Ryan, Engine 26, G. R. Bancroft, Ladder 13, A. J. Caulfield, Engine 1, to be Lieutenants.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

Statistics for the week ending February 5, 1898:

Cases pending last report . . .	8	
Number of applications for admission to institutions . . .	90	98
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouses . . .	48	
Long Island	9	
Marcella-Street Home . . .	9	
Boston Insane Hospital, Westboro' Insane Hospital	3	
Foxboro' Asylum	6	
	3	78
Applications refused	4	
Applications withdrawn	15	
Cases pending	1	98

Legal settlements investigated 91

Statistics for the week ending February 12, 1898.

Cases pending last report . . .	1	
Number of applications for admission to institutions . . .	116	117
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouses . . .	63	
Long Island	20	
Charlestown Almshouse	2	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	2	
Marcella-Street Home . . .	1	
Boston Insane Hospital	4	
Foxboro' Asylum	3	
Danvers Lunatic Hospital	3	98
Applications refused	4	
Applications withdrawn	6	
Cases pending	9	117
Legal settlements investigated		140

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

Statistics for the week ending February 5, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	129	9
Females	17	1
Total	146	10
Offences:		
Against the person	10	1
Against property	10	1
Against public order and decency	128	8
Total	*148	10
Discharges:		
Males	124	12
Females	20	2
Total	144	14

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence . . .	86	13
Permit of Commissioner, . . .	39	—
Payment of fine	17	1
Died	2	—
	144	14

Population:

January 31, 1898	1,672	516
Committed since January 31	146	10
	1,818	526
Discharged since January 31	144	14
February 5, 1898.	1,674	512

*Two charged with two offences each.

Bids to supply this Department with fresh eggs from February 1, 1898, to September 1, 1898, were received at this office as follows:

	Cents, Per Dozen.
W. S. Quinby & Co.	Average of 14 6-7
A. T. White & Co.	" " 16
Lucius Slade & Co.	" " 16 3-7
J. R. Ellis & Sons	17
Wilson, Underhill & Co.	15

The proposal of W. S. Quinby & Co. has been accepted.

Statistics for the week ending February 12, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	169	5
Females	30	4
Total	199	9
Offences:		
Against the person	14	—
Against property	15	3
Against public order and decency	172	6
Total	*201	9
Discharges:		
Males	174	14
Females	34	5
Total	208	19

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence . . .	147	19
Permit of Commissioner, . . .	38	—
Payment of fine	23	—
	208	19

Population:

February 7, 1898	1,674	512
Committed since February 7	199	9
	1,873	521
Discharged since February 7	208	19
February 12, 1898	1,665	502

*Two committed on two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Boston, January 31, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Wire Department for the week ending January 29:

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made, 248.

Temporary wiring in the various theatres in connection with shows has been inspected.

Three fires which were reported as being caused by electricity were investigated and in each case no grounds were found for such supposition.

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISION.

Inspections	366
Defects reported	100
Defects corrected	107
Notices of new work received	21
Feet of dead wire removed	9,900
Feet of dead wire retained	500
Fixtures removed	6

The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company has set ninety-seven poles, and has removed six poles.

Sixty-five poles have been tested as to their condition at base.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Conduit construction inspected	7
Building connections inspected	4
Post connections inspected	1
Conduit repairs inspected	3
Cable drawings inspected	29

THOMAS W. FLOOD,

Commissioner of Wires.

Board Meetings.**Insane Hospital Department.**

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street, February 10, 1898. Dr. Baldwin in the chair. There were present Dr. Baldwin, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Sanderson and Dr. Knapp.

The monthly bills, amounting to \$5,102.25, and the pay-roll, amounting to \$3,607.23, were referred to the Committees on Supplies and on Service for approval.

It was voted to purchase a pair of horses and an express wagon for Austin Farm, also 60 iron beds, 100 dining-chairs, 40 arm-chairs, 50 rocking-chairs, 50 light stands, 50 bureaus and 30 commodes.

A special draft for \$1,000 for current expenses was voted.

It was voted to finish off rooms for attendants in the attics and to enlarge the cow-yard.

It was voted to raise the salary of the engineer at Austin Farm to \$70 a month.

It was voted that in the opinion of the Trustees it was advisable to purchase an additional tract of land in the neighborhood of Austin and Pierce Farms for the further extension of the Hospital.

The following shows the number of patients in the hospital February 9, 1898:

AUSTIN FARM.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In the house	163	167	330
On visit	1	4	5
Total	164	171	335

PIERCE FARM.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In the house	93	86	179
On visit	2	5	7
Total	95	91	186

AUSTIN AND PIERCE FARMS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	256	253	509
On visit	3	9	12
Total	269	262	531

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP,
Secretary Insane Hospital Trustees.

Library Department.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M., Friday, January 21, 1898.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln and Prince, and the Librarian.

The President, the Hon. F. O. Prince, was in the chair.

Received: From the City Solicitor, a communication under date of January 18; the Librarian's weekly report.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation for 1897, and payable by special draft, miscellaneous bills amounting to \$3,403.08; payable by draft on funds abroad, book bills £26, 17s., 2d; ordered transferred to London for payment of foreign book bills the sum of \$4,600.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to the city appropriation, \$364.38; to trust funds, \$36.82; to Fellowes Athenaeum, \$3.10; miscellaneous, \$137.91.

The following communication was received and read:

Boston, January 21, 1898.

GENTLEMEN: The Boston Numismatic Society, at its annual meeting, January 14, voted to give to the Public Library of Boston its collection of books and pamphlets, and also the sum of three hundred (300) dollars for the benefit of the study of numismatics, with no other condition.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed.) WM. S. APPLETON,
Secretary B. N. Society.

Voted, That the gift be accepted and a special acknowledgment therefor conveyed by the President to the Numismatic Society.

Voted, That the President be requested to prepare a memorial by the Board to be presented, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to the Legislature, asking legislation to limit the height of buildings upon and near Copley square.

Voted, That, subject to the approval of the Mayor, the Board apply for legislation concerning the Harris collection of books, and the Charlotte Harris fund; also for legislation touching the purchase by the Commonwealth, of the volume of Colonial Laws acquired at the Barlow sale.

Certain complaints from the complaint-boxes were received, read, and referred to the Librarian for such action as may be feasible.

Certain applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M., Friday, January 28, 1898.

Present, Messrs. Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln and Prince, and the Librarian.

The President, the Hon. F. O. Prince, in the chair.

The record of the meeting of January 21 was read and approved.

Received: From the Mayor, Circular No. 33, communication under date of January 27; from the City Solicitor, communication under date of January 27; Librarian's report; special report from Library Auditor with reference to Mayor's Circular No. 31.

Purchases Authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, \$359.10; to trust funds, \$141.08; to Station P, \$24.30; to Fellowes Athenaeum, \$12.22; miscellaneous, \$181.58.

Voted, That the President, in such form as he may deem expedient, call the attention of the Mayor to the need of an additional appropriation for the completion of the Central Library building, and the improvements therein necessary for effective administration, and that in behalf of the Board he take such further steps as may be calculated to secure action upon this matter.

Certain applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

Attest: HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Pauper Institutions Department.

A regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held on February 7, 1898, the full Board being present.

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse reported that the Rev. Mr. Maxwell of St. John's Church, Charlestown, had offered to hold a religious service at the Almshouse every third Sunday.

The erection of a new laundry for the Charlestown Almshouse was recommended by the Superintendent.

A night-superintendent of nurses, two matrons, a watchman and a housemaid, were appointed at Long Island to fill vacancies, and Miss Mary A. Douglass was appointed a matron in the Women's Building.

The Superintendent was requested to furnish the per capita cost of inmates at Long Island.

Mr. Walter Hunnewell was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

It was voted that eight additional cows be purchased to be added to the herd at Long Island.

It was voted to receive proposals for beef, mutton, salt fish, and fresh fish for the pauper institutions.

It was voted that a special census be taken of the able-bodied inmates at Long Island.

Census for Charlestown Almshouse on January 31, 1898: Males, 55; females, 85; total, 140. No deaths occurred during the month.

Census, Long Island, for week ending February 8:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Hospital:			
Adults	87	146	233
Children	5	3	8
Women's Building:			
Adults	—	205	205
Children	5	4	9
Men's Building:			
Adults	403	—	403
Totals	500	358	858

In previous year 845
Men working 274
Women working 97

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WIRE COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

By authority vested in the Commissioner of Wires by Chapter 454, of the Acts of 1894, the section of the city prescribed for this calendar year, viz., 1898, within which any poles or structures used in the streets, and all wires, cables and conductors, except such as are excepted by said Chapter 454, shall be removed or placed underground, is that portion bounded by the line which marks the boundary of the prescribed district for 1897, running from the junction of Joy and Beacon streets through Joy street to Cambridge street and through Cambridge street to the water front. Commencing at this point the line will run along the Harbor Commissioners' line to the extension of the line of Berkeley street; thence through Berkeley street to Tremont street, through Tremont street to Castle square, through Castle square to Ferdinand street, through Ferdinand street to Columbus avenue through Columbus avenue to Park square, through Park square to Charles street, through Charles street to Beacon street, and through Beacon street to the point of beginning at Joy street.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner of Wires

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

February 7, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that a surface drain be constructed in private lands, at Dorchester, from Burt street to Bailey street, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock, A.M., of the twenty-third day of February, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

February 11, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a surface drain be constructed in private lands, at West Roxbury, between Centre street and Montview street, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-fifth day of February, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on south-west corner of Harvard and Kilton streets, Ward 20, seven bay windows of the following description: To project from second story, five over Harvard street and two over Kilton street. Dimensions: Each 12 feet high, 12 feet wide, and 3 feet over line of street.

CHARLES H. STEWART,
1085 Tremont street

February 10, 1898.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

February 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of March, at 3 o'clock P. M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Dorchester Beacon and CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDINANCES OF 1898—CHAPTER 2,
CONCERNING THE

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY RECORD.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Eight.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY RECORD.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter two of the Ordinances of 1897, being "An Ordinance to Amend the Revised Ordinances of 1892 by Providing for a Statistics Department," is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered Section two, as follows:

Section 2. Said Board shall publish, at least once a week, an official gazette of the city, to be designated as THE CITY RECORD. Every department shall insert in said publication a copy of every advertisement or public notice issued by it, a summary of all proposals received in response to the same, and a statement of all awards of contracts; and said publication shall contain such record of official action, and such other matters of interest to the city as said Board may from time to time, with the approval of the Mayor, direct. Said Board shall cause said publication to be distributed regularly to the several departments, and to the press, as soon as published, and may provide for the sale to the public, by subscription or otherwise, of such number of copies thereof as it shall deem expedient.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 20, 1898.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, February 7, 1898

Concurred.

PERLIE A. DYAR, Chairman.

Approved February 9, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed.

Said Company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to: Crawford street, between Humboldt avenue and Walnut avenue, Ward 21; Walnut avenue, between Crawford and Townsend streets, Ward 21; Walnut avenue, between Walnut Park and Cobden street, Wards 21 and 22; Ruthven street, from Walnut avenue, Ward 21; Ruthven street, between Elm Hill avenue and Humboldt avenue, Ward 21; Chestnut street, from Mt. Vernon avenue, Ward 5; Chiswick road, between Chestnut Hill avenue and Selkirk road, Ward 25; Selkirk road, between Chiswick road and Sutherland road, Ward 25; Strathmore road, between Chestnut Hill avenue and Sutherland road, Ward 25; Strathmore road, between Englewood avenue and Brookline line, Ward 25; Norfolk street, between Fessenden and Evelyn streets, Ward 24; Evelyn street, from Norfolk street, Ward 24, (one pole); Dorchester avenue, near Park street, Ward 24, (one pole).

Also to remove one pole from Dorchester avenue, near Park street.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

February 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-first day of February, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 201 Chambers street, Ward 8, one bay window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Chambers street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 10 feet wide and 3 feet over line of street.

D. KLEMNS,

14 Front street, Chelsea, Mass.

February 14, 1898.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

February 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the 7th day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, 611 Washington street, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 100 Salem street, Ward 6, one bay window of the following description: To project from second, third and fourth stories, over corner of Bartlett place and Salem street. Dimensions: Forty feet high, 11 feet wide and 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

MAX LEIBMAN, 102 Salem street, Boston.

February 14, 1898.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

February 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the 7th day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 146 Chambers street, Ward 8, one bay window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Chambers street. Dimensions: Twenty-five feet high, 15 feet wide, and 1 foot 6 inches over line of street.

J. BEERNSTEIN,

15 Court square, Room 11.

February 14, 1898.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

February 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STATE ELECTION.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

February 10, 1898.

In accordance with the provisions of the Election Act of 1893 and amendments thereof, notice is hereby given that meetings of the citizens of Ward 11, in this city, qualified to vote for State officers, will be held in the several polling-places in said Ward, designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on TUESDAY, the first day of March next, and all such citizens will, on said date, in the several precincts in which they are entitled to vote, give in their votes for one Representative in the General Court.

The polls at said election will be opened at six o'clock, A. M. and closed at four o'clock, P. M.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions your Board for a relocation of its existing tracks in Adams square, substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated January 29, 1898, approved by the Boston Transit Commission, and filed herewith as part of this petition; said location to take the place of the existing tracks as shown by dotted red lines on said plan.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.
Boston, February 14, 1898.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

February 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of March, 1898, at 3 o'clock P. M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD, Boston Journal and Boston Herald.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Suffolk ss.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

The Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation represents that, for the purpose of connecting its road with the Union Passenger Station, required to be constructed under the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of the year 1896, it is about to locate an extension of its road from a point at or near Dartmouth street to the grounds of the Boston Terminal Company, as required by said Act, upon a route crossing Dartmouth street, Columbus avenue, Cazenove street, St. Charles street, Berkeley street, Chandler street, Ferdinand street, Tremont street, Castle street, Shawmut avenue, Washington street, Harrison avenue, Way street, Broadway and Albany street, in the City of Boston.

Wherefore, it asks you, after due notice and hearing, to determine the manner in which such extension of its road shall cross such streets and any other streets and highways in said county.

BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE RAILROAD CORPORATION,
By J. H. BENTON, JR., Attorney.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

January 27, 1898

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That a hearing be given thereon before said Board, at the City Hall, in the City of Boston, on the twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1898, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and that notice of such hearing be given by publishing said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD, the Boston Journal and the Boston Herald, newspapers published in said county, for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least seven days prior to said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

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Number 8.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE

BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.



PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
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Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale at the Old Corner Book Store, 283 Washington street.

The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

President Connolly announced the appointment of the following-named committees of the Common Council at the meeting of that body held Thursday, February 17:

Sanitary Condition of Places of Amusement—Messrs. Hickey of Ward 14, Brennan of Ward 17, Wood of Ward 12, Cronin of Ward 2, Dennis of Ward 23.

Committee to appear before Legislature for Miller Bill—Messrs. Norris of Ward 13, Bigelow of Ward 25, Stevens of Ward 11, Watson of Ward 18, Klemm of Ward 21.

Committee to Consider Advisability of Placing all Trolley Wires Underground—Messrs. Dunn of Ward 14, Callahan of Ward 7, Madden of Ward 5, Bagley of Ward 1, Hibbard of Ward 24.

Committee on Investigation of Merrimac street Fire—Messrs. Flanagan of Ward 19,

Borofsky of Ward 6, Farwell of Ward 16, Cuddy of Ward 6, Chamberlain of Ward 12, Wheeler of Ward 25, Athridge of Ward 19.

Committee on Joint Rules and Orders—Messrs. Connolly of Ward 17, Dunn of Ward 14, Albee of Ward 1, Curley of Ward 18, McIsaac of Ward 15, McColgan of Ward 6, Young of Ward 23.

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held February 18, Chairman Dyar announced the appointment of the following committees of the Board of Aldermen:

Appropriations—The whole Board (Alderman Charles, Chairman).

Assessing Department—Cleary, Paige, Norton, Charles.

Auditing Department—Dixon, Lott, O'Toole, Codman.

Bath Department—Berwin, Charles, Prescho, O'Toole.

Building Department—Lott, Charles, Paige, Norton.

Cemetery Department—Charles, Lott, Norton, Paige.

City Clerk Department—Cleary, Codman, Dixon, Paige.

City Messenger Department—Norton, Cleary, Dixon, Paige.

Claims—Charles, Codman, Dixon, Paige.

Clerk of Committees Department—Cleary, Lott, O'Toole, Prescho.

Collecting Department—Prescho, Conry, Paige, Cleary.

Contingent Expenses—Prescho, O'Toole, Lott, Dixon.

Election Department—Dixon, Paige, Charles, Lott.

Engineering Department—Norton, Berwin, Charles, Codman.

Finance—Prescho, Conry, Codman, Charles, Berwin, Norton, Lott, Cleary.

Fire Department—Prescho, Cleary, Paige, Dixon.

Health Department—O'Toole, Berwin, Norton, Lott.

Hospital Department—Dixon, Lott, Norton, Codman.

Inspection of Vessels and Ballast Department—O'Toole, Paige, Charles, Dixon.

Institutions Department—Lott, O'Toole, Prescho, Norton.

Lamp Department—Dixon, Berwin, O'Toole, Codman.

Legislative Matters—Prescho, O'Toole, Lott, Charles.

Library Department—Norton, Prescho, Charles, Berwin.

Market Department—Norton, Codman, O'Toole, Lott.

Ordinances and Law Department—Charles, Prescho, O'Toole, Berwin.

Overseeing of the Poor Department—Conry, Berwin, Cleary, Paige.

Park Department—Codman, Cleary, Lott, Norton.

Police—Berwin, Dixon, Prescho, Cleary.

Printing—Conry, Prescho, Norton, Berwin.

Public Buildings Department—Lott, O'Toole, Paige, Norton.

Public Grounds Department—O'Toole, Prescho, Dixon, Lott.

Public Lands—Paige, Cleary, Prescho, Norton.

Registry Department—Dixon, Codman, Charles, Prescho.

Schools and School-houses—Codman, Dixon, Lott, O'Toole.

Sealing of Weights and Measures Department—Norton, Cleary, Paige, Charles.

Street Department—Paige, Cleary, Codman, O'Toole.

Street Laying-Out Department—Berwin, Charles, Paige, Dixon.

Treasury Department—Conry, Codman, Cleary, Lott.

Water Department—Dixon, Prescho, O'Toole, Berwin.

Wire Department—Codman, Berwin, Norton, Cleary.

Notice of the appointment on the part of the Common Council of joint committees was received, as follows:

Joint Rules and Orders—Connolly, Dunn, Albee, Curley, McIsaac, McColgan and Young.

Construction of Building on Merrimac Street (scene of late fire)—Flanagan, Borofsky, Farwell, Cuddy, Chamberlain, Wheeler, Athridge.

PROPOSED PROTECTION OF FANEUIL HALL AGAINST FIRE.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT—ARCHITECTURAL DIVISION.

Communications from F. W. Chandler, E. Atkinson, Messrs Gray and French.

Boston, February 14, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The early reports of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and the one just made by Mr. Edward Atkinson, explain so well the present condition of Faneuil Hall, that it is needless to enlarge on this matter. The only proper means of preserving the building is to make it into a fireproof structure, after the manner of the State House. With this plan Mr. Atkinson entirely agrees, and, in fact, his letter of February 8 advises the scheme which you had already anticipated last year, when you requested this office to make drawings and estimates with the object of ensuring the safety of Faneuil Hall. The drawings were carefully made in every detail, and the present design was absolutely and accurately preserved in steel and cement.

A proper steam-heating and ventilating plant was also designed to serve the entire building, and a refrigerating plant to serve the markets. The estimate to accomplish all this was about \$125,000, which seems large, and doubtless this sum could be reduced if actual bids in competition were asked for. Any other scheme must be considered as a makeshift to serve only until the complete reconstruction of the building is begun, and its cost would be an absolute loss at this point.

The lesser outlay for the makeshift will doubtless be considered the most expedient in consideration of existing rentals, etc. The greatest danger from fire must come from the present occupancy of the basement and first story. The best way to protect these two stories would be, after having them vacated, to strip off all the dangerous varnished sheathing, especially on ceilings, and any wooden lath and plaster work, and relath with metal lathings and plaster after the manner of the protection of mill construction, so that there shall be no air space anywhere with any of its sides of inflammable material. To this should be added on both ceilings the system of automatic sprinklers. If the market cannot be vacated, there seems to be no other way than to rely on the sprinklers alone, though how far this method would be efficacious in arresting fire started with such good material to feed on, as greasy planks, sawdust, and varnished stall-walls and ceilings, I am not prepared to say, though I doubt if the system could ever be subjected to a severer test.

In Faneuil Hall itself there is a very dangerous air space directly over the markets, under the whole length of steps rising from the main floor on both sides of the hall, and all the window jambs are of boxed-up wooden panel work. In all these spaces there is probably no pretence at a fire-stop, and in case of fire these concealed wooden flues would in a few moments conduct the flames to the roof. It is of the utmost importance to have built in fire-stops at once, through the thickness of this floor as well as of those above, where these rest at the walls, and perhaps on the first floor over its supporting iron columns. These stops so close up the spaces forming combustible flues that a fire in one story must burn its way through the floor itself if it reaches the story above. In addition to the wooden trusses, there is a great amount of the most inflammable construction in the roof. All the upper windows have very deep boxed-up jambs of panelled boards that would burn like tinder. There are also piles of boards stored here, and rubbish, all of which should be at once removed. Every precaution must be taken to prevent fire reaching the roof, for if it should here get beyond control, nothing can save the building.

The principal source of danger from fire above the markets is in the use of gas for heating the entire floor used by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. I strongly advise removing every gaspipe from the building, not only to guard against danger of leakage and possible explosion, but to remove any temptation for an employee to use it for heat or light. In place of gas, electric lighting should be installed, and a simple steam plant should be put in to furnish heat, to take the place of the present coal stoves and gas radiators. The entrance stairs to the

hall are of wood, supported on wooden columns. These should be fire-stopped, but unless the whole end of the building from the market up should be made absolutely fireproof there would seem to be no gain in protection to build iron stairs resting on wooden floors, and surrounded by inflammable partition walls. The wood of the roof-trusses, as far as can be seen, appears sound, but it is not safe to rely too much on their strength, at least until they are so far uncovered as to show the condition of the ends resting on the walls, and also about the bolts that secure the iron straps. As the floor over Faneuil Hall is hung to the roof-trusses it would certainly be advisable to forbid any great number assembling on this floor, for drill or any other purpose.

The building is utterly lacking in fire-escapes. It should have galleries built on the level of the window-sills of each story, extending the length of the two sides, and connected with each other and the ground by iron stairs. This construction will undoubtedly mar the effect of the design of the building, but it should be considered simply a temporary expedient, until the proper fire-proofing of the building will allow it to be removed.

Mr. Atkinson's estimate of \$3,465 is only for the fire protection of the building. It does not include fire-escapes or steam-heating plant, for which an additional \$3,554 should be allowed. Both these figures would probably be modified when careful estimates can be made.

Very respectfully,
F. W. CHANDLER,
Consulting Architect.

BOSTON MANUFACTURERS MUTUAL FIRE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

31 Milk street,

Boston, February 8, 1898.

HIS HONOR MAYOR QUINCY.

SIR: I submit herewith a report by engineers of high repute, skilled in the prevention of loss by fire, upon the present condition of Faneuil Hall. I fully concur in all that they have said. I am of opinion that while the danger of loss in this building may be diminished, yet in the course of not very many years the complete reconstruction of the interior building in a manner corresponding to that applied to the State House, would become not only necessary to prevent its loss by fire, but also to prevent the destruction, notably of the roof, by the gradual exhaustion of the life of the timber therein. It is not easy to obtain access to these timbers but I should recommend a most thorough inspection by a skilled architect, in order to determine how long the roof, and attic story will be safe. This survey touching the strength of the building and especially of the floor of the attic story which I assume must be suspended from roof trusses, seems to me an absolute necessity. Large numbers of men are apt to gather there at the meetings of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, and from what we can learn or observe of the condition of the timber it would be very unsafe for any considerable number of men to drill or march in that roof story. How they would get out in case of fire is a problem which I would not under-

take to solve, the fire-escapes now upon the building being a worse than useless fraud upon the city from the time they were put up down to the present time.

I venture to make some additional suggestions in this matter which are placed at your discretion for private or public use.

Very respectfully and truly yours,
EDWARD ATKINSON.

BOSTON MANUFACTURERS MUTUAL FIRE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

31 Milk Street,

Boston February 7, 1898.

EDWARD ATKINSON, President.

SIR: At the request of His Honor the Mayor, transmitted through you, we have made a preliminary inspection of the Faneuil Hall property, and our preliminary report is as follows:

The occupancy of the building is well known, and no description will be needed in that respect. The occupancy of the first story and basement is such that it will always be a menace to the safety of the property. We would state, however, that the general order in the first story and basement is apparently much better than it was at the time of a former inspection made, at your request, by Messrs. Woodbury and Gray of this office.

Another fault in the occupancy which was criticised in the former report is still a subject of criticism, that is the occupancy of one of the anterooms of the hall. This room was formerly occupied as a kitchen. Since the former report a portion of the equipment has been removed, but still enough remains here to make this room the possible starting point of a fire which in all probability would destroy the whole building. The room at present is used for heating water, storage of coal, supplies, etc. There is a great deal of waste paper here, and the general order in this room is poor.

Another bad feature about this building is the attic over the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company's rooms. This attic contains a great deal of lumber in the trusses, etc. The trusses also support the floor over the main hall; and as this part of the building would in case of a fire be inaccessible to hose streams the trusses might become weakened in a short time so as to let the entire upper part of the building fall through to the basement.

These features of construction with the combustible occupancy of the lower stories make the total destruction of the building a probable consequence if a fire ever attains a fair start.

The so-called fire-escapes now upon the building would, in our opinion, be useless in time of need. No material improvements in the construction appear feasible short of the complete overhauling of the entire inside of the building.

The following recommendations are submitted with the idea of doing at once all that can be done at moderate cost to protect the building under the present conditions.

First. Provide automatic sprinklers throughout every part of the building, including the blind attics. This would require about seven hundred heads. Those in the first story and basement could be on a

wet system. Those in the rest of the building would probably have to be arranged on an air system, as the upper rooms are not regularly heated.

The supply for the sprinklers should be taken from both the high and low services. The low-service pipes run all around the building, but some moderate extension of the high-service mains toward the hall would be necessary to make the high service available here. These two systems should be arranged with check-valves so that the water of both would automatically reach the heads, thus giving two independent sources of supply.

If it is decided that the sprinkler equipment shall be put in, we can furnish, after further study, complete plans.

Second. All existing openings in the partitions between stories should be thoroughly "fire-stopped," so that a fire in one room would have to burn its way through a ceiling or a floor before it could reach any other part of the building.

Third. Every bit of unused material, rubbish, etc., in every part of the building should be removed. Such improvement is especially needed in the attic.

Fourth. The building is now heated by coal and gas stoves, which must be considered as containing many possibilities of starting a fire not found in a steam-heating plant. It is therefore recommended that a steam-heating plant be provided.

ESTIMATED COST OF THE ABOVE IMPROVEMENTS.

About 700 sprinklers.....	\$1,750
Dry pipe valve, air pump, etc.....	400
Outside pipe connections, valves, checks, etc.....	250
Fire-stopping	750
	\$3,150
Ten per cent for contingencies.....	315
	\$3,465

Fifth. The present faulty fire-escapes should be replaced by others that are entirely reliable. A small iron stairway, with a landing at each story, is probably the best thing for this purpose.

The estimates have not been made to include the cost of a complete steam-heating plant or of new fire-escapes, as these improvements, while very desirable, and in the case of the fire-escapes very necessary for the safety of life, are not a part of the fire protection, and would require considerable further study before a reasonable estimate could be made.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. GRAY,

Vice-President and Engineer.

E. V. FRENCH,

Inspector and Engineer.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS APPROVED BY THE MAYOR.

Orders Passed by the City Council.

The following orders passed by the City Council were approved by the Mayor on February 18:

Ordered, That a Commission of three members be constituted to draft for submission to the City Council and to the Legislature, a revision or consolidation of all of the Special Acts relating to the city, such Commission to consist of the Corporation Counsel, who shall serve without extra compensation, and of two other lawyers, to be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen; and the sum of \$10,000 is hereby authorized to be expended from the reserve fund, to provide for the compensation of the two appointed members of such commission and for the necessary expenses of preparing and printing such revision.

Ordered, That a special committee to consist of the President and four other members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to arrange for the delivery of an eulogy on the life and public services of the late Hon. Henry L. Pierce, before the city government and the citizens of Boston; the expense of attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Orders Passed by the Board of Aldermen.

The following orders and permits passed by the Board of Aldermen were approved by the Mayor February 18:

Ordered, That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen, approved January 29, 1898, levying sidewalk assessments against the estates of John H. Murphy, William H. Whittaker and Guilio Boretti et al., on Shirley street, Ward 17, be and the same is hereby rescinded—to correct errors in measurements.

The same owners and their several estates are hereby assessed as follows:

No. 109 Shirley street, John H. Murphy	\$42 00
Next to 105 Shirley street, William H. Whittaker	28 70
No. 81 Shirley street, Guilio Boretti and al.	58 20

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Keyes street, between Call and Washington streets, Ward 23, to public travel during the construction of a public sewer in said street.

Leave to project signs, etc., as follows:

Angelo D. Orio, 2 barber poles, at 896½ Washington street, Ward 9.

Simpson Brothers, a sign at 15 Merchants Row, Ward 6.

Edward H. Browner, a sign at 48 Charles street, Ward 11.

D. Walkenstein & Co., a sign at 1139 Washington street, Ward 9.

Simon Titleman, a sign at 467 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Bergin & Sheehan, 2 illuminated signs at 65 Beach street and 3 Hudson street.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, arc lights as follows: "At 134 Blackstone street, Ward 6; at 5 Tremont Row, Ward 6; at 250 Washington street, Ward 6; at 912 Washington street, Ward 7; at 473 Tremont street, Ward 10; at 45 Essex street, Ward 7; at 7 Hayward place, Ward 7; at 132½ Canal street, Ward 8, and at 16 Broadway, Ward 13.

Leave was granted to project bay windows as follows:

Frederick Bleiler, one at 83 Minden street, Ward 19.

John Kelley, two, 40 Hanson street, Ward 9.

Margaret C. Mulvey, one from building No. 43 Arklow street, Ward 22. Recommending that leave be granted to project the said bay windows, but not over eighteen inches.

The following changes in street names made by the Street Commissioners were confirmed, viz.:

Changing the name of Barrington street, Dorchester, to Hamilton street.

Changing the name of Culvert street, Roxbury, to Whittier street.

Changing the names of Hudson and Pontine streets, Dorchester, which form a continuous thoroughfare from Dudley street to Norfolk avenue, to Burrell street.

The following orders and permits having been passed by the Board of Aldermen, were approved by the Mayor February 16, 1898:

Ordered, that the City Clerk be, and hereby is, directed to give notice, by advertising the same as required by law, that meetings of the citizens of Wards 3, 4 and 5 in this city, qualified to vote for State officers, will be held at the several polling-places in said wards designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the 29th day of March next, to give in their votes for a Senator to fill the vacancy in the Second Suffolk Senatorial District occasioned by the death of James E. Hayes.

The polls at said meetings will be opened at 6 A.M. and closed at 4 P.M.

Ordered, That allowances of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston, under Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1890 and Chapter 270 of the Acts of 1893, be made, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

The following changes in street names made by the Street Commissioners were confirmed, viz.:

Changing the name of Cove street, a continuation of Atlantic avenue from Summer street to Kneeland street, to Atlantic avenue.

Changing the name of Hamerton street, Roxbury, a continuation of Waumbeck street from Humboldt avenue to Crawford street, to Waumbeck street.

Changing the name of that part of Parker street extending from Boylston street to Huntington avenue to Hemenway street.

Permits were granted as follows:

Catholic Total Abstinence Union for the use of Faneuil Hall on August 10-13, 1898, waiving the usual fee.

Massachusetts Division Sons of Veterans for the use of Faneuil Hall on February 21 and 22.

Minute Men of '61 for the use of Faneuil Hall on April 15, 1898, waiving the fee.

Department of Massachusetts Daughters of Veterans, for the use of Faneuil Hall on Friday evening, March 25, 1898, waiving the fee.

Josiah Quincy, Mayor, for the use of Faneuil Hall on Saturday, February 12, at noon, for a meeting in commemoration of the firemen who lost their lives at the fire Saturday, February 5, 1898.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—NOT REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

The following order was passed by the City Council, February 14:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Fire Commissioner to grant the usual leave of absence to firemen detailed in the districts where the wires are now in working order.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following orders, etc., were passed by the Board of Aldermen, February 14:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be directed to locate and maintain a public lamp in front of No. 60 Gainsboro' street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface Granite avenue, Ward 24, and put the same in proper condition for public travel.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the construction of an iron fence around Independence square, South Boston.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested to instruct the committee in charge of the public bath-house on Dover street to report to this Board at its next meeting as to the expediency of establishing and maintaining a public bath-house in Ward 23, similar to the one now being constructed.

Ordered, That the City Engineer be requested to furnish to the Board, at his earliest convenience, an estimate of the cost of constructing a bridge from the foot of Oliver street to the Commonwealth flats, South Boston.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to prepare an estimate of the cost of constructing a low-level sewer from Boylston Station to Forest Hills, West Roxbury, and report the same to this Board at its next meeting.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance include in its next loan order a sum sufficient to have stone steps on the north-east and north-west ends of Independence square at East Second street.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners report to this Board at their earliest convenience the cost of laying out as a public way, Emmett street between East Third and East Second street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have macadamized that part of East Second street between M and O streets, the expense attending same to be charged to appropriation for street improvements for South Boston.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to report to this Board an estimate of the cost of widening Adams street, Charlestown, between Common street and Mt. Vernon street.

Ordered, That a special committee, to consist of four members of the Board of Aldermen, be appointed to investigate as to the circumstances in connection with the remodeling of Engine 31.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to this Board at its next meeting why the members of the Department have not been allowed their usual leave of absence since the storm of January 31, 1898.

Amusement licenses were granted as follows:

Leavitt & Yatter, for billiard and pool exhibitions at 263 Washington street, for the season ending August 1, 1898.

James Brennen, for dramatic, musical, literary and dancing entertainments at Oakland Hall, River street, for the season ending August 1, 1898.

The following Resolutions were passed by the Board of Aldermen, February 14:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, House Bill 553, entitled "An Act relating to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston," now under consideration in the General Court, ought not to pass.

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to prepare an estimate of the cost of paving Stoughton street to Pleasant street, and Pleasant street to Savin Hill avenue, and report the same to this Board at its next meeting.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, no act affecting the City of Boston now pending before the General Court should be enacted unless a clause be inserted therein providing that the Act be accepted by the City Council of the City of Boston before it takes effect.

Ordered, That the City Clerk transmit a copy of the above resolve to the members of the General Court representing the City of Boston.

Whereas, House Bill No. 766, being "An Act Relative to the City Government and the Departments of the City of Boston," is being considered by the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs of the Legislature; and

Whereas, Said Act takes from the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston many of its rights and privileges.

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislative Matters on the part of the Board, be requested to appear before the above-named committee and oppose the passage of said Act.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested to instruct the Park Commissioners to order the Superintendent of the Commission to appear before the Committee on Public Improvements of this Board on Friday, February 18, 1898, at 12.30 o'clock P.M.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested to instruct the Board of Street Commissioners to report to this Board at its next meeting the number of miles of accepted streets and public ways in each ward in the City of Boston.

Permits were granted by the Board of

Aldermen, February 14, to the following named persons:

Abraham Novograbelsky, for renewal of permit to maintain a stand in front of the Old Court House, on Court street.

Bernard McGlinchy, for a renewal of his permit to maintain a stand at the north-east corner of the Old Court House, on Court street.

William Ford, for renewal of permit to maintain a boot-black stand in front of the Old Court House, on Court street.

Michael Sarfaty, for a renewal of permit to maintain a small stand in front of the Old Court House, on Court street.

Nathaniel H. Orr, to project a sign in front of his store on Poplar street, Ward 23.

George H. Hatch, to place a cloth for stereopticon views on building 30 Park square.

Jacob Mayor, to project an illuminated sign at 424 Washington street, Ward 7.

Dr. Charles E. Hale, to project a sign at 174 Hanover street, Ward 6.

L. Lindenbom, to project a lantern at 17 Norman street, Ward 8.

Michael J. Green, to project a sign at 148 Hampden street, Ward 18.

Washington Club, to project a transparency at 23 Meridian street, Ward 2.

George A. Harmon, to project two barber poles at 317 Norfolk street, Ward 24.

Samuel Clark, to project two signs at 89 Pearl street, Ward 7.

Joseph Saint, to project two barber poles at 521 Main street, Ward 4.

Dominic Myers, to project a shoemaker's sign at 3 Dundee street, Ward 10.

John Burwell, to project two barber poles at 181 Lamartine street, Ward 22.

P. Derby & Co., to project a sign at corner of Water street and Charles River avenue, Ward 5.

Andrew Ekbergh, to project an illuminated lantern at 22 Milk street, Ward 6.

Morris Segal, to project a sign at 64 Shawmut avenue, Ward 7.

James F. Neville, to project an illuminated sign at 52½ Main street, Ward 5.

W. T. and M. Glynn, to project an illuminated mortar at 373 Broadway, corner E street, Ward 15.

I. Sternburg, to project a sign at 41 Carver street, Ward 7.

Navin Brothers, to project an illuminated sign at 799 Washington street, instead of 15 Temple place, as previously granted.

W. L. Douglas Shoe Company, to project a sign at 33 Green street, Ward 8.

William Slutski, to project a sign at 217 Friend street, Ward 8.

Permits to move wooden buildings were granted as follows:

John Soley, two buildings, flat roof, 38 and 46 feet in length by 21 and 31 feet in width, by 32 and 30 feet in height, respectively, from 70-74 Saratoga street, through Saratoga, Marion and London streets, to 219 London street, Ward 1.

J. J. & P. M. Ahearn, one building, pitch roof, 45 feet in length, 24 feet in width, 32 feet in height, from 518 West Park street along said street to Kilton street, a private way, Ward 20.

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

A regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Friday, February 18, at 12 o'clock M., Chairman Dyar presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages were received :

Appointment of Constable.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 18, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, Morris Hyams, to be a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

Appointment of Special Law Commissioners.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 14, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, Patrick A. Collins and Albert E. Pillsbury, to be members of the Commission to draft a revision or consolidation of all of the special laws relating to the city.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, February 17, 1898. President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received :

Watering Trough, Roxbury Crossing.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 9, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Water Commissioner in reference to your order concerning the watering trough recently removed from its location at Roxbury Crossing.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER,

February 9, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In regard to the order passed in Common Council, January 27, 1898, and referred to me by you, as follows:

"Ordered, That the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested

to replace the watering trough and drinking fountain removed from Roxbury Crossing early last October, the same to be replaced in a further southerly direction, or as near to the former location as possible."

I would report that the watering trough referred to will be erected at the junction of Columbus avenue extension and Centre street, as soon as the weather and other conditions permit.

Yours very truly,

JOHN R. MURPHY, Water Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Payment to Policemen.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 10, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

In reply to the order referred to me requesting information as to "why the Board of Election Commissioners have failed to expend the sum of \$5,500 in payment for the services of the police officers at the time of the new general register of voters in 1896, in accordance with the order passed by both branches of the City Council of 1897," I have to state that no such order ever went into effect, and that the Commissioners therefore have not had any sum at their disposal for this purpose. The order referred to was vetoed by me, and was never passed over my veto.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Street Improvements, Ward 9.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 10, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting estimates of the cost of paving Plimpton and Malden streets and Harrison avenue, Ward 9.

Respectfully submitted;

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET-DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, February 10, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the request contained in enclosed order of the Common Council, I beg to submit the following estimates of cost of paving with granite blocks, and regulating, certain streets:

Plimpton street, Ward 9, from Harrison avenue to Albany street	\$10,700
Malden street, Ward 9, from Washington street to Albany street	16,800
Harrison avenue, Ward 9, from railroad bridge near Way street to East Canton street	41,400

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

* This does not include the space occupied by the street railway tracks, which should be paved by the Boston Elevated Railway Company. The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company is about to make changes at the railroad bridge near Way street.

Spellman Hall—Entrance.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 14, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Chief of the Repair Division of the Public Buildings Department in reply to the order requesting a report as to the "feasibility of making an additional entrance to Spellman Hall, South Boston, and the probable cost of said entrance."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

REPAIRS DIVISION, PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT,

Old Court House, February 14, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In reply to the enclosed order which has been referred to me for investigation and report, I will say that I have examined said building and find that the entrance is very narrow and should be made somewhat wider, and I would also recommend that another entrance be made to the rear of the hall.

The above repairs can be done for about three hundred (300) dollars.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES LOGUE,

Chief of Repairs Division.

Ward Room, Ward 3.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

February 17, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of the Repair Division of the Public Buildings Department in reply to your order requesting "an estimate of the cost of enlarging the wardroom in Ward 3, by extending the same the full length of the floor now used for wardroom purposes, provision to be made for another entrance to the other floors of the building."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

REPAIRS DIVISION, PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT,

Old Court House, February 14, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In reply to the enclosed order from the Common Council requesting the Superintendent of Public Buildings, through His Honor the Mayor, to report an estimate of the cost of enlarging the wardroom, Ward 3, by extending the same the full length of the floor, etc., I will say that I have examined the building and find that the proposed alterations can be made for approximately six hundred (600) dollars.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES LOGUE,

Chief of Repairs Division.

Firemen's Memorial Day.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 17, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith for your information and consideration a petition from the authorized representatives of the several Veteran Firemen's Associations of Boston and the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department, requesting that the sum of \$500 be included in the annual appropriation order to defray the expenses of Firemen's Memorial Day.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Accompanying the message was the petition referred to.)

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

East Boston Tunnel.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 10, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from Boston Transit Commission in reply to your order requesting a report as to "what progress, if any, they have made in relation to the subway and tunnel to East Boston."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION,

20 Beacon street, February 5, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the request of the Common Council, dated January 20, and received through you at this office January 26, the Boston Transit Commission submits a copy of a report made to it by Chief Engineer of the progress of the work with relation to the East Boston tunnel, and also of a communication transmitted to the Legislature January 27.

Boston Transit Commission,

By GEORGE G. CROCKER, Chairman.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION,

PROGRESS ON STUDY FOR EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

20 Beacon street, February 4, 1898.

TO THE BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

GENTLEMEN: Two parties have been in the field since the latter part of last December making surveys near the shore in East Boston and Boston proper on parts of the proposed routes, of which correct plans do not exist. Additional borings have been made in East Boston and under the harbor.

A somewhat hastily prepared estimate of cost was made September 12, 1895. This plan contemplated one inclined approach to permit the surface cars to enter and leave the tunnel in Hanover street, near Prince street, and another in East Boston at Maverick square. According to the Act of 1897, however, the termination of the tunnel and approach near Prince street is not permissible, but the subway must be continued so as to connect with the present subway, thereby adding 2,000 feet

of structure to the tunnel contemplated in the estimate of 1895, and involving much additional expenditure.

The following routes are under consideration, and a first draft of the estimate of cost for each of these lines has been made. All of these routes connect with the present subway not far from Scollay square in Boston, and have a terminus in Maverick square, East Boston.

The next step is to select from these one route which seems on the whole to be the most advantageous in point of economy, directness and convenience of users. When this route has been selected, additional borings will be made and a more careful study made of the sewers, pipes, foundations of buildings and other features along the route which will affect the design and cost. All of these plans contemplate a double track subway (similar to that now under Cornhill), from the subway already existing to points not far from the harbor line. The part under the harbor will, according to the design under contemplation, consist of two single tubes. Each of the tubes is to be wide enough to accommodate a single line of surface or elevated cars of the ordinary size and admit of a narrow path on each side, which will allow passengers to walk in case the cars should be stopped for any reason. Each of the plans contemplates three new stations; one near Atlantic avenue and two others between Atlantic avenue and Washington street.

According to the first draft of these estimates the least expensive route will cost about three and three-fourths million dollars, and the most expensive about four million one hundred thousand dollars.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed.) H. A. CARSON, Chief Engineer.

DESCRIPTION OF ROUTES.

Route No. 1—Hanover street to Battery street, through Battery street to near the head-house on the Boston side of the North Ferry and under the harbor and private land in a direct line to Maverick square.

Route No. 2—Hanover street to Battery street, through Battery street to near the head-house on the Boston side of the North Ferry, passing across the harbor nearly due east to the lower part of Lewis street, and thence in that street.

Route No. 3—Hanover street to Fleet street, under Fleet street, Eastern avenue, to South Ferry head-house on Boston side, and under Lewis street, East Boston.

Route No. 4—Hanover street to Board alley, under private property, North street, Eastern avenue, to South Ferry head-house on Boston side, and under Lewis street, East Boston.

Route No. 5—Hanover, Blackstone and Clinton streets, and Lewis street, East Boston.

Route No. 6—Hanover street to Battery street, through Battery street to near the head-house on the Boston side of the North Ferry, passing northeasterly to near the head-house on the East Boston side of the ferry, and thence in Border and Sumner streets.

Route No. 7—Hanover street to Fleet street, under Fleet street, thence under private property and harbor in a direct line to Maverick square.

Route No. 8—Hanover street to Board alley, private property, North street to Fleet street, thence under private property in a direct line to Maverick square.

Route No. 9—In Friend street and Dock square (two single track branches) to Faneuil Hall, thence in South Market street to Atlantic avenue, and under Lewis street on the East Boston side.

All are indicated on the accompanying plan.

[For the report of the Transit Commission to the General Court, which is appended to the above, see THE CITY RECORD, page 107.]

MUNICIPAL CONCERTS.

The custom of providing free band concerts during the summer months, in their public parks, is now quite common in many municipalities in Great Britain. In certain large towns, e. g., Liverpool, Manchester and Leeds, the corporation maintains popular organ concerts to which the public is admitted at a nominal fee.

The following statements regarding municipal concerts in London and Glasgow are derived from official sources:

"Prior to the passing of the London Council (General Powers) Act, 1890, there was no power in the Council to provide music at any of their places if they had to make an expenditure in connection with the subject; but in the year 1890 they obtained the necessary power, and ever since music has been provided during the summer season at some of the parks and open spaces. In 1893 a further power was obtained, which enabled the Council not only to supply music at places under their control, but also at other public resorts within the county of London.

"At the time of the passing of the Act of 1890 there were only three band-stands, viz.: One at Finsbury park, erected by the late Metropolitan Board, and one erected by H. M. Office of Works at Victoria and Battersea parks, respectively. At the present date (1892) there are permanent band-stands at twenty-two different places, and, in addition, there are temporary stands of a more or less permanent nature at thirteen other places, where performances are given in the summer months. In exercise of their powers under the Act of 1893, the Council has supplied bands to play at some ten parks and recreation grounds, which are not under the Council's control.

"A list of the days and hours of band performances is printed annually, and sold to the public for 1d., and notification is duly made to the various newspapers. The season for band-playing usually consists of three months, between May and August.

"In addition to the bands, which are composed of first-class musicians, drawn from the best London orchestras by the Council, a number of volunteer and other bands are regularly engaged each year; all, however, having to receive the approval of the Council's musical adviser before being allowed to play, even gratuitously, at places under the Council's control, the provision of bands being looked upon to a great extent from an educational as well as from a merely amusing point of view."

The maintenance of free band concerts within the jurisdiction of the London County Council is under the general supervision of the Park Committee of the Council. Detailed arrangements for the concerts are in the hands of the Park Committee's chief officer, subject to the approval of the Band's Sub-committee. The Council voted the sum of £7,800 for music during the season 1897.

The Chief Officer's apportionment of the above-mentioned sum, as reported by him to the Band's Sub-committee, is given below.

The total cost of the arrangements is estimated at £7,395, the details of which are as follows:

Wages of Council's bondsmen, including librarian, attendants and wages at and costs of dress rehearsal	£3,580
Musical Adviser	140
Omnibuses for band	350
Uniforms for band	150
Music	50
Hired bands	2,530
National Sunday League	400
Peckham-Rye Sunday Band Association	100
Subsidized bands (Hampstead)	40
Hire of practice room	15
Repairs of instruments, etc.	20
Purchase of stands, etc.	20
Total	£7,395

Leaving £405 for contingencies and incidentals.

It would appear that during the summer of 1897, 798 band performances were given at forty-four different places. This year the band season will begin on May 12, and end on August 12, and then on Saturdays and Sundays only until September 5. The times of playing are between 5.30 to 8.30 P.M., until July and August, when the time is altered gradually from 5.30 to 4.15 P.M. In a few cases, also, band concerts are given from 1 to 2, 6 to 9 and 8 to 10 P.M., and there are extra performances on bank holidays.

The arrangements made call for concerts at various places to the number of five on Monday, three on Tuesday, seven on Wednesday, eighteen on Thursday, two on Friday, twelve on Saturday and fifteen on Sunday, during the season.

The following extract is taken from "Glasgow: Its Municipal Organization and Administration." Glasgow, 1896:

Popular music is at the present day provided by municipal enterprise for the people on quite a lavish scale. The corporation seeks not to interfere with the catering of the numerous organizations which, self-supporting and as a commercial speculation, provide music of various grades, for the different degrees of musical culture and appreciation in the city. They do not oppose the music hall at one end nor the orchestral concert at the other; but they find a vast mass of people living gray and sunless lives under our gray skies, and to these they seek to offer some relief from the monotony of their toil, and some of the inspiritment derivable from musical performances. So when the winter days are short and cheerless, the Magistrates and Council provide, in comfortable halls, Saturday afternoon concerts for the people; and in the long summer evenings bands enliven in turn every park of the city.

The beginning of these musical entertainments was humble and unpretentious; but they have grown to a place of no mean importance in the social fabric. Till quite recently Glasgow had among its officials a city organist; and about 1879 he, Mr. H. A. Lambeth, began giving Saturday afternoon organ recitals, in the City Hall, free during the winter season, under the auspices of the Bazaar Committee, which were attended by crowded audiences. About 1882 greater variety was introduced into these entertainments, and in the end regular concerts of popular vocal and instrumental music, interspersed with elocutionary readings, etc., were provided for the vast audience, who paid one penny for admission to the area, and threepence for the balconies. Since

1893 the National Halls, in the Gorbals, have been hired for Saturday afternoon concerts for the working population of the south side, and under the same management as the City Hall these became equally popular and successful.

The provision of these entertainments entails no loss on the part of the corporation; for, after paying all expenses, there generally remains a sufficient balance to form a moderate rent for the halls. It is interesting to note that the increasing experience of the corporation concerts has been attended with a remarkable development of true musical taste and appreciation, for while the concerts have increased in variety, even more distinctly they have risen in ambition of programme and quality of execution. The penny audiences have become half-crown critics.

The open-air performances of bands in the public parks, and in open squares, etc., which take place from May till the end of August, yearly, began in a similar tentative and experimental manner. They are under charge of the Parks Committee, who have, however, no statutory powers to provide and pay for such entertainments. At first, about the year 1873, only a few performances were given, principally by local volunteer bands, in the principal parks, and the expenditure in the form of actual outlay and gratuities to performers was very modest. But the demand for such performances increased; the appreciation of public music grew apace, and the service was organized on a scale adequate to the requirements of the city. Now varied performances are given almost nightly in one or other of the parks, and on Saturdays in them all; and during the season bands of the highest reputation are occasionally brought from London and other centres. The support given to band music has had a marked influence on the quality of the local volunteer and other bands, and the Parks Committee expend nearly £2,000 yearly in providing music, which is highly appreciated by vast crowds amid the pleasant surroundings of the parks and botanic gardens, and the various open spaces and pleasure grounds of Glasgow.

GLASGOW.

Population, 715,579; Rateable Value, £4,531,000; Area, 12,311 Acres.

Glasgow has led in several departments of municipal development, and its communal services to-day touch the interest and affect the well-being of a greater number of citizens than do similar institutions in other cities.

The Glasgow corporation has carried out bolder schemes and undertaken greater and newer enterprises than any other public body. The vast improvement scheme, which began in 1866, has revolutionized the physical and moral condition of the people. Beginning with the clearance of the most insanitary areas in the most densely crowded centres of the city, the Improvement Trust constructed wide streets where congested courts formerly stood; it presented the city with a magnificent park; it set an example twenty-five years ago in the

erection of municipal lodging-houses on a large scale; it has carried out great building schemes. While the policy of demolition and reconstruction was going on under the Improvement Trust, the Health Department adopted an admirable system of sanitary vigilance and beneficent coercion, which has all tended to improve the health and social condition of the people. The introduction of water supply from Loch Katrine was also of incalculable benefit.

IMMIGRANTS ARRIVED IN BOSTON IN JANUARY.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston, from transatlantic ports, for the month ending January 31, 1898:

NATIONALITY.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Fe-males.
France (including Corsica)	1	1	—
Germany	1	1	—
Netherlands	1	1	—
Norway	1	1	—
Russia (proper)	5	5	—
Finland	2	2	—
Sweden	7	7	—
Turkey in Europe	1	1	—
United Kingdom—			
England	98	61	37
Ireland	71	67	4
Scotland	11	7	4
Wales	1	—	1
Total from Europe	200	153	47
Quebec and Ontario	12	11	1
Nova Scotia	1	1	—
New Brunswick	2	2	—
Prince Edward Island	1	1	—
Total British N. American Possessions	16	15	1
West Indies other than Cuba	1	1	—
Total	1	1	—
Grand Total	217	169	48
Tourists or Passengers en route	15	—	—
Debarred Passengers	1	—	—
Total Immigration for the month	233	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	Males.	Fe-males.
Maine	2	—
New Hampshire	1	—
Massachusetts	156	44
Rhode Island	4	4
New York	3	—
Pennsylvania	2	—
Minnesota	1	—
Total	169	48

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

Senate Bills.

SENATE BILL No. 27 accompanies the petition of the Municipal League of Boston, for legislation to amend the charter of said city; referred to the Committees on Elections and Metropolitan Affairs, sitting jointly. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The registered voters of the City of Boston shall elect at every annual municipal election, under the same provisions of law, so far as applicable, as those under which the Mayor of said city is now elected, a President of the Board of Aldermen for the term of one year.

Sect. 2. Said voters shall elect, as aforesaid, at said election in the current year, six Aldermen at Large, three for the term of two years and three for the term of one year, and at every subsequent annual municipal election shall elect, as aforesaid, three Aldermen at Large for the term of two years, and such other Aldermen at Large for the unexpired balances of terms as may be necessary to fill vacancies.

Sect. 3. The City of Boston shall be, and hereby is, divided into twelve aldermanic districts; the first aldermanic district shall consist of wards one and two. The second aldermanic district shall consist of wards three, four and five. The third aldermanic district shall consist of wards six and eight. The fourth aldermanic district shall consist of wards seven and nine. The fifth aldermanic district shall consist of wards ten and nineteen. The sixth aldermanic district shall consist of wards eleven and twenty-five. The seventh aldermanic district shall consist of wards twelve and eighteen. The eighth aldermanic district shall consist of wards thirteen and fourteen. The ninth aldermanic district shall consist of wards fifteen and seventeen. The tenth aldermanic district shall consist of wards sixteen and twenty. The eleventh aldermanic district shall consist of wards twenty-one and twenty-two. The twelfth aldermanic district shall consist of wards twenty-three and twenty-four.

Said registered voters shall elect in each of these twelve aldermanic districts of said city at every annual municipal election, under the same provisions of law, so far as applicable, as those under which members of the Common Council of said city are now elected, one District Alderman for the term of one year.

Sect. 4. The President, six Aldermen at Large and twelve District Aldermen, elected as aforesaid, shall sit and act as one legislative body, and shall constitute the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. The term of each of said members of the Board of Aldermen shall begin with the first Monday of January next following his election, and on said day the members elect shall meet and be

sworn as now provided for members elect of the City Council of said city.

Sect. 5. Nominations of candidates for the President and other members of the Board of Aldermen in said city to be placed on the official election ballot, made by a political party which at the preceding annual State election polled for Governor at least three per cent. of the entire vote cast in the Commonwealth for that office, shall be so made only when the registered voters of the party in caucuses make nominations as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 6. Each registered voter of a ward, being a member of a party holding such caucus, shall at any such caucus in a ward be entitled to vote for one registered voter of said city as a candidate for President of the Board of Aldermen for the term of one year, three registered voters of the city as candidates for Aldermen at Large for the votes cast in the several wards of the district receives the highest number of said votes for for candidate for District Aldermen, as so determined, shall be placed on the official election ballot as the nomination of such party for District Alderman.

Sect. 7. Returns of the votes cast at such caucuses for such candidates shall be made to the Board of Election Commissioners of said city as returns of votes cast in elections are made, and said Board shall have the same powers and perform the same duties in relation to counting and tabulating such returns and determining the result of the votes cast at such caucuses as they have in relation to the votes cast in the several precincts at elections.

Sect. 8. All provisions of the law relating to caucuses and elections and to the votes cast therein not inconsistent herewith shall apply to caucuses for the nomination, and to elections of Aldermen, and to the votes cast at such caucuses and elections.

Sect. 9. The President of the Board of Aldermen shall when present preside at the meetings thereof; shall from time to time designate some member thereof to preside in his absence and when he leaves the chair; shall appoint the chairman and other members of committees to the number fixed by the Board; shall be chairman of every committee authorized to recommend appropriations or to prepare rules; shall have the direction of the officers appointed by him or subject to his approval or elected by the Board; and may with the approval of the Board remove them from office; shall in the month of November of each year make a report, which shall be printed as a city document, giving a summary of the work of the City Council for the current municipal year; and his succession to the office of Mayor shall constitute a vacancy in the office of Chairman.

Sect. 10. The salary of the Chairman, paid in monthly payments, shall be \$2,000 per annum, or such salary as the City Council shall by ordinance prescribe, no change of such salary to take effect during the municipal year in which the change is made; each of the other members of the Board shall be paid in monthly payments, a salary equal to the salary now provided by law for members of the Board of Aldermen of said city.

Sect. 11. The Board of Aldermen shall be the judge of the election and qualifica-

tion of its members; shall from time to time establish rules for its proceedings; shall, when a vacancy occurs in the office of President, elect by vote of a majority of all the members, some registered voter of said city not then a member to be President of the Board of Aldermen for the remainder of the municipal year; shall, when a vacancy occurs in the office of any member, elect by vote of a majority of all the members a registered voter of said city to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the municipal year.

Sect. 12. All acts and parts of acts providing for the election of Aldermen of said city, or inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Act are hereby annulled.

Sect. 13. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 31 is a bill accompanying the petition of James E. Hayes that the Corporation Counsel and the City Solicitor of the City of Boston may be elected by the voters for terms of three years; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL AND THE CITY SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Corporation Counsel and the City Solicitor of the City of Boston shall be chosen at a regular municipal election commencing with the municipal election of 1897 and triennially thereafter under the same general provisions of law governing the election of other municipal officers, except that the term of service for each shall be for a period of three years.

Sect. 2. The duties now assigned their respective offices by the ordinances of said city shall remain such until altered, amended or repealed as the City Council may from time to time by ordinance provide.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon passage.

SENATE BILL No. 34 was introduced on leave by Senator Rourke of Suffolk; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF CERTAIN LAND TAKEN FOR PUBLIC PARK PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Mayor of said city, to sell a parcel of land containing 921.9 square feet, situated on the northwesterly side of the Back Bay fens, at the junction of Audubon road and Peterborough street, in said city, and to apply the proceeds of the sale to the payment of other lands taken by said city for park purposes.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 70 accompanies the petition of the Boston Belting Company and the Mayor of the City of Boston for legislation authorizing said city to acquire the water rights owned by said company in Stony brook and its tributaries; referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO STONY BROOK IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston may, by its Mayor, agree with the Boston Belting Company, to deprive, and may thereafter deprive, said Boston Belting Company of its rights in and to the waters of Stony brook in said city and the tributaries thereof, upon such terms and conditions as to compensation in money, or in other supply of water, or upon such other terms and conditions as they may mutually agree upon, and to refer any and all matters in dispute between said city and said company, arising out of the rights, privileges or acts of either or both of them upon said brook or its tributaries, to such assessors or arbitrators and upon such terms as they may actually agree upon.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 71 accompanies the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston for legislation relative to the locating, laying out and constructing of highways in said city with special reference to the date at which interest on assessments shall be made; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE LAYING OUT AND CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 16 of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891, as amended by Section 9 of Chapter 418 of the Acts of the year 1892, is hereby amended by striking out lines 9 to 17, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the words: "of the completion of the work done under the aforesaid order of said Street Commissioners, as determined by said Commissioners at the rate of five per centum per annum, the Board of Assessors of said city shall include a sum equal to nine per centum of such amount in the next and succeeding annual tax-bills issued for the tax on said parcel, and in the tax-bill issued the first year shall also include interest on the whole of said amount at the rate of five per centum per annum from the date of the completion of the work, determined as aforesaid to the last day of October of."

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 81 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARLES RIVER EMBANKMENT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Any real estate in the City of Boston which, in the opinion of the Board of Park Commissioners of said city receives any benefit and advantage from any work done under authority of Chapter 344 of the Acts of the year 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, beyond the general advantages to all real estate in the City of Boston, may, after a like notice to parties interested, as is provided by law to be given by the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston in cases of the laying out of streets in said city, be assessed by said Board for a proportional share of the expense incurred in carrying out such work, provided, however, that the entire amount so assessed shall not exceed one-half the expense of said work. The provisions of Sections 16 and 17 of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, as amended or added to, shall, so far as applicable, apply to any amount so assessed.

Sect. 2. In order to defray any expenses, not exceeding \$500,000 in all, that may be incurred by said Board of Park Commissioners in doing the work authorized by said Act, in the rear of Beacon street, the City Treasurer of said city shall from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, issue notes, bonds or scrip of said city, running for a period not exceeding thirty years, as said Treasurer shall determine, up to said amount, but no more than \$200,000 of said bonds shall be issued in any one year.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 93 is a bill to accompany the petition of the Mayor of the City of Everett for legislation compelling the City of Boston to rebuild the Malden Bridge, so called, over the Mystic River; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MALDEN BRIDGE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized and required within three years after the passage of this Act to construct and complete a bridge across Mystic River, at, upon or near the present site of the so-called Malden Bridge, and the Board of Street Commissioners of said city shall take in fee any lands the Board may deem necessary to enable the city to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Sect. 2. Said bridge shall not be less than one hundred feet in width, and shall be constructed of stone or iron, or both, with stone piers and abutments; shall be suitable for ordinary travel, and shall be built in such places and on such plans and with a draw of such opening not less than forty feet in width as the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners shall approve, and shall be constructed and maintained subject to the provisions of Chapter 19 of the Public Statutes, and all other laws which now are, or hereafter may be, in force relating to bridges over tide water except that no compensation for displacement of tide water or for occupying any lands or flats of the Commonwealth shall be required from said city.

Sect. 3. The cost of constructing said bridge shall be paid by the City of Boston,

and for the purpose or paying said cost the Treasurer of said city shall on the request of the Mayor, from time to time, issue notes, bonds or scrip of the City of Boston in excess of the limit allowed by law, and use the proceeds to meet the expenses incurred under this Act; such scrip or bonds shall bear such interest payable semi-annually, not exceeding four per centum per annum, and be payable at such times, not less than ten nor more than forty years from their date, as shall be determined by said Treasurer.

Sect. 4. The City of Boston shall maintain and keep said bridge in repair and maintain and operate the draw thereon, and be liable under the limitations of law for all damages for which towns are liable, resulting from or recovered by reason of any defect or want of repair of the same.

Sect. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bills.

HOUSE BILL No. 340 is a bill accompanying the petition of C. F. Kittredge; referred to the Committee on Liquor Law. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO GRANTING LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. For the purpose of determining the number of licenses of the first five classes which may be issued for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, the said city is hereby divided territorially into eight districts, each to be composed of the wards hereinafter named by their numbers, or as they may hereafter be changed, in their territorial limits.

Sect. 2. District number one, to be known as the East Boston district, shall include wards numbered one and two. District number two, to be known as the Charlestown district, shall include wards numbered three, four and five. District number three, to be known as the Boston district, shall include wards numbered six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven and twelve. District number four, to be known as the South Boston district, shall include wards numbered thirteen, fourteen and fifteen. District number five, to be known as the Dorchester district shall include wards numbered sixteen, twenty and twenty-four. District number six, to be known as the Roxbury district, shall include wards numbered seventeen, eighteen, nineteen and twenty-one. District number seven, to be known as the West Roxbury district, shall be composed of wards numbered twenty-two and twenty-three. District number eight, to be known as the Brighton district, shall be composed of ward numbered twenty-five.

Sect. 3. The Board of Police of the City of Boston may grant licenses of the first five classes for the sale of intoxicating liquors in any district of said city in accordance with existing provisions of law, subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

First. There shall be printed upon all ballots used at the municipal elections of the City of Boston the name of the district as specified in section two of this Act, in which

the ballot is to be cast, with an enumeration of the wards comprising such district and an interrogatory in the following form: "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this district," and the ballot shall be "yes" or "no" in answer to said question.

Second. If a majority of the votes cast at any municipal election, in any district of the City of Boston, shall be "no" in answer to said question, the Board of Police of said city shall not grant any license of the first five classes in such district or districts, for the license year next ensuing, nor until a majority of the votes cast in said district or districts shall be "yes" in answer to said question.

Third. If a majority of the votes cast at any municipal election shall be "yes" in answer to said question, in any such district or districts, then the Board of Police may grant licenses of the first five classes in such districts and according to the combined population of such districts only.

Sect. 5. All existing laws relating to balloting, the ballots cast, the return of votes, the preservation of ballots and recounts, shall apply to the said districts, and all laws inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sect. 6. This Act shall take effect as to voting at the next annual city election, and as to granting licenses at the end of the then current license year.

HOUSE BILL No. 363 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Citizen's Law and Order League; referred to the committee on Liquor Law.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT LIMITING THE NUMBER OF PLACES WHICH MAY BE LICENSED FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 340 of the Acts of the year 1888 is hereby amended in the seventh, eighth and ninth lines, by striking out the words "except in the City of Boston one such place may be licensed for each five hundred of the population," so that the first twelve lines of said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

"Section 1. In all towns and cities which vote to grant licenses of the first five classes, described in Section 10 of Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes, to sell intoxicating liquors, the number of places licensed for the sale of such liquors shall not exceed one for each one thousand of the population, as ascertained by the last preceding national or state census. No more than one such place shall be licensed by any one vote of the Licensing Board. Such places shall be numbered in regular order as granted, and any license granted contrary to, or in excess of, the provisions of this Act shall be void."

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 365 is a bill accompanying the petition of the New England Department of the Church Temperance Society; referred to the Committee on Liquor Law. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PLACES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 340 of the Acts of the year 1888 is hereby amended by striking out the word "five" in the eighth line of said section and inserting in place thereof the word "seven," so as to read as follows: "Section 1. In all towns and cities which vote to grant licenses of the first five classes described in Section 10 of Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes, to sell intoxicating liquors, the number of places licensed for the sale of such liquors shall not exceed one for each one thousand of the population, as ascertained by the last preceding national or state census, except that in the City of Boston one such place may be licensed for each seven hundred of the population. No more than one such place shall be licensed by any one vote of the Licensing Board; such licenses shall be numbered in regular order as granted, and any license granted contrary to or in excess of the provisions of this Act, shall be void: provided, that in towns having an increase of resident population during the summer months, the Selectmen may, during the month of June, cause a census to be taken, and may grant one such license for each five hundred of said resident population, as ascertained by said special census, to take effect on the fifteenth day of June and to expire on the fifteenth day of September following; but no such license shall be granted unless the town at its last annual town meeting votes 'yes' in answer to the question 'Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?'"

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 575 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the city of Cambridge; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXTENSION OF THE SUBWAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. In case the Boston Elevated Railway Company shall not within three months after the passage of this Act have requested the Boston Transit Commission or the City of Boston to construct the additional subway for which provision is made in Section 5 of Chapter 500 of the Acts of the year 1897, and shall not within said period have made with said Commission or city the agreement referred to in said Section 5, said Commission shall forthwith thereafter construct the incline, open cut and subway for which provision is made in said Section 5, and may take for the City of Boston the lands for the taking of which provision is made in said Section 5, and construct the highway referred to therein.

The damages occasioned to any person by such taking may be assessed and recovered in like manner as in the taking of land for highways in said City of Boston.

Sect. 2. The Boston Transit Commission may lease said subway, incline and open cut to the Boston Elevated Railway Company, for the term, at the rental and upon the provisions referred to in said Section 5, the provisions of which lease shall be subject to the

approval of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, and said company shall in the event of making such lease pay to the City of Boston all expenses then or thereafter incurred by it by reason of said takings of land and of the construction of said highway, including as part of such expenses interest at the rate of four per centum per annum from the date of any expenditure for any of such purposes to the date of payment of the same.

Sect. 3. When said subway, open cut and incline shall have been completed sufficiently to permit the laying of rails for surface cars on said incline and in said subway, said Transit Commission shall notify said Boston Elevated Railway Company of the fact, and if said company shall fail to signify to said Commission within thirty days after receipt of such notice, its readiness to take said lease, to equip said incline and subway for the running of surface cars therein, and to operate the same for the running of surface cars until such time as it is ready to operate the same for the running of the trains or cars of its elevated railroad, it shall be deemed to have waived its right to a lease of said subway and incline, and it shall likewise be deemed to have waived said right in case it shall fail to execute said lease within a reasonable time after the same shall have been prepared and presented to it for execution by said Commission.

Sect. 4. The provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 440 of the Acts of the year 1895, and of Section 18 of Chapter 500 of the Acts of the year 1897 shall apply to the subway, incline and open cut constructed under the provisions of this Act.

Sect. 5. In case the Boston Transit Commission shall cease to exist prior to the fulfillment of all the provisions of this Act, the powers herein and hereby conferred upon said commission shall devolve upon and may be exercised by the Board of Railroad Commissioners of this Commonwealth.

Sect. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 589 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO FINISH THE CONSTRUCTION OF ITS PUBLIC PARKS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston shall complete the construction of the public parks of said city, other than playgrounds, and to pay the expenses incurred therefor, including payments for land, the City Treasurer shall, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, issue to the total amount of \$1,400,000, notes, bonds or script of said city, payable thirty years from their date, and bearing interest at such rate not exceeding four per centum per annum and the interest payable at such times as shall be fixed by said Treasurer; provided, however, that the total amount of such bonds issued in any one year shall not exceed \$400,000, and the indebtedness incurred under this Act shall not be taken into account in determining the debt limit of said city. Any loan author-

ized by the City Council of said city for the purposes aforesaid, since the first day of January, 1898, shall not be taken into account in determining the debt limit of said city, but the loan above authorized shall be reduced by such amount.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 631 is a bill accompanying the petition of G. W. R. Harriman; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF TENEMENT HOUSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 239, of the Acts of the year 1895, is hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. Section 108, Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1892, is hereby amended by adding in the first line after the word "building," the words "of the first class," and after the word "no" in the second line, by adding the words "first class," and by adding at the end thereof the words: "A clear space open from the ground to the sky shall be maintained across the whole rear of every such tenement or lodging-house, not of the first-class, and of a depth equal to one-half of the width of the street in front of such building, provided that such space need not exceed the depth of twenty feet, and provided, further, that an equivalent area of open space in the rear of such building may be provided of different dimensions with the consent of the Inspector of Buildings. No tenement-house of the second-class hereafter erected or enlarged for such purposes, shall occupy above the level of the second floor more than sixty-five one-hundredths parts of the area of the lot as measured as aforesaid, so as to read as follows:

"Section 108. No building of the first-class hereafter erected or converted to use as a tenement or lodging-house, and no first-class building hereafter enlarged for said purposes shall occupy above the level of the second floor more than three-fourths of the area of the lot measured to the middle line of the street or streets or passageways, on which it abuts. Every such building shall have at least two exposures on land of the owner or as part of public ways, open spaces of at least ten feet in width, which spaces shall have an aggregate length of one foot for every twenty-five square feet of superficial area occupied by the building. Such spaces shall be open to the sky, and shall remain undiminished as long as the building is occupied as a tenement or lodging-house. A clear space open from the ground to the sky shall be maintained across the whole rear of every such tenement or lodging-house, not of the first-class, and of a depth equal to one-half of the width of the street in front of such building, provided that such space need not exceed the depth of twenty feet; and provided, further, that an equivalent area of open space in the rear of such building may be provided of different dimensions with the consent of the Inspector of Buildings. No tenement-house of the second-class hereafter erected or enlarged for such purposes shall occupy above the level of the second floor more than sixty-

five one-hundredths parts of the area of the lot measured as aforesaid."

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 633 is a bill accompanying the petition of Henry M. Jarvis; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 175 OF THE ACTS OF 1897 RELATIVE TO BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 116 of Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1892, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 175 of the Acts of the year 1897, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "conditions" the words "as to safety," and by inserting before the words "may refuse such permit," the words "if unable from the nature of the case to impose conditions reasonably calculated to insure safety," so that said Section 116 shall read as follows:

"Section 116. No building shall be used for a grain elevator or for the storage or manufacture of high combustibles or explosives, or for chemical or rendering works, and no engine, dynamo, boiler or furnace shall be placed in any building without a permit from the Inspector, and every application for such permit shall be filed with the Inspector in writing, and shall set forth the character of the building, the size, power and purpose of the apparatus, and such other information as the Inspector may require. The Inspector may, after an examination of the premises described in the application, and hearing the applicant and any objectors, issue a permit for placing a boiler or furnace on such premises, on such conditions as to safety as he shall deem just and proper, or, if unable from the nature of the case to impose conditions reasonably calculated to insure safety, may refuse such permit, and the applicant for other than a boiler or furnace shall publish notice of the application in at least two daily newspapers published in the City of Boston, and at least three days in each, and, if so directed by the Inspector, shall also post conspicuously on the premises a copy of the application and deliver copies thereof to such persons as the Inspector may direct, and file an affidavit with the Inspector that notice has been given as required."

Sect. 2. Section 117 of said Chapter 419, as amended by said Section 1 of said Chapter 175, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words "But if such objection is filed," the words "or, in the absence of such objection, if the applicant so requests."

Sect. 3. Section 119 of said Chapter 419, as amended by said Section 1 of said Chapter 175, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "conditions," where it first occurs in said section, the words "as to safety," and by striking out the words "just and proper," and inserting in place thereof the words "reasonably calculated to insure safety," so that said Section 119 shall read as follows:

"Section 119. The Inspector may from time to time, after public notice and hearing, prescribe conditions as to safety on which any or all boilers or furnaces may be maintained in buildings, and if any person interested objects to such conditions and appeals from

the decision of the Inspector establishing the same, the appeal shall be referred to the Commission specified in the preceding sections, and thereupon said Commission shall prescribe such conditions as they shall deem reasonably calculated to insure safety."

HOUSE BILL, No. 668 is a bill accompanying the petition of C. W. Bartlett; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENSIONING OF WAR VETERANS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Police of the City of Boston shall at his own request retire from active service, and place upon a pension-roll any member of the Police Department who has performed faithful service in said Department for a period of not less than twenty years, if the officer making said request shall have served either as a soldier or as a sailor during the War of the Rebellion, and who has received an honorable discharge, provided said officer shall have arrived at the age of fifty-seven years.

Sect. 2. The amount of the annual pension allowed to any person retired under the provisions of the first section shall be one-third of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of such retirement, the same to be paid by the City of Boston.

Sect. 3. The provisions of this Act are in addition to and not in repeal of any act now in force relative to pensioning members of such force. This Act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City Council of the City of Boston.

HOUSE BILL No. 669 is a bill accompanying the petition of C. H. Brigham; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE BETTER ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TRAFFIC ON TREMONT STREET IN BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

That Section 35 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1894 and amended by Chapter 492 of the Acts of 1896 be further amended by striking out of the first sentence thereof all that portion following the word "companies" in the fifth line and substituting in place thereof the following sentence, namely, "Said Commissioners shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, allow cars upon surface tracks on Tremont street between Boylston street and Scollay square in such numbers as shall best accommodate traffic on Tremont street."

HOUSE BILL No. 678 accompanies the petition of J. R. Graham; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO UNITE THE CITY OF QUINCY WITH THE CITY OF BOSTON.

The bill sets forth with great fulness and particularity, the conditions in accordance

with which the proposed consolidation of the two cities is to be effected.

HOUSE BILL No. 685 accompanies the petition of the President of the School Committee of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ERECT BUILDINGS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES NOT FIRE-PROOF.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 24 of Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1892, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 413 of the Acts of the year 1897, is hereby amended by striking out in the fifth line the words "or school-houses," and adding at the end of said section the words, "Every permanent building hereafter erected as a school-house within the building limits shall be a first-class building," so that said section shall read as follows:

"Section 24. Every building hereafter erected over seventy feet in height shall be a first-class building, and this provision shall apply to all buildings hereafter increased in height to over seventy feet. Every building hereafter erected or enlarged, or converted to use as a hotel, shall be a first-class building, and every tenement or lodging-house hereafter erected shall be a first-class building. Every permanent building hereafter erected as a school-house within the building limits shall be a first-class building."

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 747 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of Boston; referred to the Committee on Manufactures. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO OPERATION BY CITIES AND TOWNS OF ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 370 of the Acts of the year 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, shall not be so construed as to prevent or prohibit any city or town operating an electric plant in any of its public buildings and furnishing electricity therefrom to any other public building, park or common, but any city or town may operate an electric light plant and furnish electricity therefrom as aforesaid.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 750 is a bill accompanying the petition of John A. Keliher; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO NOMINATION OF SENATORS IN COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. In the county of Suffolk all nominations for senator shall be made by direct plurality vote at party caucuses held in the wards in the several senatorial districts as now established by law; nominations for senator to be placed upon the official caucus

ballot for said caucuses may be made only by nomination papers bearing the signatures of at least one registered voter for every two hundred votes cast for Governor at the next preceding election of Governor, and filed with the Board of Election Commissioners in the City of Boston as now required by law to be filed with the City Committee of a political party in the City of Boston. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes at such caucuses within a senatorial district shall be declared the nominee. No person shall sign caucus nomination papers for more than one candidate.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 825 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR A UNION STATION FOR PASSENGERS ON RAILROADS ENTERING THE SOUTHERLY PART OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. For the purpose of paying any expenses incurred by the City of Boston in carrying out the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of the year 1896, the City Treasurer of said city is hereby authorized, on the request of the Mayor, to issue and sell notes, bonds or scrip of said city for the purpose of paying such expenses, to run for such terms, not exceeding five years, as said Treasurer shall determine, to an amount not exceeding \$750,000 in addition to the notes, bonds or scrip already authorized to be issued for such purpose, and such additional notes, bonds or scrip shall be inside of the debt limit of said city.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 910 is a bill accompanying the petition of James Waldo; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws, sitting jointly. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The Board of Common Council shall consist of fifty-one members—citizens of Boston—elected annually; two from each ward and one at large. Candidates for this office must be at least thirty years old, must have had a high school or equivalent education, and must be of well-known and certified capacity and integrity of character.

The Board of Aldermen shall consist of thirteen members, to be elected annually, from districts of not less than two, nor more than three, wards. No two wards to have more than one member thereon. Candidates for this Board shall be at least forty years old, of thorough business education and experience, commercial, professional, trade, or scientific, and of well-known and attested integrity. The members of the two branches of the City Council shall serve without pay; necessary expenses while on duty to be determined and defrayed by the

city. The two branches shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

The candidates for Mayor shall be subject to same conditions as Board of Aldermen, except salary.

All nominations for these offices shall be published at least two weeks before election, and shall be subject to challenge by any citizen showing cause therefor.

HOUSE BILL No. 915 (formerly House, No. 410) as passed to be engrossed. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PLOTTING AND LAYING OUT OF STREETS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, from time to time, after public notice and hearing, and with the approval of the Mayor, may make a new plan or plans to take the place of any plan that has been made by the Board of Survey of said city, or that has been or may hereafter be made by the Board of Street Commissioners of said city under authority of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891, or acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, or under any other authority, and may make changes on any plan or plans that have been, or that may hereafter be, made as aforesaid, or on any plan or plans that may hereafter be made as aforesaid to take the place of any plan aforesaid; and the last plan so made, or the plan with the changes last made thereon, being filed in the office of the City Engineer of said city, shall be the plan in accordance with which all highways within the territory shown on such plan shall be laid out, located anew, altered or widened, or constructed under the provisions of said Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891, and acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, or under the provisions of any other authority.

Sect. 2. Section 1 of Chapter 439 of the Acts of the year 1894, is amended by striking out in the twenty-third line the words: "not lower than City of Boston grade seventeen;" so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, when it lays out and constructs Boylston street, between Back Bay fens and Brookline avenue, in said city, shall do so under the provisions of Chapter 339 of the Acts of the year 1893, and when it lays out and constructs any other way in that part of said city, bounded by said Back Bay fens, Brookline avenue and the Boston and Albany railroad, shall do so under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891 and acts in addition thereto or in amendment thereof, and according to the directions and widths shown on the plan marked "Back Bay Lands, Pierre Humbert, Jr., City Surveyor, April 10, 1894," on file in the office of the City Surveyors of said city, but may at any time at its discretion, lay out and construct any way less than thirty feet in width in a different location and of a different width than as shown on said plan. Said Board may, under the provisions of said acts and of this Act, lay out and construct as public ways any and all the ways shown on said plan according to the directions and widths shown thereon,

and on such grades as said Board shall deem that the public necessity and convenience require.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

February 14, 1898.

Passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

JAMES W. KIMBALL, Clerk.

HOUSE BILL NO. 919 is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO STREETS AND LANDS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF PARKS, PARKWAYS AND BOULEVARDS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston may authorize connections to be made of public ways with any boundary road of any public park or with any parkway or boulevard now or hereafter placed under the charge of said Board according to such directions, widths and grades and with such curb and other surface construction for the parts of such ways situated within the distance of 500 feet from a park, parkway or boulevard as they shall prescribe, whether any such directions, widths and grades are shown on any plan, or whether any such way has been laid out or constructed under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891; and Acts in amendment or addition thereto or otherwise.

Sect. 2. Said Board of Park Commissioners shall have power to plant trees, place seats, standpipes, drinking fountains and works of art on said parts of ways, and may establish reasonable rules and regulations relating to the height and the character of fences placed upon and the displaying of advertisements upon said parts of ways, as they shall deem the public interests require.

Sect. 3. Any person violating any such rules or regulations shall for each day that such violation continues forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding \$20.

HOUSE BILL NO. 925 is entitled:

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO CONTINUE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ITS PUBLIC PARKS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston shall continue the construction of the public parks of said city, other than playgrounds, and to pay the expenses to be incurred therefor, including payments for land, the City Treasurer shall, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, issue to the total amount of \$500,000, notes, bonds or script of said city, payable thirty years from their date, and bearing interest at such rate not exceeding four per centum per annum and the interest to be payable at such times as shall be fixed by said Treasurer; provided, however, that the total amount of such bonds so issued shall not exceed \$500,000, and the indebtedness incurred under this Act shall not be taken into account in determining the debt

limit of said city. Any loan authorized by the City Council of said city for the purposes aforesaid since the first day of January, 1898, shall not be taken into account in determining the debt limit of said city, but the loan above authorized shall be reduced by such amount.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

[The above Bill has been reported by the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying Bill, House, No. 589, see CITY RECORD, p. 62) of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, for legislation to enable said city to finish the construction of its Public Parks.]

HOUSE BILL NO. 926 is entitled:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ISSUE BONDS FOR TAKING OF LAND FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City Treasurer of the City of Boston, to pay the expenses of building and furnishing High and Latin Schools in said city, of taking land therefor, shall, from time to time, on the request of the School Committee of said city, issue and sell negotiable bonds of said city to an amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars in the year 1899, three hundred thousand dollars in the year 1900, and two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in the year 1901, which shall all be within the debt limit, and in addition to the bonds heretofore authorized for similar purposes. The proceeds of said bonds shall be expended in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 408 of the Acts of the year 1895; but the said School Committee may, during any year, make contracts for the payment of the whole or any part of the amounts to be issued in a subsequent year under this Act.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

[The above Bill has been reported by the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 673. See CITY RECORD, p. 88) of the President of the School Committee of the City of Boston for legislation to enable said School Committee to provide additional school accommodations.]

HOUSE BILL NO. 932 is a bill accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DISABLED FIREMEN IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 258 of the Acts of 1873 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The City of Boston may expend for the relief of firemen disabled in the service of the city any sum not exceeding \$3,000 annually, in addition to the sums which may be paid for pensions."

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

Special Notices.

POLICE INSTRUCTIONS IN RESPECT TO LIQUOR LICENSES.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE,
No. 37 Pemberton square,

February 8, 1898.

The Board of Police of the City of Boston is now ready to receive applications at their office for licenses to sell intoxicating liquors, under the Public Statutes and amendments thereto, and hereby give notice that the fees of licenses have been fixed to the following rates for the year commencing May 1, 1898, and ending April 30, 1899:

For licenses of the first class, to sell all kinds of intoxicating liquors, to be drunk on the premises:	
Innholders	\$2,000
Common Victuallers	1,100
For licenses of the second and third class, to sell malt liquors, cider and light wines, containing not more than 15 per centum of alcohol, to be drunk on the premises:	
Common Victuallers	500
For licenses of the fourth class, to sell all kinds of liquors and to bottle distilled liquors, not to be drunk on the premises:	
Grocers	600
Wholesale Druggists	300
(a.) Wholesale dealers (only to be issued in conjunction with a first class victualler license),	300
(b.) Wholesale dealer	1,000
For licenses of the fourth class, to distillers	1,000
For licenses of the fifth class, to sell malt liquors, cider and light wines, containing not more than 15 per centum of alcohol, not to be drunk on the premises:	
Bottlers, issued only in conjunction with another class of license	500
Brewers	1,000
For licenses of the sixth class, to druggists	1
Special club license	300

Licenses cannot be transferred during the year from one person to another.

The Board of Police requests that all persons now holding licenses, and expecting to have them renewed for the ensuing year, will prepare their applications immediately and have them ready to file on the first of March. And the Board hereby gives notice that licenses will be issued in April, and that all persons doing business are required to have their licenses posted in their places of business the first day of May.

AUGUSTUS P. MARTIN,
ROBERT F. CLARK,
CHARLES P. CURTIS, JR.,
Board of Police.

Fire Department.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol Street, February 16, 1898.

Owing to the testimony of officers and men, relating to the duty performed by Ladderman W. H. Hawkins of Ladder Company 17, at the fire on Merrimac street, February 5, the order for his forfeiture of one (1) week's pay is hereby rescinded.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Hospital Department.

City Hospital, February 21, 1898.

The following-named gentlemen, after a competitive examination, were nominated by the visiting staff, and have been confirmed by the Trustees as house-officers:

Frederick R. Cummings, first medical; William W. Duckering, second medical; William E. Currier, third medical; Arthur I. Weil (to fill unexpired term), fourth medical; Russell H. Birge, first surgical; Luther G. Paul, second surgical; Stanton S. Eddy, third surgical; George B. Magrath, pathological.

The coal-pocket, which has just been erected by a special appropriation of the City Council, is practically completed and ready to receive coal at the City Hospital wharf, in the rear of the hospital, on the Roxbury canal.

The ten estates on Massachusetts avenue, corner of Harrison avenue, which were recently seized by the City of Boston, have all been torn down and removed, and piles are being driven for the Ann White Vose building for nurses.

Census of the Hospital February 21, 1898:

Number of patients in Hospital	485
Number of patients in South Department,	141
Number of patients in Convalescent Home	28
Total	654

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Award of Contract.

City Hospital, February 21, 1898.

Proposals for supplying the Boston City Hospital with 1,200 to 1,500 tons of coal were opened at the Hospital on Monday, February 21, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon. The proposals were as follows:

	Per ton.
Joseph S. Burton & Co.:	
Honey Brook Lehigh broken coal	\$4 17
J. A. Bradford & Co.:	
Beaver Meadow broken coal	3 97
Philadelphia & Reading coal	4 00
Hazeltan Lehigh coal	4 17
Sturtevant, Norton & Co.:	
Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company's hard white ash broken	4 15
Garfield & Proctor Coal Company:	
Beaver Meadow Lehigh broken	3 97
Edward M. Alden:	
Honey Brook Lehigh coal	4 24
Glen Lackawanna coal	3 99
Edward B. Townsend:	
Reading hard white ash coal	4 00
Buck Mountain vein coal	4 10
Hazeltan coal	4 17
Hanson & Parker, limited:	
Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company's hard white ash coal, or Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company's Wilkesbarre coal, or Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company's Honey Brook Lehigh coal	4 10
H. & A. Morse & Co.:	
Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company's hard white ash broken coal	4 03

The contract was awarded to J. A. Bradford & Co., the Garfield & Proctor Coal Company having withdrawn in their favor.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Special Communications.**COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR
TO HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS**

Circular No. 34.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: Your attention is called to the provisions of Chapter 320 of the Acts of 1889, providing that "to meet the liabilities of the several departments incurred in the carrying on of the work entrusted to them, until the City Government shall otherwise order, expenditures may be made, and liabilities may be incurred," not exceeding "one-third the entire amount appropriated for the department the previous year." As there is likely, owing in part to pending legislation at the State House, to be some further delay in making the appropriations for the several departments for the current financial year, your attention is called to this limitation, and you are further informed that, as the aggregate amount to be appropriated for all of the departments for the current year is only about equal to the aggregate expenditure of the departments for the past financial year, the rate of expenditure of your department must not exceed, unless by express authority from me, its rate of expenditure during the last financial year. In short, the financial situation of the city does not permit the incurring of any expenditures by any department upon the assumption that such department will receive a larger appropriation than its total expenditure, including both appropriations and transfers, for the last financial year.

Please see that this direction is strictly complied with, and that no expenditures are incurred or contracts made in excess of the above-named rate of expenditure until such time as the appropriations for the several departments are made.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

February 21, 1898.

LEGAL ACTIONS.**Law Department.**

The list of new cases entered in the Supreme Court during the week ending February 14, 1898, in which the City of Boston was defendant, is as follows:

Boston Belting Company, taking Stony Brook water, etc. Mary J. Cunningham, John Dolan, Mary Dolan, Albert Gaddy, Mary Hayes, John Marshall, Patrick McDermott, Margaret McDermott, William A. Mc-

Gowan, Rachael Pearlman, Mary E. Rush, all actions of tort. George W. Lally, Bridget M. Lally, Catherine Murphy, nuisance by sewer. Jessie Young, overflowing land. Z. Taylor Cushman, for benefit of Levi A. Dame, pay as paymaster.

In the following cases the City of Boston was trustee:

Patrick O'Riordan vs. Richardson & Young, Thomas Ryan vs. Schnailer & Schnigler, Frank J. Reddican vs. E. A. Tracy, Joseph F. Wilson vs. C. H. Shute, George M. Sherman vs. James Donovan, Webster Oil & Gasolene Company vs. A. T. Young et al.

FISHER AMES, Clerk.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending February 12, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	22.9
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	24.8
Number of deaths:	
Males	123
Females	110
Total	233
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	247
Decrease	14

Of 233 decedents, 225 were white and 8 colored; 160 were born in the United States and 73 in foreign countries; 63 were of American parentage and 149 of foreign parentage; parentage unknown, 21.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	41	4
Scarlatina	17	0
Typhoid fever	5	4
Measles	29	0
Total	92	8

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	24
Pneumonia	34
Heart disease	17
Bronchitis	11
Marasmus	7
Violent causes	18

Total from principal causes	111
Total from infectious diseases	92
Total from all other causes	30
Total from all causes	233
Deaths of children under 1 year	35
Deaths of children under 5 years	57
Deaths of persons under 60 years	54
Deaths in public institutions	37

Department Communications.

Building Department.

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER,
Old Court House, February 19, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending February 12, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		Brick Buildings.	Wooden Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	6	4		
2...	-	3	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	2	
3...	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	2		
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	
6...	2	7	1	3	-	1	3	-	6	25	
7...	-	10	-	-	1	10	-	13	54		
8...	-	5	-	-	-	6	1	-	14		
9...	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	3	22		
10...	-	24	-	-	-	24	1	4	22		
11...	1	2	-	-	-	2	1	4	39		
12...	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	23		
13...	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	3	6		
14...	-	1	-	1	-	1	4	2	18		
15...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	9		
16...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	8		
17...	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	9		
18...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15		
19...	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	9		
20...	2	1	3	-	10	-	-	7	27		
21...	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	4	18		
22...	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	6		
23...	-	2	-	-	-	2	3	-	10		
24...	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	3	18		
25...	1	1	-	-	-	1	5	2	14		
Totals	7	69	6	5	11	4	69	21	77	380	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, February 21, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending Saturday, February 19, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	108
Number of discharges of mortgages	26
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of mortgages	1
Number of assignments of wages	29
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of married women's certificates	9
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1

The following accident notice has been filed:

February 12—James Phelan, for personal injuries received from alleged defect in

sidewalk on Kneeland street, on January 15, 1898.

Notices of suits against the city:

February 14—Alfred Zeigler, petitioning for a jury to assess damages for land taken; Michael Sullivan, action of tort, \$2,000; Dennis J. Flanagan, action of tort, \$2,000.

February 17—Robert Blair, petitioning for assessment by jury of damages for land taken for sewer purposes.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol Street, February 19, 1898.

The following official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending February 19:

TRANSFERS.

C. J. Crowley, Engine 8 to Engine 4; John Hogan, Engine 4 to Engine 8; M. A. Kennealy, Engine 7 to 14; Michael Boyle, Engine 14 to Engine 7; M. J. Dacey, Engine 12 to Ladder Company 13; Lieut. J. F. Gillen, Tower 1 to Engine 10; Lieut. A. J. MacDonald, Engine 24 to Engine 15; Frank B. Miller, has been assigned as a permanent substitute. One (1) piece of hose has been condemned.

Orders has been drawn for three (3) miles of covered iron wire, and 39,962 feet of aerial cable for the Fire Alarm branch.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

Statistics for the week ending February 19, 1898.

Cases pending	9	
Number of applications	93	102
Number of admissions :		
To State Almshouse	36	
Long Island Almshouse	19	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	1	
Marcella-Street Home	12	
Boston Insane Hospital	7	
Foxboro' Asylum	2	
Danvers Lunatic Hospital	3	
Applications refused	81	
Applications withdrawn	4	
Cases pending	7	
Legal settlements investigated	10	102

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

Statistics for the week ending February 19, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	121	28
Females	10	7
Total	131	35

Offences:

Against the person	5	4
Against property	14	23
Against public order and decency	114	8
	*133	35

Discharges:

Males	153	9
Females	31	4
Total	184	13

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence	116	13
Permit of Commissioner,	46	0
Payment of fine	21	0
Died	1	0
	184	13

Population:

February 14, 1898	1,665	502
Committed since February 14	131	35
	1,796	537
Discharged since February 14	184	13
February 19, 1898	1,612	524

* Two charged with two offences each.

Georgie E. Lynch has resigned her position as nurse at the House of Correction, Deer Island.

Lottie P. McCreight has been appointed to the position of nurse at the House of Correction, Deer Island, to fill the vacancy caused by resignation of Georgie E. Lynch.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, February 21, 1898.

The following is a summarized statement of work performed by the Wire Department for the two weeks ending February 19:

INTERIOR WIRE DIVISION.

Inspection of installations of new wiring in buildings and of old wiring already installed, 379.

Temporary wiring at all the theatres in the city has been examined.

Fires supposed to have been caused by electricity, 7.

Upon investigation the Department found that four of these fires were due to electrical causes. One was inside a building, being due to a cross between outside high and low potential wires; one was in a doorway and was due to a grounded outside arc wire; one was a roof fire; and the other was a fire on Harvard bridge.

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISION.

The forces of both of these divisions have been engaged for the past two weeks in clearing the streets of dangerous wires that have remained since the storm, also in inspecting new work performed by the several companies in order to see that the construction was in such a manner as to prevent contact with electric light and power wires.

Inspections made	588
Defects reported	96
Defects corrected	70
Notices of new work received	102
Dead wire removed, feet	74,700
Dead wire retained, feet	12,000

The Overhead Division, found that the block bounded by Bromfield street, Tremont street and Hamilton place contained four New England Telephone and Telegraph Company wires that come in contact with Boston Electric Light Company alternating circuit, causing the telephone wires to be burned and fuses blown in several places where they furnished telephone service.

The 89 pole locations have been examined and 12 poles have been removed.

The Boston Elevated Railway Company feeders have been removed from Court, Charles, Lowell and Brighton streets, in addition to those previously reported removed from Causeway, Leverett, Green and Cambridge streets.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Plans of underground work filed . . .	5
Electrical approval of permits for street openings . . .	12
Inspections of conduit construction . .	12
Inspection of repairs	3
Inspections of cable drawings	44
Inspections of installation of transformers	5
Photographic negatives taken	70

THOS. W. FLOOD,

Commissioner of Wires.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

OFFICE OF TRUSTEES OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, February 12, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department of the City of Boston was held at the office of the Chairman, J. Albert Brackett, 92 State street, on February 11, 1898, at 3.30 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse, Fallon and Hersey.

Bills to the amount of \$1,111.13 were approved.

NELLIE V. NORTON, Secretary.

Children's Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street,

Boston, February 19, 1898.

The Trustees for Children met on February 15, 1898, Mr. Lamb in the chair. All the members were present.

Voted, To appoint Miss Grace A. Hoogs and Miss Mary C. Haley to be Agents of the Children's Visiting and Placing-Out Department at \$50 a month for three months on probation.

Voted, That Mrs. Quinn be a committee to report on the routine of duties of the masters and matrons at the Parental School.

Voted, That the masters and matrons at the Parental School, instead of the teachers, will be expected hereafter to superintend the squads of boys that clean the rooms.

Voted, That the books, records and re-

ports of the Marcella-Street Home shall relate only to the children in the Home.

Voted, That the Trustees organize a band of volunteer visitors for discharged children.

Voted, That both the Supervisor at the Parental School and the Committee on Schools of the Board of Trustees shall examine and approve all teachers previous to their appointment on trial.

Voted, That each teacher shall be engaged on trial for one month, and that, before any final engagement, she shall be approved by the Supervisor and the Committee on Schools of the Board of Trustees.

Voted, That the Supervisor of the Parental School shall make all rules and regulations bearing on the instruction, work and preparation of the teachers, subject to the approval of the Committee on Schools, excepting only the manual training.

Voted, That the Supervisor at the Parental School shall make all rules and regulations governing the instruction, conduct and discipline of the boys during the school-session hours, subject to the approval of the Committee on Schools.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, February 21, 1898.

At a meeting of the Board of Health, February 8, it was voted to settle the claim of damages of Joseph Scarlett, owner of 89 North Margin street; of Miss Ellen Dorey, owner of 73 North Margin street; of Daniel McLaughlin, owner of 91 and 93 North Margin street, and of Raffaele Vesce, owner of 5 North Margin street, for the destruction of said buildings for the sum of \$50 each, on their giving a release of said damages satisfactory to the Law Department.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed in the office of the Board of Health, and hearings appointed:

Joshua W. Reynolds, Lubec street, Ward 1, one horse; hearing called for March 3, at 11 o'clock. Charles I. Clough, 36 Charles street, forty horses; hearing March 3, at 11 o'clock.

At a meeting of the Board of Health, February 15, the following votes were passed:

Voted, That in the opinion of this Board, the buildings situated rear 3 Sun court, rear 37 Clark street, 29 Clark street, and rear 224 North street, in this city, are, because of age, defects in ventilation, plumbing and drainage, likely to cause sickness among the occupants thereof, and are so unfit for habitation that the evils in, or caused by said buildings, cannot be remedied by repairs in any other way except by the destruction thereof, and this Board therefore orders said buildings to be vacated by all persons.

It was unanimously voted that in the opinion of this Board the buildings situated first and second rear 33 Clark street, the building situated on Brimmer place, being the second house rear of 177 North street, in this city, are, because of age, defects in ventilation, plumbing and drainage, likely to cause sickness among their occupants, and are so unfit for habitation that the evils in or caused by said buildings cannot be remedied by repairs or in any other way except by the destruction thereof, and this Board therefore orders said buildings to be removed.

The following vote was passed:

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the building situated No. 7 Pitts street, having become by reason of its want of repair, cleanliness, light, ventilation and necessary conveniences, unfit for occupancy as a lodging-house, it is unanimously voted to recommend to the Police Commissioners a revocation of the license for such use of said building.

Frank S. Colby, 610 Tremont street, was this day appointed to collect culture tubes.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at the hospital, Pierce Farm, January 27, 1898, with Dr. Baldwin in the chair.

Present: Dr. Baldwin, Mr. Connelly, Mrs. Marion, Mr. Sanderson and Dr. Knapp.

The hospital was inspected.

The rules were amended so as to read, "No fee or gift from patients is allowed to be received by any officer or employee of the hospital while the patient is an inmate of the hospital."

Bills for patients in other institutions, amounting to \$36,107.24, were referred for auditing to the Committee on Insane in other Hospitals.

The Chairman appointed the following Visiting Committee: February, Dr. Baldwin and Mr. Sanderson; March, Messrs. Sanderson and Leahy; April, Messrs. Leahy and Connelly.

Number of patients in the two institutions January 29, 1898:

AUSTIN FARM.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	159	167	326
On visit.	2	8	10
Total	161	175	336

PIERCE FARM.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	92	88	180
On visit.	3	4	7
Total	95	92	187

AUSTIN AND PIERCE FARMS.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	251	255	506
On visit.	5	12	17
Total	256	267	523

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, February 4, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present, Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln, and the Librarian.

Received: From the Mayor, communication dated January 26; from the Street Commissioners, dated February 3; from C. F. McKim, dated January 21; from Thomas Smyth, dated January 31, 1898.

Voted, That the following provision be made explicit in the printed statement of the service system in operation in this Library—that portion thereof which refers to the yearly increases of salary within the several grades: "No such increase, however, will be paid, unless the work of the employee has proved satisfactory to the Trustees."

Purchases Authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$244.62; to trust funds, \$38.69; to Station P, special appropriation, \$53; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$3.75; miscellaneous, \$53.14.

February 11, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln and Prince, and the Librarian.

Received: The Librarian's report.

Bills allowed: Rosa H. Knorr, for services in ordering department, from January 11 to February 8, \$45.83; chargeable to the general appropriation amounting to \$4,504.29; to Branch Library Broadway Extension special appropriation, \$23.14; to Trust Funds, \$249.80.

Salaries increased: Executive department, George V. Mooney, \$14.00 to \$15.50 per week, beginning February 19; Issue Department, Branch Division, Otto A. Heimann, \$12.00 to \$13.00 per week, beginning February 19.

Purchases authorized: Books, Chargeable to City moneys, \$238.65 to trust funds, \$69.22; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$4.09; miscellaneous, \$1,706.02.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, February 7, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held February 7, 1898:

The Superintendent submitted a copy of the instructions which he had given to Professor Walsh of the East Boston Gymnasium regarding the proposed class on Saturday evenings for advanced work in athletics, which had been authorized by the Board.

The Superintendent reported that the appropriation for labelling trees in the park system had been well and judiciously expended by the Woman's Education Association, and recommended a further appropriation of \$100 for the extension of the work, the subsequent care of the tree labels to be

undertaken by the Department. The Superintendent's recommendation was adopted, and the Secretary was directed to notify the Woman's Education Association accordingly.

The Superintendent reported that Holbrook, Cabot & Daly will furnish as much filling as may be desired by the Board for filling Billings Field playground, at the rate for which they offered to deliver 15,000 cubic yards, and the Superintendent was authorized to accept said proposal for an amount not exceeding \$2,000.

Voted, That the Superintendent arrange a plan with the Electrical Construction Division, which will allow of his keeping an account of the labor on all electrical construction work done for the Department, in order that he may properly check the bills rendered for such work.

The Superintendent recommended that the men selected as teamsters be employed at the rate of \$55 per month, instead of by the day, as at present rated, and it was

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to change the compensation of the men employed as teamsters, as recommended by him.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held January 24, 1898:

A hearing was given to persons interested in the question of tree-cutting in the park system. A petition was presented by Mr. W. Henry Winslow, asking that in matters relating to the removal of trees and shrubbery, and the substitution of costly artificial, for natural, features in the parks, the Board should co-operate with certain gentlemen from a list of names that the petitioners propose to offer and allow these gentlemen to share the responsibility in these matters with the Commissioners.

Several gentlemen spoke on the question and the Board took the matter under advisement.

The Superintendent reported with reference to the order of the Common Council, requesting the Board to lay out a base-ball field in Dorchester Park, that there is no cleared space of sufficient size which could be made into a ball-ground. The only open area is too small, is close to Adams street, and has steep grades, and would have to be filled at a cost of about \$3,300 to make it available for playground purposes.

Voted, That the vote of this Board of June 29, 1894, to pay Henry H. Reuter the sum of \$1,000 towards the cost of the wall built by him on the line of Leverett Park on certain conditions, be rescinded, because of his failure to comply with said conditions, and that the special draft therefor be withdrawn from the City Auditor.

Voted, That whereas by an Act of this Board passed June 9, 1897 a parcel of land and flats belonging to Dudley A. Dorr, Trustee under the will of Augustus Russ, containing about 1,242,100 square feet situate in that part of Old Harbor, so-called, which adjoins the location of the Old Colony Railroad, was taken for a public park as appears by said Act, there be awarded and paid to the said Dudley A. Dorr, Trustee, the sum of \$58,000 upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, subject to taxes for 1897; also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, cost and expenses in consequence of said taking, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Strandway from Marine Park, west.

Voted, That the offers of William J. Hurd and Martha M. Cole to purchase two parcels of land situated on the north-easterly side of Seaver street, adjoining Franklin Park, containing respectively 3,319 square feet and 2,038 square feet, at sixty-two and a half cents per square foot, and give agreements to hold their remaining lands within 100 feet from Seaver street, subject to the usual park way restrictions, except that the reserved space shall be twenty instead of twenty-five feet, be accepted, and that the Law Department be requested to prepare the papers to transfer said land in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 441 of the Acts of 1896.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court square, February 21, 1898.

A special meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held February 16, 1898.

Mayor Quincy came before the Board, and requested them to consider the advisability or desirability of transferring the Almshouse and Hospital from Long Island to some location on the mainland. The Board took the matter under advisement for action at the next regular meeting.

The case of a former assistant pharmacist was referred to the Superintendent of Long Island.

The appointment of Simeon Adams, as Receiving Officer at Long Island, at a salary of \$35 per month, was confirmed.

Number of officers employed at Long Island, 68; number of inmates February 15, 1898, 864.

Per capita cost per week of inmates during 1897, \$2.35.

28 Court square, January 28, 1898.

At a special meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, held on January 24, the following business was transacted:

Voted, That in future, contracts for the supplies to be furnished to the Pauper Institutions shall be made for these Institutions separately, and not in connection with other departments.

Voted, That hereafter the religious services held at the Almshouse on Long Island shall be paid for, and that such payment be made on an equal basis for both Catholic and Protestant services.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to engage an additional officer for Long Island, and that a painter be permanently employed there.

The Superintendent was authorized to procure suitable hospital-beds for the male wards of the hospital, at a cost not exceeding \$400.

A matron and assistant-matron were appointed in the Women's Dormitory, to fill vacancies caused by resignation.

The Annual Report was read and approved.

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.**BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,**

Boston, January 31, 1898.

At a meeting of the Board of Street Commissioners, Wednesday, January 26, 1898, the following orders were passed:

An order to construct an overflow for the sewer in Q street, South Boston.

An order to construct an overflow for the sewer in N street, South Boston.

An order to relocate Tenean Creek, or Smelt Brook, between King street and Dorchester avenue.

An order to relocate Tenean Creek, or Smelt Brook, from Adams street to Lonsdale street.

An order taking land for a sewer across the New England Railroad.

An order to construct a sewer in Middleton avenue.

And an order to relocate the Oakland Garden Fork of the Canterbury Branch of Stony Brook.

It was also voted to file Board of Survey plans covering territory in Brighton, Foster street; in Dorchester, adjoining Franklin Field; in West Roxbury, between Temple and Dent streets; and in Dorchester, Oakland street, Mattapan.

The Board agreed to pay Charles U. Cotting and others, trustees of the estate of Edward D. Sohler, \$33,000 and the taxes for the year 1897, for their estate on Princeton, Marion and Saratoga streets at East Boston, taken by the city for school purposes December 17, 1897.

Leave to withdraw was given John E. V. Hayden on his petition for abatement of sewer assessment.

A petition was received from W. A. McCormick for a sewer in Lubec street, at East Boston, between Swift street and the Parkway.

At a meeting of the Board, held Friday, January 28, 1898, petitions were received from J. L. Norcross and others, that part of B street, at South Boston, may be laid out as a public way; and from C. U. Cotting, agent, and others, that Asylum street may be laid out as a public way.

Saturday, January 29, 1898, the Board received a petition from William B. Rice and others, that the name of Culvert street, at Roxbury, may be changed to Whittier street, and an order from the Common Council was received requesting the Board to report to the Common Council at its next meeting a list of the property-owners and the assessed valuation of their property that will be affected by the Cross-street extension, this list to include trustees as well as owners.

At a meeting of the Board of Street Commissioners, Monday, January 31, it was voted to file Board of Survey plans covering territory in Brighton (High School Hill and vicinity of Strong's and Chandler's Ponds); in Dorchester (between Ballou avenue and Jones avenue); in West Roxbury (Baker street); and in Dorchester (Mattapan, near Hyde Park boundary line).

An order was passed laying out Wensley street, at Roxbury, and the same was sent to the Mayor for his approval.

A petition was received from G. W. Anderson and others, requesting that the name of Hazel street, at West Roxbury, may be changed to Robinwood avenue; and an order from the Board of Aldermen requesting the Board to furnish an estimate of the cost of extending Magnolia street, Ward 20, from Lawrence avenue to Columbia road.

Wednesday, February 2, at 3 P.M., a public advertised hearing was given in the matter of the change of the name of Cove street to Atlantic avenue, at which no appearance was made.

It was voted that no action be taken on the communication from the Trustees of the Public Library and others, concerning the rearrangement of Copley square, and the relocation and discontinuance for that purpose of parts of certain streets that bound and cross it.

Thursday, February 3, a hearing was given on the petition of Charles U. Cotting, agent, and others, that Asylum street may be laid out as a public way. A number of abutters on the street appeared, and desired to have it laid out as a public way, but differed in their opinions as to the necessity of widening the street.

The Board agreed to pay James Woolley and Charles A. Tilden, Trustees of the Central Associates, the sum of \$12,000, as payment for their estate on Princeton street, at East Boston, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, December 17, 1897, (taking recorded December 18, 1897).

Approved, Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

On orders of the Common Council reports were made to that body, through His Honor the Mayor, of a list of the owners and values of estates that will be affected by the Cross-street widening, the laying out of Dighton place, and of Hancock street.

Orders of notice were issued of the intention of the Board to relocate Goldsmith Brook, and to lay out Hewins street.

Ordered, That the name of Cove street, a continuation of Atlantic avenue from Summer street to Kneeland street, be changed to and that it be hereafter known as Atlantic avenue. Passed, and sent to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation.

At 3 P.M., a public advertised hearing was given upon the petition of H. S. Talbot and others, that the name of Elmo street may be changed. The request for the change was asked on account of the confusion that arose from this street being mistaken for others that are similar it to in name.

A public advertised hearing was given on the petition of F. A. A. Heath and others, that the name of Dover street, from Tremont street to Washington street, be changed to East Berkeley street. It was stated that the change proposed was very desirable, and that by calling it East Berkeley, instead of Berkeley, the numbering on the street would not have to be changed.

Friday, February 4, a public hearing was given in accordance with the order of notice issued by this Board of its intention to construct a sewer in private land, at Roxbury, from Columbus avenue to Notre Dame street, and in Notre Dame street, and the taking of lands for said purpose. No objection being made the sewer was ordered to be constructed.

It was voted to approve the locations, directions, widths and grades of the private ways at Roxbury, designated as West Walnut park, an extension of West Walnut park to Amory street; Copley street, from West Walnut park to Columbus avenue, and Ernst street and Miles street from West Walnut park to Bragdon street. Plans were sent to the Mayor for his approval.

Two orders were received from the City Council, one requesting an estimate of the expense of extending Whitney street from Conant street to Longwood avenue; and the other requesting the Board to lay out and construct Custer street, Carolina avenue and Williams street, and connect the same as a continuous thoroughfare.

At 3 P.M. a public advertised hearing was given on the petition of J. M. Wade and others, that the name of Barrington street, at Dorchester, may be changed to Hamilton avenue. A number of the petitioners appeared and requested the change.

A public advertised hearing was given on the petition of the Trustees of the Fenway Land Company and others, that the name of Parker street, between Boylston street and Huntington avenue, may be changed to Ralston street. Objection being made to Ralston street the name of Hemenway was agreed upon by the petitioners as the name for the street.

It was voted that Harriet S. Talbot and others have leave to withdraw their petition, that the name of Elmo street, at Dorchester, be changed.

Saturday, February 5, 11 A.M., a public advertised hearing was given on the petition of Maria Joel and others, that the name of Hamerton street, at Roxbury, be changed to Waumbeck street. The petitioners stated that Hamerton street was really a continuation of Waumbeck street, and if it bore the same name it would be very much more readily found by persons using it.

A public advertised hearing was given on the petition of W. A. Robertson and others, that the name of Pontine street and Hudson street, at Roxbury, may be changed to Hudson avenue. As these two streets practically make one thoroughfare, it was thought desirable that they should have one name. Objection being made to Hudson street, it being a duplicate, the petitioners agreed to submit another name at some future time to the Board.

Ordered, That the name of Hamerton street, at Roxbury, a continuation of Waum-

beck street, from Humboldt avenue to Crawford street, be changed to and that it be hereafter known as Waumbeck street. Passed, and sent to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation.

Voted, That the Street Commissioners award, and that there be paid, to Helen M. Nichols, for land taken from, and for all damages occasioned to her estate on Adams street, at Dorchester, by the widening of said street under an order of this Board of August 25, 1897, the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars.

Voted, That the Street Commissioners award, and that there be paid, to John Mc-Morrow, the sum of twenty-four hundred (2,400) dollars, for all land taken from (in the name of John J. Merrill), rights acquired in, and damages occasioned to his estate between Brooke street and Preston court, by the action of this Board in the improvement of the water course know as Tenean Creek, or Smelt Brook, at Dorchester, by its order of October 6, 1897.

Voted, That the Street Commissioners award, and that there be paid, to Mary A. Mc-Morrow the sum of eight hundred and seventy-eight dollars and twenty cents, for all land taken from, rights acquired in, and damages occasioned to her estate on Preston court, at Dorchester, by the action of this Board in the improvement of the water course known as Tenean Creek, or Smelt Brook, at Dorchester, by its order of October 6, 1897.

These votes were on agreed sums approved by the Mayor.

At a meeting of the Board on Monday, February 7, 1898, it was ordered that notice be given of their intention to take private land in Dorchester and to construct a sewer in said land from Burt street to Bailey street.

An order was received from the Common Council, requesting the Board to report to the Common Council the names and residences of all non-resident employees in its Department, the salary paid to each, the time of service in the Department, and the place of residence of each at the time of his appointment; also to report the names of all employees who are not citizens of the United States, their places of residence and their salaries; also to report all individual cases of leave of absence granted to employees of the Department, the time of said leave, and the reason therefor.

It was ordered that the name of that part of Parker street, extending from Boylston street to Huntington avenue, be changed to, and that it be hereafter known as, Hemenway street. Passed and sent to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation.

Wednesday, February 9, 1898, orders were received from the City Council, requesting the Board to lay out and construct Kilton street, Ward 20, from Washington street to Harvard street, under Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and amendments thereto; another with Malvern street and Kilton street, Ward 20, from Harvard street to Talbot avenue, under the same Act.

An order of the Common Council requesting the Board to extend and lay out North Harvard street across the tracks of the Boston & Albany Railroad, and connect with Malvern street.

An order from the Board of Aldermen requesting the Commissioners to change the name of Tremont row to Court street.

Votes were passed by the Board, and approved by the Mayor, settling suits brought for abatement of betterments assessed on estates for the widening of Harrison avenue, for the sums set against the respective names:

J. D. W. Joy, \$790 and interest, \$144.97; Frederick L. Ames, \$120 and interest, \$22.02; Frederick L. Ames, \$160 and interest, \$29.36; H. Hollis Hunnewell, \$120 and interest, \$22.02; H. Hollis Hunnewell, \$523.60 and interest, \$33.25; John Homans, trustee, \$2,500 and interest, \$458.75; John Homans, trustee, \$250 and interest, \$43.46; David and Henry C. Nevins, \$132 and interest, \$24.32; John O. Smith and others, \$346.80 and interest, \$63.42.

Remonstrance was received from R. W. Lord against the change of name of Falmouth street to St. Stephen street.

Leave to withdraw was given on the petition of Flavius A. A. Heath and others that the name of Dover street, from Tremont street to Washington street, may be changed to East Berkeley street.

On order of the Board of Aldermen it was voted: To report to the Board of Aldermen that the Board deemed it inexpedient to change the name of Tremont row to Court street.

A hearing was given on the petition of Minnie B. Keith that the name of Falmouth street may be changed to St. Stephen street. As all those who appeared were unanimously opposed to having the street name changed, the Board voted to grant the petitioner leave to withdraw.

A hearing was given on the petition of A. L. Rafter and another that the name of part of School street, at Dorchester, may be changed to Bradlee street.

At a meeting of the Board on Friday, February 11, an order of notice was issued of their intention to construct a sewer in private land at West Roxbury, from Centre street to Montview street, and to take lands for such purpose.

Petitions were received from J. W. Fogarty, trustee, and others, that Gilmore street may be laid out, at Dorchester, from Norfolk street to Southern avenue; from J. S. Patton and others, that an extension of Chester street, at Brighton, may be laid out, from Brighton avenue to Commonwealth avenue; from G. A. Dwelley and others, that the name of Shelton street, at Dorchester, may be changed to Wrentham street; from Thomas Minton and others, that Minton, Merriam and Cable streets may be laid out, at West Roxbury.

A public advertised hearing was given on the petition of W. B. Rice that the name of Culvert street, at Roxbury, may be changed to Whittier street.

It was ordered, That the name of Culvert street, at Roxbury, be changed to, and that it be hereafter known as, Whittier street. Passed, and sent to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation.

Ordered, That the name of Barrington street, at Dorchester, be changed to, and that it be hereafter known as, Hamilton street. Passed and sent to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation.

Ordered, That the names of Hudson and Pontine streets, at Dorchester, forming a continuous thoroughfare from Dudley street to Norfolk avenue, be changed to, and that they be hereafter known as, Burrell street. Passed and sent to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation.

It was voted, That A. L. Rafter and another have leave to withdraw their petition that the name of a portion of School street, at Dorchester, may be changed to Bradlee street.

A petition was received from J. C. Spillane and others, that Francis street, at Roxbury, may be widened.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending February 19, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	17.7
Death rate for corresponding week 1897	21.1
Number of deaths:	
Males	97
Females	83
Total	180
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	210
Decrease	30

Of 180 decedents, 176 were white, and 4 colored; 119 were born in the United States and 61 in foreign countries; 44 were of American parentage and 116 of foreign parentage; parentage unknown, 20.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	36	2
Scarlatina	15	1
Typhoid fever	4	1
Measles	26	1
Total	81	5

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	17
Pneumonia	31
Whooping Cough	1
Heart Disease	18
Bronchitis	9
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	4

Total from principal causes	83
Total from infectious diseases	5
Total from all other causes	92

Total from all causes	180
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Deaths of children under 1 year	38
Deaths of children under 5 years	56
Deaths of persons under 60 years	34
Deaths in public institutions	47

Glasgow has municipalized all the common services, except the cemeteries. The Clyde navigation is under control of a public trust, in which the Town Council is largely represented, and besides being a harbor and dock authority it maintains a river steamboat service and several ferries.

Advertisements.

THE CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

Pine Park, February 18, 1898.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston invites proposals for leasing the Refectory at Franklin Park for a term of four (4) years from January 1, 1898. A bond of one thousand (1,000) dollars with surety or sureties for the faithful carrying out of the terms of the lease will be required.

The office copy of the form of lease may be seen at the office of the Board of Park Commissioners, Pine Bank, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an envelope endorsed "Bid for leasing the Refectory at Franklin Park," and left at said office before noon of Monday, February 28, 1898.

Bids will be received from caterers of established reputation and experience, and of pecuniary responsibility.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to accept any proposal it deems best for the city.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,

LABAN PRATT,

JOHN T. WHEELWRIGHT,

Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Massachusetts avenue, corner Norway street, Ward 11, three bay windows of the following description: To project two windows from second to fifth stories over Norway street, and one window from second to third stories over Massachusetts avenue. Dimensions: Thirty feet high, 12 feet wide, and to project 2 feet over Norway street, and 15 inches over Massachusetts avenue.

EDWARD H. BANGS,

By W. L. MORRISON, 24 Warren street.

February 16, 1898.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

February 18, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of March, at 3 o'clock, P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in THE CITY RECORD and The Republic, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

THE PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Invites proposals for furnishing, to the City of Boston, until February 1, 1899, about twenty-five hundred pounds of beef per week for the pauper institutions of said city.

A bond of two thousand dollars, with satisfactory surety, for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of said Department, No. 28 Court square, in said city.

The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, enclosed in an envelope, and with a certified check for five hundred dollars, payable to the City of Boston, left at said office, before 12.30 P.M. of February 28, 1898.

This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

Proposals filled out and left with check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city. Said envelope should be indorsed "Proposal for Beef."

WILLIAM T. SEDGWICK,

Chairman of Trustees for Paupers.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

The Eastern Cold Storage Company, a corporation doing business at 44 North street and Creek square, petitions for an extension of its pipes from the present terminus granted to them, at the north side of Faneuil Hall square, in front of Faneuil Hall Market, and on South Market street to the point opposite the end of Faneuil Hall Market, as shown by plan on file in office of the Superintendent of Streets.

EASTERN COLD STORAGE COMPANY,

By WALTER L. HILL, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

February 18, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Boston Herald, Boston Evening Transcript and THE CITY RECORD.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: (Signed.)

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed bids for the taking down and removing the building numbered 77 Court street and for underpinning and foundation work, etc., will be received at the office of the Boston Transit Commission, 20 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., until 12 o'clock M. of Saturday, February 26, 1898. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for the sum of \$500. Plans can be seen and specifications and forms of contract can be obtained at 20 Beacon street, fifth floor. A bond equal to the amount of the contract will be required. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and reserves the right to award the contract as it deems for the best interest of the city of Boston.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Your petitioners, a majority of the Directors of the West Roxbury and Newton Street Railway Company, respectfully represent that they have completed the preliminary organization of said company and have published their articles of association with all their stockholders in the manner required by law, and we have otherwise so complied with the statutes of this Commonwealth as to be in a legal position to apply for a location. Therefore, your petitioners pray for the following locations in the City of Boston, to wit: Beginning on Centre street at Soldiers' Monument, Ward 23, thence through Centre street to Church street, through Church street to Weld street, through Weld street to Baker street, thence through Baker street from Spring street to the Newton line, with the necessary turn-outs, as shown by plan submitted herewith.

Your petitioners pray that they may have leave to build and operate a single track railway along said line by the overhead trolley system of electric power, and to that end that they may have leave to erect the necessary poles for the support of an overhead trolley system.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK L. MCGOWAN,

FRED C. HINDS,

M. J. MCGAWLEY,

THOMAS F. CAREY.

A Majority of the Board of Directors.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

February 18, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby

Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of March, 1898, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD, Boston Journal and Boston Herald.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: (Signed.)

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STATE ELECTION.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

February 19, 1898.

In accordance with the provisions of the Election Act of 1893 and amendments thereof, notice is hereby given that meetings of the citizens of Ward 11, in this city, qualified to vote for State officers, will be held in the several polling-places in said Ward, designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on TUESDAY, the first day of March next, and all such citizens will, on said date, in the several precincts in which they are entitled to vote, give in their votes for one Representative in the General Court.

The polls at said election will be opened at six o'clock A.M. and closed at four o'clock P.M.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions your Board for a relocation of its existing tracks in Adams square, substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated January 29, 1898, approved by the Boston Transit Commission, and filed herewith as part of this petition; said location to take the place of the existing tracks as shown by dotted red lines on said plan.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.
Boston, February 14, 1898.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

February 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby

Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of March, 1898, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD, Boston Journal and Boston Herald.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Suffolk ss.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

The Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation represents that, for the purpose of connecting its road with the Union Passenger Station, required to be constructed under the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of the year 1896, it is about to locate an extension of its road from a point at or near Dartmouth street to the grounds of the Boston Terminal Company, as required by said Act, upon a route crossing Dartmouth street, Columbus avenue, Cazenove street, St. Charles street, Berkeley street, Chandler street, Ferdinand street, Tremont street, Castle street, Shawmut avenue, Washington street, Harrison avenue, Way street, Broadway and Albany street, in the City of Boston.

Wherefore, it asks you, after due notice and hearing, to determine the manner in which such extension of its road shall cross such streets and any other streets and highways in said county.

BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE RAILROAD CORPORATION,
By J. H. BENTON, JR., Attorney.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

January 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby

Ordered, That a hearing be given thereon before said Board, at the City Hall, in the City of Boston, on the twenty-first day of February, A.D. 1898, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and that notice of such hearing be given by publishing said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD, the Boston Journal and the Boston Herald, newspapers published in said county, for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least seven days prior to said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
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THE CITY RECORD is also on sale at the Old Corner Book Store, 283 Washington street.

The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

At the regular meeting of the Common Council held February 24, President Connolly announced the appointment of the members on the part of the Common Council of the Joint Standing and Special Committees, which appointments make the committees stand as follows:

Joint Standing Committees of the City Council.

APPROPRIATIONS.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Salem D. Charles,	Timothy L. Connolly,
Edward W. Prescho,	Charles I. Albee,
Perlie A. Dyar,	John H. Dunn,
William Berwin,	Dennis J. Falvey,
Franklin L. Codman,	John I. Toland,

William H. Lott,
Milton C. Paige,
Michael H. Cleary,
Joseph A. Conry,
Edward W. Dixon,
Joseph J. Norton,
Frank J. O'Toole.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.
Michael H. Cleary,
Milton C. Paige,
Joseph J. Norton,
Salem D. Charles.

Edwin D. Bell,
Charles P. Nangle,
Samuel H. Borofsky,
Daniel V. McIsaac,
William W. Hibbard,
John J. Curley,
Walter E. Nichols.

Councilmen.

Dennis J. Falvey,
William J. Cronin,
Charles E. Eddy,
Frank H. Cowin,
Thomas J. Collins,
Andrew Brauer,
Edward A. Armistead.

AUDITING DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.
Edward W. Dixon,
William H. Lott,
Frank J. O'Toole,
Franklin L. Codman.

Councilmen.

Louis Sonnabend,
Edward P. Sands,
Samuel H. Borofsky,
William F. Harrington,
Dennis J. Falvey,
Charles F. Adams.

BATH DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.
William Berwin,
Salem D. Charles,
Edward W. Prescho,
Frank J. O'Toole.

Councilmen.

Charles P. Nangle,
William J. Cronin,
Michael T. Callahan,
William S. B. Stevens,
Joseph A. Turnbull,
William D. Wheeler,
Paul F. Folsom.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.
William H. Lott,
Salem D. Charles,
Milton C. Paige,
Joseph J. Norton.

Councilmen.

John J. Flanagan,
William J. Cronin,
John I. Toland,
Charles W. Dennis,
Samuel Kasanof,
Michael J. McColgan,
Charles E. Eddy.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.
Salem D. Charles,
William H. Lott,
Joseph J. Norton,
Milton C. Paige.

Councilmen.

Konrad Young,
Michael J. Donovan,
Michael T. Callahan,
Abram Jordan,
John F. Desmond,
Daniel J. Donnelly,
Alfred Newmarch.

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.
Michael H. Cleary,
Franklin L. Codman,
Edward W. Dixon,
Milton C. Paige.

Councilmen.

Michael T. Athridge,
William E. Harvey,
Michael F. Hart,
John P. Lanergan,
Thomas J. Collins,
A. Dudley Bagley,
William S. B. Stevens.

CITY MESSENGER DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.
Joseph J. Norton,
Michael H. Cleary,
Edward W. Dixon,
Milton C. Paige.

Councilmen.

John H. Dunn,
Arthur P. Russell,
John F. Desmond,
David B. Chamberlain,
Thomas J. Collins,
Frank H. Cowin,
Edward A. Armistead.

CLAIMS.

Aldermen.

Salem D. Charles,
Franklin L. Codman,
Edward W. Dixon,
Milton C. Paige.

Councilmen.

John P. Lanergan,
William J. Cronin,
George H. Tinkham,
Daniel V. McIsaac,
Frank H. Cowin,
David R. Robinson,
Charles F. Adams.

CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Michael H. Cleary,
William H. Lott,
Frank J. O'Toole,
Edward W. Prescho.

Councilmen.

John J. Curley,
John P. Sullivan,
Wilbur F. Adams,
James F. Mulcahy,
Charles I. Albee,
Charles A. Horrigan,
Arthur P. Russell.

COLLECTING DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Edward W. Prescho,
Joseph A. Conry,
Milton C. Paige,
Michael H. Cleary.

Councilmen.

Charles P. Nangle,
William H. Cuddy,
Frederick W. Farwell,
John D. Fenton,
John F. Desmond,
Paul F. Folsom,
A. Dudley Bagley.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Aldermen.

Edward W. Prescho,
Frank J. O'Toole,
William H. Lott,
Edward W. Dixon.

Councilmen.

William S. B. Stevens,
Charles A. Horrigan,
Michael T. Athridge,
Samuel C. Jones,
James F. Mulcahy,
Joseph F. Hickey,
Harry B. Whall.

ELECTION DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Edward W. Dixon,
Milton C. Paige,
Salem D. Charles,
William H. Lott.

Councilmen.

Daniel V. McIsaac,
David R. Robinson,
Michael F. Hart,
William E. Bennett,
James A. Watson,
William E. Harvey,
Arthur P. Russell.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Joseph J. Norton,
William Berwin,
Salem D. Charles,
Franklin L. Codman.

Councilmen.

James F. Mulcahy,
William H. Cuddy,
Collingwood C. Millar,
Charles A. Horrigan,
Charles F. Adams,
Arthur G. Wood,
James A. Watson.

FINANCE.

Aldermen.

Edward W. Prescho,
Joseph A. Conry,
Franklin L. Codman,
Salem D. Charles,
William Berwin,
Joseph J. Norton,
William H. Lott,
Michael H. Cleary.

Councilmen.

Timothy L. Connolly,
Michael W. Norris,
George H. Tinkham,
Michael Leonard,
Joseph A. Turnbull,
Louis Sonnabend,
Samuel C. Jones,
Michael J. Donovan,
James J. Casey,
James H. Donovan,
Austin Bigelow.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Edward W. Prescho,
Michael H. Cleary,
Milton C. Paige,
Edward W. Dixon.

Councilmen.

Michael J. McColgan,
Joseph H. Hickey,
A. Dudley Bagley,
Daniel J. Donnelly,
William Martin,
David B. Chamberlain,
Andrew Brauer.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Frank J. O'Toole,
William Berwin,
Joseph J. Norton,
William H. Lott.

Councilmen.

John J. Flanagan,
Samuel Kasanof,
David B. Chamberlain,
William H. Cuddy,
Charles W. Dennis,
John J. Curley,
Abram Jordan.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Edward W. Dixon,
William H. Lott,
Joseph J. Norton,
Franklin L. Codman.

Councilmen.

John L. Donovan,
John P. Lanergan,
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Joint Special Committees.

JULY FOURTH.

Councilmen.

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Michael T. Callahan,
Michael F. Hart,
Michael Leonard,
Walter E. Nichols,
George H. Tinkham,
Arthur G. Wood,
Michael Lydon,
John H. Dunn,
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James J. Casey,
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JUNE SEVENTEENTH.

Councilmen.

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John I. Toland, John P. Sullivan,
William E. Bennett, John F. Desmond.
Dennis J. Falvey,

LABOR DAY.

Councilmen.

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Edward H. Madden, Walter E. Nichols,
William P. Hickey, Konrad Young.
Frederick W. Farwell,

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Councilmen.

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Samuel H. Borofsky, William S. B. Stevens,
Austin Bigelow, Edward P. Sands.
John D. Fenton,

MERRIMAC-STREET FIRE.

Aldermen.

Councilmen.

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Joseph J. Norton, Samuel Borofsky,
Milton C. Paige, Frederick W. Farwell,
Salem D. Charles, William H. Cuddy,
David B. Chamberlain,
William D. Wheeler,
Michael T. Athridge.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Councilmen.

Austin Bigelow, Collingwood C. Millar,
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John D. Fenton,

PATRIOTS' DAY.

Aldermen.

Councilmen.

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William H. Lott, Edward H. Madden,
Frank J. O'Toole, Samuel H. Borofsky,
William Berwin, Charles I. Albee,
William F. Harrington,
Joseph A. Turnbull,
George H. Tinkham.

RULES AND ORDERS.

Aldermen.

Councilmen.

Frank J. O'Toole, Timothy L. Connolly,
Edward W. Preshe, John H. Dunn,
Joseph J. Norton, Charles I. Albee,
Franklin L. Codman, John J. Curley,
Edward W. Dixon, Daniel V. McIsaac,
William H. Lott, Michael J. McColgan,
Konrad Young.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7.30, President Huggan in the chair, and all the members were present except Mrs. Ames, Mr. Burrill, Mrs. Keller and Mr. McDonald.

The following were received and placed on file:

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

City Hall, February 18, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Henry Kenney upon the sum of \$7,000 and the taxes for the year 1897, for his estate numbered 72-74 Saratoga street, East Boston, taken for school purposes by the

City of Boston, December 17, 1897 (taking recorded December 18, 1897), upon said Kenney giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

City Hall, February 18, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Isidor Marcus upon the sum of \$9,500 and the taxes for the year 1897, as payment for his estate on School street, at West Roxbury, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, January 14, 1898 (taking recorded same day), upon the said Marcus giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations, the Board accepted the resignation of three teachers; confirmed the nomination of eleven temporary teachers; confirmed the nomination on probation of seven teachers; confirmed the permanent appointment of ten teachers, and granted leave of absence to thirteen teachers.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School-houses, it was

Ordered (1), That the Vernon and Auburn street School-house, Roxbury, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

(2), That the Aberdeen District School-house, Brighton, be accepted, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

(3), That there be paid to Henry Kenney the sum of seven thousand (7,000) dollars and the taxes for the year 1897, for his estate numbered 72-74 Saratoga street, East Boston, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, December 17, 1897 (taking recorded December 18, 1897), upon said Kenney giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

(4), That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made;

George Putnam School-house lot, enlargement, \$9,584.50.

(5), That there be paid to Isidor Marcus the sum of ninety-five hundred (9,500) dollars and the taxes for the year 1897, as payment for his estate, on School street, at West Roxbury, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, January 14, 1898 (taking recorded same day), upon the said Marcus giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Mr. Lowell offered an order—That the rules and regulations be amended by striking out everything after the first section and substituting therefor a new document, "designed to centralize the power and also give more power to the Superintendent."

The complete text may be found in the minutes of the School Committee.

The Chair read a petition from M. J. Dwyer, superintendent of the Marcella-

street Home, asking that sloyd instruction be introduced into the schools at the home.

Referred to Committee on Manual Training.

The Chair read the following:

Boston, February 14, 1898.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

At a recent meeting of the East Boston Citizens' Trade Association, a committee of said association styled a "Committee on Schools and School-houses in East Boston," which said committee had been previously appointed, made a report to said association (a copy of which report being herewith enclosed) upon a matter which had been duly referred to said committee by vote of said association. By vote of said association, the said report having been duly accepted, the said committee was directed to send a copy of said report to the School Committee of the City of Boston. In accordance with said vote, I send herewith a copy of said report.

Yours respectfully,

J. H. BARNES, JR.,

Chairman of said Committee, and for and in behalf thereof.

EAST BOSTON CITIZENS' TRADE ASSOCIATION,

East Boston, December 21, 1897.

The Committee on Schools and School-houses in East Boston, to which was referred the matter of the "Congested condition of the schools in East Boston," begs leave to report that it has investigated the subject referred to it, and finds that in the Emerson and Chapman School Districts in East Boston, the accommodations of the schools are wholly inadequate for the needs of the districts. This results:

First. In overcrowded school-rooms and an excessive number of pupils for each teacher.

Second. In impeding the use of class-rooms, of halls and other portions of the school-buildings not designed or intended to be so used, and not proper for such use.

Third. In the leasing at great expense to the City of Boston of rooms in other buildings remote from the school-buildings themselves, and not intended or adapted to school purposes.

Fourth. In the actual turning away from the schools of numberless children of school age, who are thus deprived of the right of a full education, to which they, in common with all other children in the City of Boston, are entitled.

The Committee recommends that a copy of this report be sent to the School Committee of the City of Boston, with an urgent appeal to that Committee in the name of this association, to take immediate action, so that this wrong and deplorable condition of the schools in East Boston may be remedied.

J. H. BARNES, JR.,

E. M. MCPHERSON,

JAMES A. COCHRAN,

A. DUDLEY BAGLEY,

COLIN D. CAMERON,

Committee.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

The Chair read a petition from Jane M. Shaw and several hundred other citizens of Boston and residents of Ward 25, praying for suitable school facilities for the children. "We refer to the Webster school-house on Webster avenue and to the Winship school-house on Dighton place. Both of these houses have been repeatedly objected to by the Board of Health, and have been admitted by representatives of the School Board to be

unfit for use. The former is located in a private way uncared for by the city, and both are faulty in their sanitary arrangements, and are overcrowded. We respectfully ask for an early hearing."

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, it was

Ordered (1), That the Committee on School-houses be requested to fit up one of the rooms in the Bowdoin School-house for a class in wood-working.

(2), That the amount of one thousand eight hundred (1,800) dollars be placed to the credit of the Mechanic Arts High School for the purchase by the Committee on School-houses, co-operating with the Committee on Manual Training, of additional equipment for the metal-working department.

(3), That the Committee on School-houses be requested to consider, at as early a date as possible, the selection of an architect for the completion of the Mechanic Arts High School Building, and to report an order appropriating a sufficient sum for the work from the amount granted in the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897.

Referred to Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Courtney offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be requested to report the name of an architect for a new school building on Leon street, to take the place of the Ira Allen school-house.

Referred to Committee on School-houses.

THE PROPOSED NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

By A. Lawrence Lowell of the School Committee.

A comprehensive measure has been introduced into the School Board for a change in the rules and regulations, so as to make the machinery of school administration more effective and more in accordance with the needs of the time. Any one who is familiar with the organization of the school system is aware that it has become antiquated. The forms and methods of procedure adapted to a small community are still in use, although they have long ceased to be capable of serving effectively the needs of the vast school system of to-day. The existing organization virtually places the administration of the schools largely in the hands of sub-committees of the School Board. Such an arrangement is, of course, utterly inadequate to cope with the highly technical problem of modern education, and results, not unnaturally, in a great deal of diversity of principle and practice in the management of the different schools. The professional officers, on the other hand, whose knowledge and experience ought to be of the highest value, are in a position in which they can, indeed, exercise a good deal of indirect influence, but where they can neither guide nor control the administration of the schools. Except for the

examination of candidates for teachers, and granting certificates of capacity, their direct power was until a year ago extremely small. In June last a change was made in the rules so as to provide that when any vacancies occurred in the teaching force, the Board of Supervisors should select and recommend a candidate to the appropriate sub-committee of the School Board. But this, although a decided step in the right direction, reaches only a very small part of the defects of the present system. In regard to the indirect power of the professional officers, it may be noted, that even the Superintendent, who is supposed to be at the head of the system, has no right to speak at the meetings of the School Board, except when a special vote is passed permitting some member to address a question to him.

The existing system has two bad features. It paralyzes the usefulness of the professional officers of the School Board, and at the same time prevents the members of the Board from taking a broad, general view of the needs of the schools by confusing them and taking up their time with an enormous mass of details. It is certainly clear that this relation ought to be changed, and that the executive management and administrative details ought to be placed in the hands of the professional officers, while the control and direction of general policy is reserved to the School Board, giving it at the same time the utmost benefit from the experience of its professional officers and teaching force. It is with the view of bringing about such a result that the new rules have been introduced.

The first great change they will bring about, if adopted, is to take away the executive powers of the sub-committees which have hitherto had charge of the schools in the different sections of the city, and of the various classes in special subjects, and transfer those powers to the Superintendent; so that the administration of the details in education will be vested in him. On the educational side, therefore, the whole executive authority will be placed primarily in the hands of the Superintendent, the committees on this subject having only power to inspect, consider and report. Executive matters of secondary importance, such as giving directions to the various officers of the schools not inconsistent with the regulations of the schools and the orders of the Board, or appointing temporary teachers for a period not exceeding three months, he can perform on his own responsibility.

In matters of greater consequence, it would seem wise, while leaving the initiative to the Superintendent, to require confirmation of this action by the School Board. This has the advantage of putting a certain check upon him, and, at the same time, of relieving him

from the pressure and criticism to which he would be constantly subjected if he acted on his sole uncontrolled authority. As the Statutes stand at the present day, there are indeed several functions which the Board could not delegate to him without reserving to itself a power of ratification. Moreover such a ratification tends to produce harmony between him and the Board, and relieve him from factious criticism by making the Board jointly responsible for his acts. By the new rules, therefore, the Superintendent is given the power to appoint, transfer and remove teachers subject to confirmation in each case by the Board. It is provided, also, that no text-book shall be adopted, and no changes in the course of study or in the regulations of the schools shall be made until they have been referred to him for consideration and report.

The powers thus conferred upon the Superintendent are to be used by him subject to a direct responsibility to the School Board. The members can require him to explain and justify his actions in the management of the schools, and at the same time he is given an opportunity to persuade them to adopt the measures which he considers important for the management of the schools. For this purpose it is provided that he shall have a right to be present at all the meetings of the School Committee, and to take part in the debates with the same freedom as any member of the Board; and on the other hand, that the members of the Board shall have a right to ask him any questions relating to the administration of the schools. As these questions, however, may bring in delicate or personal matters, it is provided that they shall be asked only in executive session, that is, in a session to which the public are not admitted.

So far, then, as the Superintendent is concerned, the new rules are intended to place all minor executive matters in his hands, and to give him the initiative in affairs of greater importance, subject to the control of the School Board. They are intended also, to make him strictly responsible to that body, and to make his relations with it as close and confidential as possible.

The Superintendent cannot, of course, discharge all these functions in person. He must have additional eyes and hands for the work, and these it is proposed to furnish by means of the Supervisors. In addition to the authority to hold examinations, which is somewhat in the nature of a judicial power, the Supervisors are expected to act as the staff or cabinet officers of the Superintendent. He may delegate to them, subject to his own responsibility for their action, any of his powers that he may see fit, except, of course, such purely personal powers as, for example, his right to be present at the meetings

of the Board, and to appoint and remove teachers.

To some extent there exists already a separation between the educational and material sides of school management, and this it is intended to reinforce,—the matters of school-houses, supplies, accounts, etc., being entrusted to a special set of committees of administrative officers. The new rules provide for a Business Manager, who is to take charge of the construction, alteration and repair of school-houses whenever a special architect is not employed. He is given a good deal of authority, which he must exercise subject to the general control of the Committee on School-houses and the full Board. It may be remarked in passing, that the School Committee as a whole has delegated power too freely to the Committee on School-houses, and has not retained in its own hands as much control over the action of that committee as would perhaps have been wise. Whether the institution of a Business Manager will ever go into effect, may be considered very doubtful in view of the present state of legislation.

The Statutes provide that the School Board may order any repairs made on the school-houses, but a difference of opinion has existed for some time between the Mayor and the School Committee on the question whether this does or does not authorize the School Committee to make the repairs as well as order them. The condition has certainly been a very unfortunate one, for it has made it impossible for the repairs to be controlled and directed either from the City Hall or from Mason street, and has thereby made it impossible to fix the responsibility for the work done. Until the ambiguity is cleared up it will probably be impossible to bring about a thoroughly satisfactory condition of affairs. The question of the appointment of a Business Manager by the Board must depend upon the question where the authority to make repairs is ultimately vested by the Legislature.

Another new institution, and one which promises well is a School Faculty. Not only has the School Committee been unable hitherto to obtain the full benefit of the experience of the professional officers of the Board, but it has been impossible, except incidentally, to get any benefit whatever from the experience of the teaching force in questions of general policy. Some years ago the Masters' Association addressed a communication to the School Board, and were informed that when their advice was wanted it would be asked for. Surely that is not a wise position to take. Teaching has now become a profession, and like all other professions should be to some extent self-directing. The members ought to have a chance to express their opinions, both for their own sake and for the

assistance of the School Board in its work. Among the provisions in the new rules is one creating a School Faculty, to consist of the Superintendent, the Supervisors, the several Directors, ten members elected by the principals of schools from among their own number, and eighteen members elected by the other teachers from among their own number. This body is to meet once a month, and to it are to be submitted for consideration all changes in courses of instruction, in grades of teachers or pupils, and all new regulations about hygiene, physical training and discipline. The faculty is also given power to address any petitions or make any suggestions to the School Board. Such an institution has been suggested from various quarters for the last two or three years, and is, of course, modeled on the faculties of our colleges. Owing to the great number of teachers it cannot like a college faculty include them all, but must be a representative, and a comparatively small representative, body. The faculties of colleges have certainly worked well, and it may be hoped that similar results will come from a faculty in the schools.

The present rules and regulations of the public schools have been left untouched, except so far as was necessary to give effect to this plan. The changes in method are unquestionably radical, but they are certainly no greater than is absolutely necessary for the end in view. The time has come when a change in the old methods of procedure must be made, and it will certainly be a great advantage to have that change made by the School Board itself, which understands its own needs, and is familiar with the situation in a way that no other body in the community can possibly be.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP AND TAXATION IN GLASGOW.

It is an indubitable fact that the City Government of Glasgow is able so to manage certain of its municipal undertakings, e. g., gas supply, water supply and tramways, as to derive a profit from them. Exaggerated reports of the extent of such profits have so affected the imagination of certain uncritical American advocates of municipal ownership, that the Lord Provost of Glasgow (whose office corresponds to that of Mayor in American cities) has felt obliged to issue the following circular letter:

"The Lord Provost of Glasgow has received communications from all parts of America, desiring confirmation of a statement to the effect that the citizens of Glasgow would be free from all taxes or rates in consequence of the profits derivable from their gas, water, electric lighting and other undertakings of the government. I have accordingly been requested by the Lord Provost to inform you that this statement has no foundation in fact. There is no probability of this city being exempt from taxation.

"JOHN S. SAMUEL, City Chambers."

FREE LECTURES FOR THE PEOPLE.

For several years "Free Lectures for the People" have been given in certain of the public school-houses of New York city, under the auspices of the Board of Education, which appropriated \$40,000 last year for the support of such lectures. In 1896-97 nearly 427,000 persons attended the lectures, which embraced a great variety of subjects.

Stimulated by the remarkable success of Free Lecture movement in New York, the Education Department of the Twentieth Century Club has recently undertaken to provide similar lectures, by way of experiment in various parts of Boston. On January 13, 1898, the School Committee passed an order (see page 28, THE CITY RECORD), granting the use of six school-rooms, six evenings each, for a course of free lectures. "The school-rooms to be designated and subjects to be approved by the Superintendent and the Committee on School-Houses." In accordance with the order the following schedule of lectures for the evenings of March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, and April 13 has been prepared:

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL, West Newton street.

March 2—H. A. Clapp, A.M., "Shakespeare as Man and Poet."

March 9—Mr. J. C. Packard, "Electricity—Thales to Franklin." Stereopticon, experiments.

March 16—Mr. J. C. Packard, "Electricity—Galvani to Edison." Stereopticon, experiments.

March 23—Mr. W. Lloyd Garrison, "Boston Anti-Slavery Days."

March 30—Mr. J. C. Packard, "Electricity—Faraday to Tesla." Stereopticon, experiments.

April 13—Hon. F. A. Hill, Litt. D., "Niagara Falls." Illustrated by stereopticon.

BOWDOIN SCHOOL, Myrtle street.

March 2—Mr. H. T. Bailey, "The Public Library." Illustrated by stereopticon.

March 9—Mr. J. F. Hopkins, "Half-Holidays in the Museum of Fine Arts." Illustrated by stereopticon.

March 16—Rev. Edw. G. Porter, "Historic Buildings of Boston." Illustrated by stereopticon.

March 23—Mr. J. W. Freese, "Interesting Places in Cambridge." Illustrated by stereopticon.

March 30—Rev. Edw. G. Porter, "Boston in the Revolution." Illustrated by stereopticon.

April 13—Mr. W. B. de las Casas, "Parks in and Around Boston." Illustrated by stereopticon.

HANCOCK SCHOOL, Parmenter street.

March 2—Dr. H. E. Cushman, "Michael Angelo." Illustrated by stereopticon.

March 9—Prof. Edw. S. Morse, "Insect Life." Illustrated by blackboard.

March 16—Hon. Sherman Hoar, "American Courage."

March 23—Rev. W. E. Barton, D.D., "The People of Cumberland Mountains."

March 30—Mr. W. Lloyd Garrison, "Boston Anti-Slavery Days."

April 13—Miss Helen A. Brooks, "Old French and English Dances." Illustrated by piano.

LYMAN SCHOOL, Paris, corner Gove street, East Boston.

March 2—Dr. G. H. Parker, "Coral Islands." Illustrated by stereopticon.

March 9—Dr. B. L. Robinson, "How Plants Scatter their Seeds." Charts and specimens.

March 16—Prof. Edw. S. Morse, "Japan." Illustrated by stereopticon.

March 23—Miss Helen A. Brooks, "Old French and English Dances." Illustrated by piano.

March 30—Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, "The Beauty of Nature About Boston." Illustrated by stereopticon.

April 13—Prof. F. S. Baldwin, "The History of Railways."

SHERWIN SCHOOL, Madison square.

March 2—Mr. Geo. B. Gordon, "Ancient Cities of Central America." Illustrated by stereopticon.

March 9—Dr. G. H. Parker, "Coral Islands." Illustrated by stereopticon.

March 16—Prof. Charles E. Fay, "Mountaineering in Colorado." Illustrated by stereopticon.

March 23—Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, "The Beauty of Nature about Boston." Illustrated by stereopticon.

March 30—Dr. Joseph Torrey, "The Chemistry of Fire." Illustrated by experiments.

April 13—Mr. W. L. Underwood, "The Photography of Wild Animals." Illustrated by stereopticon.

SHURTFLEFF SCHOOL, Dorchester street, South Boston.

March 2—Rev. H. G. Spaulding, "California." Illustrated by stereopticon.

March 9—Mrs. W. L. Rutan, "Story Telling."

March 16—Miss M. L. Baldwin, "Harriet Beecher Stowe."

March 23—Prof. Louis C. Elson, "The Genealogy of Music." Illustrated by piano.

March 30—Prof. Charles E. Fay, "Mountaineering in Colorado." Illustrated by stereopticon.

April 13—Curtis Guild, jr., "The History of the Sword." Illustrated by specimens.

DEBT OF LONDON.

The debt of London amounts to £38,000,000, exclusive of that part of the City Corporation's debt which does not involve payment from the rates. The County Council debt is £19,250,000, the School Board debt is nearly £9,000,000 and the debt of the Poor-Law authorities (Asylums Board, boards of guardians, school district managers, sick asylum district managers) amounts to £4,500,000. The debt of the local municipal authorities is £3,900,000; £626,606 are invested in baths and wash-houses, £165,000 in public libraries, £200,000 in cemeteries. The repayment of the debt and interest is equivalent to a uniform rate throughout London of nearly 1s. 6d. in the pound.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, February 24, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received:

Fence—Bennington-Street Cemetery.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 23, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Chairman of the Cemetery Commission, in reply to your order requesting that a new fence be placed around the cemetery on Bennington street, Ward 1.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Boston, February 23, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of the order of the Common Council of February 17, 1898, referred to your Honor and finally referred to this Department, requesting a new fence around the cemetery on Bennington street, Ward 1, East Boston.

The present fence is in a dilapidated condition, and for several months past has been held in position by props. It is a wooden fence and entirely incongruous and out of place, and should be immediately replaced by a substantial iron fence with due regard to ornamentation and service.

Basing our estimate of expenditure on the last appropriation for the care of the older cemeteries, it would be impossible for this Department out of the funds which may be appropriated for the coming year, provided the same are substantially of the amount of last year's appropriation, to erect a fence around the Bennington-street Cemetery.

The construction of such a fence would require the expenditure of a large sum of money, as the ground has an area of one hundred and fifty-seven thousand five hundred (157,500) square feet.

This Department recognizes the need of the fence and gladly recommends the construction of the same, but feels that a special appropriation should be provided by the City Government for that purpose. The amount appropriated for the care and custody of the older cemeteries to the Board of Health last year was an amount barely sufficient to do the ordinary and necessary work for which it was appropriated. If the appropriation of this year is of substantially the same sum, the building of a fence, though in every way necessary, would be impossible.

Respectfully yours,

J. ALBERT BRACKETT,

Chairman Cemetery Commission.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Dudley Avenue Construction.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 24, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order requesting "an estimate of the expense of constructing Dudley avenue from South street to Washington street, Ward 23."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, February 24, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with request contained in enclosed order of the Common Council, I beg to report that the estimated cost of macadamizing and regulating Dudley avenue, Ward 23, from Washington street to South street, is \$22,000.

This is a private way thirty-three feet wide, and with no fixed grade. The above estimate is based upon a widening to forty feet, and does not include grade damages. The cost of grading and of building a bridge over the Dedham Branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad also is not included.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Ladder House, Norfolk Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 24, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner, in reply to your order requesting a report on "the expediency and expense of erecting a house, and providing therefor a combination chemical and ladder truck, on Norfolk street, on the lot opposite Lauriat avenue."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol street, February 19, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the request from the Common Council, I respectfully report that, in my opinion, a combination chemical and ladder truck would better supply the wants of Norfolk street and Lauriat avenue than an engine in the same locality; and to provide, equip and maintain it for one year would cost about thirty-six thousand nine hundred (36,900) dollars, independently of land.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee, when appointed.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS APPROVED BY THE MAYOR.

Orders Passed by the City Council.

The following orders having been passed by the City Council were approved by the Mayor February 21, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer issue, at his discretion, and sell, either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston for the sum of two hundred and twenty-four thousand (224,000) dollars, said bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Boston, twenty years from the date of the same, with interest thereon at the rate of three and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually; and the proceeds of the said bonds are hereby appropriated for the following purposes:

Blue Hill and other avenues	\$142,000
Essex and Lincoln streets	63,000
Stony Brook	500
Gold-street bridge	6,000
New Lunatic Hospital	11,000
Allston bridge	1,500

Total \$224,000

Ordered, That any premium obtained by the City Treasurer in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates shall be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be authorized to expend the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars in widening Boston street between Mount Vernon street and Edward Everett square; and that to meet the appropriation aforesaid the City Treasurer issue and sell, as may be required, either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston for the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars, said bonds or certificates to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer of the City of Boston twenty years from the date of the same, and bear interest at the rate of three and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of January and July of each year.

Ordered, That any premium obtained in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be and hereby is authorized to take such means as he may deem proper to keep the inner harbor free from ice during the present winter, in order that the fire-boat may have free access to the several docks and wharves in case of fire; the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to order the flags to be displayed at half-mast on the city buildings on the several days when the funerals take place of the firemen who lost their lives at the recent Merrimac street fire.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Public Buildings to grant permission to Mrs.

John R. Dixon of 8 Alfred street, to use Curtis Hall on Friday evening, February 25, for a whist party, the proceeds of which are to be added to the fund in aid of the families of the firemen who lost their lives at the late fire; the usual fee to be waived.

ORDERS ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

Orders Passed by the Board of Aldermen.

The five following orders, having been passed by the Board of Aldermen, February 14, were presented to the Mayor, February 15, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be directed to locate and maintain an electric light in front of estate 582 East Broadway, Ward 14; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be directed to locate and maintain a public lamp in front of No. 60 Gainsboro' street, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light at the corner of Hanover and Washington streets, and an electric light at the corner of Portland and Hanover streets, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing in front of Nos. 13-15 Marcella street, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to James E. Robinson to erect, maintain and use a hitching post in the sidewalk in front of estate 49 Bayard street, Ward 25; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, and done on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

The following orders were passed by the City Council:

Ordered, That a committee, to consist of four members of the Board of Aldermen (Lott, Norton, Paige, Charles), with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to inquire into the construction of the building on Merrimac street, where the members of the Fire Department lost their lives in the performance of their duty, and ascertain the exact facts in relation to said building's construction, and report to the City Council at the earliest possible day.

Ordered, That four members of the Board of Aldermen (Dixon, Lott, O'Toole, Berwin), with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed as a special committee to prepare and report a programme for the celebration of Patriot's Day.

Special Notices.

Police Department.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE,

No. 37 Pemberton Square.

General Order No. 493.

February 25, 1898.

I. Commencing Tuesday, March 1, 1898, and thereafter on the first day of each month, the sergeants of the several station-houses will alternate their duties as follows: Two months night duty and one month day duty.

The senior night sergeant of each Division will report at their respective station-houses for day duty on the above date.

On the night preceding the commencement of day duty sergeants will perform their duty in the first part of the night.

The foregoing will not apply to the sergeants of Division 8, nor to Sergeant Granville B. Stone of the mounted squad, nor to sergeants on regular park duty.

II. The following transfers in the Department are hereby ordered:

CAPTAINS.

Philemon D. Warren	Div. 4 to Div. 14
Frederick G. Hoffman	Div. 6 to Div. 10
George A. Wyman	Div. 10 to Div. 4
Henry Dawson	Div. 14 to Div. 16
Dennis Donovan	Div. 16 to Div. 6

LIEUTENANTS.

Thomas W. Coleman	Div. 3 to Div. 5
James P. Sullivan	Div. 5 to Div. 12
George C. Garland	Div. 12 to Div. 3

SERGEANTS.

Frederick J. Smith	Div. 1 to Div. 5
William B. Murphy	Div. 3 to Div. 12
John P. Clark	Div. 4 to Div. 5
George M. Carr	Div. 5 to Div. 16
Matthew J. Dailey	Div. 5 to Div. 15
Eugene M. Johnson	Div. 6 to Div. 2
Herman B. Bodenschatz	Div. 10 to Div. 4
James E. Sanford	Div. 11 to Div. 16
Timothy J. Murphy	Div. 12 to Div. 11
George F. Howe	Div. 12 to Div. 10
Rufus G. Fessenden	Div. 15 to Div. 1
Charles Maynes	Div. 16 to Div. 12
Joseph Harriman	Div. 16 to Div. 6

PATROLMEN.

John Flynn	Div. 4 to Div. 12
Timothy A. McCarthy	Div. 4 to Div. 14
Charles Hill	Div. 10 to Div. 15
Herbert I. Nickerson	Div. 10 to Div. 16
James J. Gallagher	Div. 11 to Div. 4
John F. Welch	Div. 13 to Div. 10
James L. Hogsett	Div. 14 to Div. 4
Walter P. Higgins	Div. 15 to Div. 11
Charles W. Gardner	Div. 16 to Div. 12

RESERVE MEN.

Louis Brown, jr.	Div. 12 to Div. 10
Joseph D. McDonald	Div. 12 to Div. 3

III. The transfer of captains, lieutenants and sergeants named in this order will take effect at roll-call at 7.45 A.M., March 1, and the transfer of patrolmen and reserve men at 5.45 P.M., March 1.

Police Department.**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE,**

No. 37 Pemberton Square.

Rules relating to intelligence offices, to take effect May 1, 1898:

1. The Board of Police will, upon petition, license suitable persons to establish and keep intelligence offices for the purpose of obtaining and giving information concerning places of employment for employees (excepting clerks) in manufacturing establishments or mills, whose wages are under \$8 per week, restaurants, hotels, and for grooms, hostlers, longshoremen, lumbermen, seamstresses, cooks, scrub-women, laundresses, nurses (except professional nurses), chambermaids, maids of all work, domestics, servants, agricultural or other laborers, except seamen, or for the purpose of procuring or giving information concerning such person for or to employers.

The fee for a license under this section shall be twenty-five (25) dollars. (Acts of 1882, Chapter 258.)

Intelligence office-keepers under this section shall be entitled to receive at the time of application:

From an employer applying for a male employee	\$1 00
From an employer applying for a female employee	50
From a male or female applicant for work	25

At the time an applicant for work is directed to an employer:

From each male applicant	\$0 75
From each female applicant	25

2. The Board of Police will, upon petition, license suitable persons to obtain and give information concerning places of employment, employees in manufacturing establishments and mills, whose wages are \$8 a week or over, accountants, clerks, draughtsmen, stenographers and typewriters, employees in mercantile or other business houses, employees in warehouses, porters, night watchmen, railroad employees, gardeners, farmers, dairymen, superintendents of country estates, coachmen, masons, plumbers, painters, tailors, plasterers, blacksmiths, carpenters, machinists and other mechanics, truckmen, teamsters, barbers, engineers, firemen and compositors.

Intelligence office-keepers under this section shall be entitled to contract in writing with the person applying for business employment for the payment by the employee, a time mutually agreed upon, of an amount not exceeding one week's wages in the employment furnished. The fee for a license according to the terms of Section 2 shall be be fifty (50) dollars.

3. Every licensed intelligence office-keeper under either Section 1 or 2 of this rule is required to give each person from whom he accepts a fee a receipt stating the amount so paid, the character of the situation or employment procured, or which he agrees to procure, the name of the applicant, and a synopsis of these rules as in Section 6.

4. Every licensed intelligence office-keeper under either Section 1 or 2 of this rule, shall post in each room occupied by him three copies of a synopsis of these rules to be furnished by the Board of Police.

5. Every licensed intelligence office-keeper

under either Section 1 or 2 of this rule shall post his license in some conspicuous place on the premises occupied by him, and further, shall post on his outside door a sign with his name and the fact that he is a licensed intelligence office-keeper thereon.

6. Every licensed intelligence office-keeper under either Section 1 or 2 of this rule shall keep a book of pattern to be approved by the Board of Police, in which shall be entered at the time of application the name and residence of any person who may apply for employment, the name and residence of any person who may make application to be supplied with an employee, the character of the situation or employment demanded and furnished, and also any and all sums of money which may be received of any person for such services, and such books shall at all times be open to the inspection of either of the Police Commissioners or any person by them authorized.

7. If the applicant for employment does not enter the employ of the person to whom he is directed, or is discharged by his employer within ten days from the time of entering upon such employment, and such discharge is not caused by the inability, incompetency or refusal of such person to perform the work required, or by any other fault of the person employed, the intelligence office-keeper under either Section 1 or 2 of this rule shall, on demand, refund to the applicant three-fourths of all fees paid by him, if the fees amounted to \$1 or over, and 25 cents if under \$1.

8. Every licensed intelligence office-keeper, under either Section 1 or 2 of this rule, who directs any applicant for employment to an employer, shall, if it shall appear that no employment of the kind demanded was to be obtained at the place to which such applicant was directed, refund to such applicant, on demand, any sums paid by him for transportation in going to and returning from said place, and three-fourths of all fees paid by the applicant, if the fees amounted to \$1 or over, and 25 cents if under \$1.

9. Applications for all licenses issued pursuant to this rule shall be filed at the office of the Board of Police prior to the first day of May, and shall be examined and reported on by the Captain of the Liquor Squad. Such licenses may be granted during the month of April, to take effect on the first day of May next ensuing. Such licenses shall continue in force until May 1, next succeeding their date, unless sooner revoked. (Public Statutes, Chapter 102, Section 125.)

All persons shall state in their applications the place they propose to occupy, and no such license shall be valid to protect the holder thereof in a building or place other than that designated in the license, unless consent to the removal is granted by the Board of Police. (Public Statutes, Chapter 102, Section 126.)

10. All licenses granted to keepers of intelligence offices will be signed by a majority of the Board of Police, and will be recorded by the Clerk of the Board of Police in a book kept for that purpose before being delivered to the licensee. Such license shall set forth the name of the person licensed, the nature of the business, and the building or place in which it is to be carried on. (Public Statutes, Chapter 102, Section 124.)

11. Whoever, as proprietor or keeper of an intelligence or employment office, either personally or through an agent or employee, sends any woman or girl to enter (as an inmate or servant) any house of ill-fame, or other place resorted to for the purpose of prostitution, the character of which could have been ascertained by him on reasonable inquiry, shall for each offence be punished by a fine of not less than \$50, nor more than \$200. (Acts of 1888, Chapter 311, Section 1.)

12. Whoever, without a license therefor, establishes or keeps an intelligence office for the purpose of obtaining or giving information concerning places of employment for domestics, servants or other laborers, except seamen, or for the purpose of procuring or giving information concerning such persons for or to employers, or for the purpose of procuring or giving information concerning employment in business, shall pay a fine of \$10 for each day such office is so kept. (Public Statutes, Chapter 102, Section 26.)

13. All licenses provided for by this rule may be revoked by the Board of Police at pleasure. (Public Statutes, Chapter 102, Section 27.) Such licenses will be revoked for violation of any statute or police rule relating to the business of the licensees or for any other cause deemed sufficient by the Board of Police.

14. When such license is revoked, the Clerk of the Board of Police shall note the revocation on the face of the record of the license, and shall give written notice to the holder of the license by delivering the same to him in person, or by leaving it at the place of business designated in the license. (Public Statutes, Chapter 102, Section 127.)

SYNOPSIS TO THE APPLICANT FOR EMPLOYMENT.

1. You are entitled to a receipt for your money.

2. If you do not want to enter the situation to which you are sent, you can get your money back, less 25 cents.

3. If you are discharged without cause within ten days you can get your money back, less 25 cents.

4. If there is no employment of the kind you ask for where you are sent, you can get your money and your fares back, less 25 cents.

5. The keeper of the office can be fined from \$50 to \$200 if he sends you to an immoral house. See Acts of 1888, Chapter 311, Section 1.

Make any complaints to any police officer, who will direct you to the proper authorities.

A. P. MARTIN,
ROBT. F. CLARK,
C. P. CURTIS, JR.,
Board of Police.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR JANUARY, 1898.

Statement of deaths for the month of January, 1898, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Death rate for the month per 1,000 inhabitants	20.44
Death rate for corresponding month, 1897, per 1,000 inhabitants	23.10

Number of deaths:	
Males	447
Females	454
	901
Condition:	
Married	288
Single	440
Widows	120
Widowers	42
Unknown	11
Color:	
White	880
Colored	21
Total deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	183
Under 2 years	221
Under 5 years	257
Nativity:	
United States	559
Ireland	183
England	29
Scotland	3
Germany	22
British America	62
Italy	16
Russia	6
Other countries	16
Unknown	5
Parentage:	
United States	215
Irish	288
English	28
Scotch	8
German	25
British American	51
Italian	35
Russian	23
Other countries	64
Mixed	59
Unknown	105

Causes of Deaths:

I. ZYMOTICS.

Alcoholism	5
Croup	2
Cholera infantum	2
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	8
Diarrhœa	2
Diphtheria	23
Erysipelas	3
Influenza	2
Puerperal fever	1
Pyæmia	1
Scarlatina	4
Syphilis (congenital)	2
Syphilis	1
Septicæmia	5
Typhoid fever	8
Whooping cough	2
Other zymotic diseases	1
	72

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	41
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	8
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterico	24
Phthisis pulmonalis	104
Other constitutional diseases	23
	200

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	39
Bright's disease	9
Bronchitis	44
Heart disease	102
Meningitis	28
Nephritis	24
Pneumonia	121
Other local diseases	125
	492

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Inanition	19
Old age	23
Premature birth	26
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	5
Other developmental diseases	14
	87

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	32
Homicidal	3
Suicidal	4
Other violent causes	4
	43
Unknown causes	7
	50
Total from all causes	901

GAS SUPPLY IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Over two hundred municipal authorities in the United Kingdom supply gas, and more than that number of urban communities are supplied by adjacent municipalities. The following summary gives the principal towns which maintain municipal gas, and the cost per 1000 cubic feet, for the year 1897:

Aberdeen, 3s. 2d.; Birmingham, 2s. 2-2-5d.; Bolton, 2s. 6d.; Bradford, 2s. 3d.; Dundee, 3s. 3d.; Edinburgh, 3s.; Glasgow, 2s. 2d.; Leeds, 2s. 2d.; Leicester, 2s. 4d.; Manchester, 2s. 3d.

The City of Leeds, in Yorkshire, has an organ in its Town Hall. The salary of the city organist is £130 a year, and that of the deputy organist is £30.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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1. S. B. 11, for Providing a Temporary Presiding Officer for Boston Aldermen, p. 43.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 28.								
2. S. B. (by Senator Davis), to Consolidate Several Departments in the City of Boston, under One Board, to be known as the Boston Board of Public Works, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.									
3. S. B. 20, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8. Closed.								
4. S. B. 27, relative to the Charter of the City of Boston, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 31.	Feb. 7. Closed.								
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6. S. B. 32, relative to the Consolidation of the Departments of the Treasurer, Collector and Auditor of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28.								
7. S. B. 34, to Authorize the Sale of Certain Land taken for Public Park Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 16. H. (B.)	Feb. 17.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.		
8. S. B. 42, relative to the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Education. Feb. 3.	Feb. 28.								
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12. S. B. 47, to Require Construction of a Tunnel or Tunnels between Boston and East Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 14, 28.								
13. S. B. 56, relative to the Board of Aldermen and to the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	Feb. 11. Closed.								
14. S. B. 59, to Unite the City of Boston and the City of Chelsea, and Towns of Winthrop and Revere, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.									
15. S. B. 62, relative to the Finances of the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	March 2.								
16. S. B. 63, to Reorganize the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 79.	Education. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24, 28.								
17. S. B. 65, relative to the Pensioning of Employees of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17, 24. Closed.								
18. S. B. 70, relative to Stony Brook in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 1. Closed.								
19. S. B. 71, to Payment of Assessments for the Laying-out and Construction of Highways in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 24. Closed.								
20. S. B. 80, relative to the Construction of Belvidere Street in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Cities. Feb. 3.									
21. S. B. 81, relative to the Charles River Embankment, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
22. S. B. 93 relative to Malden Bridge, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 10.									
23. S. B. 110, to Provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 63.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)							
24. S. B. 118, relative to the Support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston, p. 65.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, 28. Closed.								
25. H. B. 78, as to Plotting and Laying-out Streets in Boston, p. 29.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 24. Closed.								
26. H. B. 80, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 29.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 3, 7. Closed.								
27. H. B. 82, as to Change of Harbor Lines and Improvements in South Bay, p. 29.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 13.	Jan. 28. Closed.								
28. H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Cities. Jan. 14.	Jan. 21.								
29. H. B. 125, for more Boston Aldermen, and choice of Chairman by Popular Vote, p. 43.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Feb. 8, 11. Closed.								
30. H. B. 152, as to leasing of Building by Boston Park Commission, p. 43.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 4.								

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31. H. B. 195, for widening Rutherford Avenue, Devens and Bow Streets, p. 43.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 21.	Feb. 25.								
32. H. B. 204, for Reorganization of the Boston City Government, p. 44.	Election Laws. Jan. 21.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
33. H. B. 233, as to Choice of President of Boston Common Council by Popular Vote, p. 60.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.								
34. H. B. 235, to Provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston, and to Define the Duties and Powers, p. 60.	Liquor Law. Jan. 25.	Feb. 23. Closed.								
35. H. B. 252, as to Registration of Voters, p. 61.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 15, 24. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (N. P.)							
36. H. B. 253, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 61.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
37. H. B. 254, as to Time of Opening and Closing of Polls in Boston, p. 62.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (N. P.)							
38. H. B. 255, as to Change in Method of Electing Boston Aldermen, p. 62.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
39. H. B. 291, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10, 17. Closed.								
40. H. B. 306, to Provide that Tenement Houses in the City of Boston, over Four Stories High, shall be First-class Buildings, p. 80.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 7. Closed.								
41. H. B. 317, to Establish a Board of Excise Commissioners for the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 27.	Feb. 11. Closed.								
42. H. B. 324, as to the Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 7. Closed.								
43. H. B. 340, relative to Granting Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Liquor Law. Jan. 27.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
44. H. B. 348, as to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
45. H. B. 356, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Children of Charles A. Lambert, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (B.)	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. S.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
46. H. B. 358, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to Family of Edward C. Cadigan, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 11. Closed.	Feb. 11. H. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. S.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	H. Feb. 25. S. Mch. 1.	Approved March 2.
47. H. B. 359, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Father of James W. McCabe, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 4. Closed.	Feb. 9. H. (B.)	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 11. S.	Feb. 14. Am.	Feb. 15.	H. Feb. 21. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
48. H. B. 363, to Amend an Act Limiting the Number of Places which may be Licensed for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, p. 122.	Liquor Law. Jan. 28.	Feb. 18. Closed.								
49. H. B. 365, to Limit the Number of Places in the City of Boston for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, p. 122.	Liquor Law. Jan. 28.	Feb. 18. Closed.								
50. H. B. 374, as to the Election of the Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 11. Closed.								
51. H. B. 376, as to Election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.								
52. H. B. 377, as to the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.								
53. H. B. 382, an Act to Incorporate the Bay State Elevated Railway Company and to Promote Rapid Transit in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, Feb. 2.	March 3.								
54. H. B. 390, to Provide for an Extension of Huntington Avenue in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 24. Closed.								
55. H. B. 392, as to the Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.									
56. H. B. 395, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Family of John Kelley, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (B.)	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. S.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
57. H. B. 410, as to the Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 9. Closed.	Feb. 9. H. (B.)	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. Am.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 17.			
58. H. B. 413, relative to Appointments in the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (B.)	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.		
59. H. B. 416, resolve to Provide for an Addition to the Normal Art School Building in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Education.	Feb. 17. Closed.								

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60. H. B. 419, to Establish the Voting Day in Municipal Elections in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 31.	March 3.								
61. H. B. 424, relative to Taking the Vote upon the Question of Granting Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Liquor Law. Jan. 31.	Feb. 25.								
62. H. B. 442, to Regulate the Issuing of Liquor Licenses in City of Boston, p. 83.	Liquor Law. Jan. 31.	March 2.								
63. H. B. 452, to Provide for the Appointment of One Additional Court Officer for Attendance upon the Several Sessions of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston for Civil Business, p. 83.	Public Service. Jan. 31.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 18. H. (B.)							
64. H. B. 456, to Require Compensation from Corporations for the Use of Public Streets in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Street Railways. Jan. 31.	March 2.								
65. H. B. 487, to Regulate the Price of Gas in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23, 25. Closed.	Feb. 25. H. (N.P.)							
66. H. B. 489, to Enable the City of Boston to Complete Blue Hill Avenue and Other Avenues, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. Closed.								
67. H. B. 491, relative to Bennington Street in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 4.								
68. H. B. 502, to Reorganize the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 84.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 9, 17, 28. Closed.								
69. H. B. 503, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Widow of Charles J. Vaughn, p. 84.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 11. Closed.	Feb. 11. H. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. S.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	H. Feb. 25. S. Mch. 1.	Approved. March 2.
70. H. B. 504, to Provide that Asbestos Mill Board may be used as a Fire-stop in the Floors of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 84.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 21. H. (N.P.)							
71. H. B. 505, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 84.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.								
72. H. B. 506, to Facilitate the Inspection of Wires in Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.									
73. H. B. 507, relative to the Extension of Cove Street in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.								
74. H. B. 508, relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 16. H. (N.P.)							
75. H. B. 509, to Authorize the City of Boston to Borrow Money Outside the Debt Limit to Meet the Expense of Asphalting Streets, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 25. Closed.								
76. H. B. 529, relative to the Construction of a Boulevard from Morton Street to Washington Street in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21. Closed.								
77. H. B. 553, relative to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 85.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. H. (N.P.)							
78. H. B. 588, relative to Appointment of Special Police Officers in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
79. H. B. 589, to Enable the City of Boston to Finish the Construction of Its Public Parks, p. 122.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (B.)	Feb. 18.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 25. S.				
80. H. B. 591, relative to the Sinking Funds of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
81. H. B. 604, relative to Inspectors in the City of Boston Acting under the Direction of the Board of Health, p. 86.	Public Health. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (N.P.)							
82. H. B. 628, relative to Change of Plans of Board of Survey, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 8.								
83. H. B. 631, relative to the Construction of Tenement Houses in the City of Boston, p. 123.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
84. H. B. 632, to Repeal Chapter 175, Acts of 1897, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
85. H. B. 633, to amend Chapter 175 of the Acts of 1897 relative to Building in the City of Boston, p. 123.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
86. H. B. 634, relative to Buildings in Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
87. H. B. 635, to Amend Chapter 175, Acts of 1897, p. 87.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
88. H. B. 645, relative to the Taking of Land for School Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 16. S. (B.)	Feb. 17.	March 1.					

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89. H. B. 668, relative to the Pensioning of War Veterans who are Members of the Police Force of Boston, p. 123.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 18. H. (B.)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 25. S.	March 1. Am.			
90. H. B. 669, to Provide Better Accommodations for Traffic on Tremont Street in Boston, p. 123.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 25. Closed.								
91. H. B. 670, to Establish an Art Department in the City of Boston, p. 62.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2.								
92. H. B. 671, relative to Children in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
93. H. B. 672, relative to the Power of the School Committee of the City of Boston to make Additions or Alterations to School Buildings, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 16. H. (L.W.)							
94. H. B. 673, to Authorize the Treasurer of the City of Boston to Issue Bonds for Taking of Land for School Purposes, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (B.)	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.		
95. H. B. 674, to Establish Building Lines on Columbus Avenue in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 2.								
96. H. B. 675, relative to the Extension of the Subway in the City of Boston, p. 122.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
97. H. B. 676, relative to the Time of Appointment and Assignment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
98. H. B. 678, that Quincy be Annexed to Boston, p. 123.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
99. H. B. 685, to Authorize the School Committee of the City of Boston to Erect Buildings for School Purposes not Fire-proof, p. 124.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 2.								
100. H. B. 686, to Exempt School-houses from Certain Provisions of the Act Relative to the Erection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 2.								
101. H. B. 747, relative to Operation by Cities and Towns of Electric Light Plants, p. 124.	Manufactures. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
102. H. B. 748, to give Preference to Regularly Established Hotels, Restaurants and Eating-houses in Granting Liquor Licenses in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	March 2.								
103. H. B. 749, to Change the Method of Electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 89.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 11. Closed.								
104. H. B. 750, relative to Nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 124.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 25. Closed.								
105. H. B. 751, relative to Caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 89.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.									
106. H. B. 752, relative to the Registration of Voters in the City of Boston, p. 89.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	March 4.								
107. H. B. 753, relative to Ferries, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.								
108. H. B. 754, relative to Maintenance of the Water Department by a General Tax, and Free Water for Domestic Purposes, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. H. (N.G.C.)							
109. H. B. 757, relative to Recounts of Ballots in the City of Boston, p. 65.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.									
110. H. B. 758, relative to Public School Teachers' Retirement Fund, p. 90.	Education. Feb. 2.									
111. H. B. 759, relative to the Public Schools of the City of Boston, and Providing for a Reorganization of the Government Thereof, p. 91.	Education. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24, 28. Closed.								
112. H. B. 761, to Provide for the Better Enlargement of the Building Laws in the City of Boston, p. 92.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)							
113. H. B. 762, relative to the Construction, Maintenance and Inspection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 92.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
114. H. B. 763, as to the Further Regulation of the Height of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 92.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.								
115. H. B. 764, relative to the Construction of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 93.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)							
116. H. B. 766, relative to the City Government and the Departments of the City of Boston, p. 64.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
117. H. B. 767, to Authorize the City of Boston to Borrow Money Outside the Debt Limit for the Purpose of Asphalted Streets, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 25. Closed.								

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118. H. B. 768, relative to Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. March 8.								
119. H. B. 769, to Equalize Water Rates and Economize the Use of Water in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. H. (L.W.)							
120. H. B. 825, to Further Provide for a Union Station for Passengers on Railroads Entering the Southerly Part of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 1. Closed.								
121. H. B. 881, relative to the Reserve Police Force in the City of Boston, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (N. P.)							
122. H. B. 887, to Change Boundary Line Between Boston and Cambridge, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.									
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124. H. B. 889, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line Between the City of Boston and the Town of Hyde Park, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.									
125. H. B. 910, to Provide for the Reconstruction of the Municipal Government of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws, Feb. 11.									
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Awards of Contracts.

Boston Transit Commission.

20 Beacon Street, March 1, 1898.

The following bids were received Saturday, February 26, for removing building, 77 Court street, underpinning of two adjoining buildings, furnishing and putting in place foundations for new building, and erecting steel frame-work for the same:

John S. Jacobs & Son	\$6,685 00
Isaac Blair & Co.	14,587 45
Woodbury & Leighton	13,800 00

The contract was awarded to John S. Jacobs & Son.

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

Street Department.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT,

City Hall, February 28, 1898.

Proposals for furnishing the Street Department, and delivering at the Pumping Station, Calf Pasture, 1,500 tons Georges Creek Cumberland coal, or its equivalent, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Monday, February 21, 1898, as follows:

	Per ton.
Garfield & Proctor Coal Company:	
Ocean Mine bituminous	\$2 70
Sturtevant, Norton & Co.:	
Georges Creek	2 97
Bituminous	2 70

L. G. Burnham & Co.:

Georges Creek 2 84

Loyal Hanna Coal and Coke Company:

Loyal Hanna 2 87

C. H. Sprague & Son:

New River 2 95

The contract was awarded to Garfield & Proctor Coal Company.

Proposals for furnishing 800,000 large paving blocks were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Monday, February 7, 1898, as follows:

	Bid per M on Wharves.
A. Ford & Son	\$44 30
James Grant & Co.	46 75
Morse & Co.	47 90
Ola Anderson	48 00
Rockport Granite Company	50 87
Cape Ann Granite Company	52 00
Pigeon Hill Granite Company	52 35

The contract was awarded to A. Ford & Son.

Proposals for furnishing 300,000 paving blocks, Philadelphia size, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Monday, February 7, 1898:

	Bid per M on Wharves.
Ola Anderson	\$43 95
James Grant & Co.	44 50
Quincy Quarry Company	45 00
Morse & Co.	48 80
Rockport Granite Company	48 97
Pigeon Hill Granite Company	51 55

The contract was awarded to James Grant & Co.

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Bids Canvassed.

Department of Parks.

Jamaica Park, February 28, 1898.

The following proposals for leasing the Refectory at Franklin Park were received this day by the Board of Park Commissioners and taken under advisement:

James P. McShane, South Boston, 10 per cent. and 16½ per cent. on gross receipts.

Joseph Lee, Boston, 10 per cent. and 15 per cent. on gross receipts.

L. E. Bow, Boston, 5 per cent. and 7½ per cent. on gross receipts.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, February 28, 1898.

Canvass of bids for furnishing the Pauper Institutions with beef. Bids were opened on Monday, February 28, 1898, at 12.30 P.M.:

ITEM 1.

J. V. Fletcher—3,000 lbs. soup beef, \$4 per 100 lbs.; 350 lbs. soup beef, \$4 per 100 lbs. Sturtevant & Haley—3,000 lbs. soup beef, \$3.98 per 100 lbs.; 350 lbs. soup beef, \$3.98 per 100 lbs.

N. E. Hollis—3,000 lbs. soup beef, \$3.81 per 100 lbs.; 350 lbs. soup beef, \$3.81 per 100 lbs.

ITEM 2.

J. V. Fletcher—350 lbs. rump, \$11.75 per 100 lbs.; 10 lbs. rump, 17 cents per lb.; 10 lbs. Chicago butt, 15 cents per lb.

Sturtevant & Haley—350 lbs. rump, \$11

per 100 lbs.; 10 lbs. rump, \$11 per 100 lbs.; 10 lbs. Chicago butt, \$11 per 100 lbs.
N. E. Hollis—350 lbs. rump, \$11.75 per 100 lbs.; 10 lbs. rump, 15 cents per lb.; 10 lbs. Chicago butt, 12 cents per lb.

ITEM 3.

J. V. Fletcher—350 lbs. corned beef, \$6 per 100 lbs.; 10 lbs. corned beef, 8 cents per lb.

Sturtevant & Haley—350 lbs. corned beef, \$5.50 per 100 lbs.; 10 lbs. corned beef, \$5.50 per 100 lbs.

N. E. Hollis—350 lbs. corned beef, \$5.75 per 100 lbs.; 10 lbs. corned beef, 8 cents per lb.

ITEM 4.

J. V. Fletcher—10 lbs. tip sirloin, 23 cents per lb.; 10 lbs. tip sirloin, 23 cents per lb.

Sturtevant & Haley—10 lbs. tip sirloin, \$18 per 100 lbs.; 10 lbs. tip sirloin, \$18 per 100 lbs.

N. E. Hollis—10 lbs. tip sirloin, 23 cents per lb.; 10 lbs. tip sirloin, 23 cents per lb.

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, February 28, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending Saturday, February 26, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	115
Number of discharges of mortgages	32
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of mortgages	6
Number of assignments of wages	18
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of married women's certificates	4
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of attachments of property	2

The two following accident notices were received February 26:

C. F. McPhail, damage to overcoat, caused by defective fencing in Central square, East Boston, on February 18, 1898. Henry G. Eich, personal injuries from falling snow and ice at 108 Merrimac street, on February 4, 1898.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,
Bristol Street, February 26, 1898.

The following official action was taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending February 26:

Three (3) life-nets have been ordered at \$52.50 each.

Francis L. Dowd has been assigned as permanent substitute, and William J. Martin to be driver and assistant to Chief of District 10.

Thomas Roch of Engine Company 8 has been sentenced to forfeit two weeks' pay for being asleep while on duty, and D. W. Mahoney of Engine 23 has been sentenced to forfeit one week's pay for neglect of duty.

The following transfers have been made:
P. J. Malone, Engine 23 to Engine 12; F. L. Dowd, Engine 12 to Engine 23; Samuel Engler, Ladder 1 to Engine 33; Solomon Aaron, Engine 33 to Ladder 1.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, February 25, 1898.

The following applications for stable permits have been received:

Patrick Fallon, 199 Keyes street, Ward 23, four additional horses; hearing called for March 3 at 11 A.M. T. J. Desmond, Allegheny street, Ward 19, one horse; hearing called for March 10 at 11 A.M. Mrs. Mary A. Kellar, Homes avenue, Ward 24, two horses; hearing March 10 at 11 A.M. Rudolph Weber, Rockland street, Ward 23, one horse; hearing March 10 at 11 A.M.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

Statistics for the week ending February 26, 1898:

Cases pending	10	
Number of applications	113	123
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouses	43	
Long Island	19	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	2	
Marcella-Street Home	3	
Boston Insane Hospital	8	
Westborough Insane Hospital	1	
Foxboro' Asylum	4	
Danvers Lunatic Hospital	8	
	88	
Applications refused	14	
Applications withdrawn	6	
Cases pending	15	123
Legal settlements investigated	117	

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

Statistics for the week ending February 26, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Male	150	12
Female	14	9
Totals	164	21
Offences:		
Against the person	8	5
Against property	20	4
Against public order and decency	137	12
Totals	*165	21
Discharges:		
Males	154	5
Females	33	7
Totals	187	12
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	134	12
Permit of Commissioner	35	0
Payment of fine	18	0
Totals	187	12

Population:	
February 21, 1898	1,612
Committed since February 21, 1898	164
Totals	1,776
Discharged since February 21, 1898	187
February 28, 1898	1,589
	533

* One person charged with two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Board Meetings.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

The Board of Overseers of the Poor met at the Charity Building, February 2, 1898, at 3 o'clock.

Present: Mr. Fowler, presiding; Miss Rogers, Mrs. Thorndike, Mrs. Wolcott, Mr. Sproules, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Parker, Mr. Cunningham and Dr. Stuart.

Voted, That the Auditor be requested to pay to Mrs. Michael J. Killion the amount due her late husband at the time of his death.

Notice was received from the Mayor, that he had approved the appointment and salary of Delia McNamara, night-matron at the Home.

Mayor's Circular No. 31, with regard to the Annual Reports; suggesting that the financial statements should conform to the Auditor's report, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mayor's Circular No. 32, with regard to the establishment of a Repair Division under the Public Buildings Department, and the appointment of Mr. Charles Logue as its Chief, was referred to the Committee on Building.

Notice was received from the Mayor under date of January 18, that he had accepted the resignation of Charles Logue as a member of the Board. Placed on file.

Some consideration was given to the amendments of pauper laws asked of the Legislature by the Massachusetts Association of Relief Officers, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for such action as he might deem wise.

The Sub-Committee of the Committee of Investigation and Relief reported having had a conference with Commissioner Marshall with regard to terms given drunkards. They found him very earnest in his desire to improve present conditions, but he deems legislation necessary.

By request of Mrs. Wolcott, she was excused from further service on this matter, and a special committee, consisting of Mrs. Thorndike, Mr. Sproules and Mr. Parker, was appointed to continue in charge. The same committee was requested to consider the expediency of adopting new methods of registration.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasury for \$2,000.

The Board of Overseers of the Poor held a special meeting at the Charity Building, February 16, 1898, at 3 o'clock.

Present: Mr. Fowler, Mr. Sproules, Miss Rogers, Mr. Parker, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Mullen, Mrs. Wolcott, Mrs. Thorndike and Mr. Cunningham.

The Chairman read a communication from the Civil Service Commission, certifying that John F. O'Brien of 15 Taber street, Roxbury, is the only person who passed the examination held by request of this Board, and he is therefore certified for appointment as visitor.

Voted, To proceed to ballot for a visitor. Nine votes were cast, all of which were for John F. O'Brien, who was declared elected, the probationary term to commence at once, the salary during the six months to be at the rate of \$100 per month, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Voted, That the Committee to confer with Penal Institutions Commissioner Marshall add "discipline of persons confined for drunkenness in penal institutions" to the subjects to be considered in such conferences.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, February 21, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the record of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held February 21, 1898:

Voted, That the site on the Strandway, shown on a plan, dated February 21, 1898, and entitled "Boston Yacht Club Location," be leased to said club on the terms and conditions set forth in the indenture of lease this day approved, and that said lease be executed and submitted to the Mayor for his approval.

Voted, That on the acceptance of the aforesaid site and the execution of said lease by the Boston Yacht Club, the sum of forty-five hundred (4,500) dollars be paid to the said club in full settlement of all damages to its building or other claims under the judgment on file in the Superior Court, and that an entry of judgment satisfied be filed in said case, and that the Chairman sign a request to the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Strandway from Marine Park, West.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending February 26, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	18.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	25.7
Number of deaths:	
Males	85
Females	101
Total	186
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	256
Decrease	70

Of 186 decedents, 181 were white and 5 colored; 107 were born in the United States and 79 in foreign countries; 41 were of American parentage and 121 of foreign parentage; parentage unknown, 24.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	26	3
Scarlatina	13	1
Typhoid fever	1	0
Measles	14	0
Totals	54	4

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	17
Pneumonia	34
Heart disease	15
Bronchitis	7
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	4
Total from principal causes	81
Total from infectious diseases	4
Total from all other causes	101
Total from all causes	186
Deaths of children under 1 year	36
Deaths of children under 5 years	45
Deaths of persons over 60 years	50
Deaths in public institutions	51

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

March 2, 1898.

The Engineering Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building the masonry piers and abutment of the bridge on Summer street extension, across Fort Point Channel, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans which may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to the City Engineer in the sum of \$25,000 for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 o'clock M. of March 15, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the Contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

February 25, 1898.

Whereas, In the opinion of the Board, public necessity and convenience require that a building line be established on each side of St. James avenue, from Clarendon street to Dartmouth street, substantially as shown on a plan of said avenue in the office of this Board, it is therefore

Voted, That due notice be given that this Board intends to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 462, of the Acts of 1898, and Chapter 313, of the Acts of 1896, and that Tuesday, the fifteenth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., and the office of this Board, Pine Bank, Jamaica Plain, are assigned as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy.

Attest: GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

February 25, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Boston street, at Dorchester, be relocated as a highway, between Mt. Vernon street to Columbia road, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of the general law relating to the laying-out of highways, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the eleventh day of March, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, February 26, 1898.

The Water Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing to the City of Boston fifty-seven hundred (5,700) tons of cast-iron water pipes. A bond of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of the Water Commissioner, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, enclosed in an envelope, and with a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, left at said office before 12 o'clock M. of Wednesday, March 9, 1898. This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. Proposals filled out and left with check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city. Said envelope should be endorsed "Proposal for Cast-Iron Water Pipe."

JOHN R. MURPHY, Water Commissioner.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

City Hall, February 28, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing for the Street Department of the City of Boston such beach gravel, as the Superintendent of Streets of said city may, from time to time, order between March 15, 1898, and February 1, 1899.

A bond of three thousand (3,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety for faithfully doing the work, will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, enclosed in an envelope, and with a certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, left at said office before 12 o'clock M. of Wednesday, March 9, 1898.

This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

Proposals filled out and left with check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city. The envelope should be endorsed "Proposal for Beach Gravel."

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, February 26, 1898.

Sealed proposals addressed to the Street Department, City Hall, Boston, and endorsed "Proposals for Sewerage Pump Valves" will be received by the Superintendent of Streets, Boston, until 12 o'clock noon, of Tuesday, March 8, 1898, and at that time will be publicly opened and read.

The price proposed is to cover all the expenses incidental to the making and installing of new iron, bronze and rubber valves and valve seats for engines at the main drainage station, Dorchester, in full conformity with the plans and specifications which may be seen at the office of E. D. Leavitt, Consulting Engineer, Cambridgeport, Mass.

The party to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to furnish a bond of at least one-quarter of the contract price, with satisfactory sureties for the faithful performance of the contract.

Each bid must be signed by the bidder, and accompanied by a properly certified check of \$500, payable to the City of Boston; said check to be returned to the bidder, unless forfeited under the condition herein stipulated. No bid will be considered which is unaccompanied by a certified check as aforesaid.

The party to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to appear at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, Boston, with sureties, and execute the contract within three days from the date of notification of such award. In case of failure to do so, the party will be considered as having abandoned the contract, and the certified check shall be forfeited to the City of Boston.

The Street Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids, should it deem it to be for the best interests of the city to do so.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.



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THE CITY RECORD is also on sale at the Old Corner Book Store, 283 Washington street.

The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Monday, March 7, Chairman Dyar announced the following appointments to committees:

Fourth of July—Chairman, Alderman Lott; the whole Board constituting the committee.

Seventeenth of June—Aldermen Presho, Berwin, Cleary and Dixon.

Labor Day—Aldermen O'Toole, Codman, Lott and Paige.

Mayor's Address—Aldermen Charles, Berwin, Dixon and Presho.

Memorial Day—Aldermen Conry, Berwin, Norton and Paige.

COMMERCE OF BOSTON.

The following extracts are taken from the advance sheets of the General Trade Review of the Twelfth Annual Report of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, compiled by its Secretary, Mr. Elwyn G. Preston:

The commerce of the port of Boston during 1897, both imports and exports, surpasses all previous records. The imports amounted to \$85,688,149, an increase of 30 per cent.; the exports to \$104,191,690, as against \$101,466,212 in 1896. While these figures clearly show the magnitude of the traffic passing through this port, it is only by comparison with other ports that are striving for the control of the foreign trade of the United States, or by the use of percentages, that the success or failure of the port in competing for this traffic can be determined. The following table shows the percentage of the total foreign commerce of the United States performed by each of the leading ports for a series of years:

PORTS.	Total Imports and Exports, 1897.	Per cent. of Total U. S.	Total Imports and Exports, 1896.	Per cent. of Total Imports and Exports of United States.
New York.....	\$871,287,196	47.30	\$815,483,439	48.33
Boston.....	189,879,839	10.31	167,457,108	10.39
New Orleans.....	114,161,374	6.19	109,093,290	6.41
Philadelphia.....	95,448,980	5.18	82,584,162	4.90
Baltimore.....	109,738,156	5.95	91,897,836	5.44
San Francisco.....	80,651,015	4.38	76,179,129	4.51
Galveston.....	61,602,956	3.35	56,890,562	3.36
All other.....	319,605,379	17.34		2.25
Totals.....	\$1,842,374,904	100.00		2.45

The above table shows that Boston leads all other ports in the ratio of increase in foreign trade during the year 1897, with the single exception of Baltimore, which shows slightly larger gains in percentage, although a smaller actual increase in value, while New York shows a marked decline.

As regards imports, the increase at Boston was wholly during the first six months of the year, \$62,000,000, or seventy-two per cent.

of the total imports being received prior to July 1, the date the new tariff went into effect. In aggregate value, wool continues to hold first place, the receipts for the year amounting to \$33,272,000, out of a total amount for the entire United States of \$53,430,000, or over sixty-two per cent. Other principal items of import were: Sugar, \$7,878,000; hides and skins (including Morocco), \$7,478,000; vegetable fibres and manufactures, \$5,284,000, and cotton and manufactures, \$5,208,000.

Among the exports, provisions rank first, the aggregate exports amounting to \$53,395,012, against \$40,312,303 in 1896. The exports of breadstuffs amounted to \$19,216,562, against \$16,218,510 the preceding year. The wheat exports were 12,143,204 bushels, against 12,721,450 in 1896; corn, 9,464,163 bushels, against 6,136,603; oats, 5,471,275, against 2,147,637; fresh beef, 537,291 quarters, against 493,930; hay, 161,402 bales, against 50,711; butter, 3,286,337 pounds, against 3,156,741; apples, 426,539 barrels, against 747,106.

The following table compares the commerce of Boston with other principal ports of the United States since 1860 (fiscal years):

	Boston.	New York.	Philadelphia.	Baltimore.	New Orleans.	San Francisco.
1860...	\$54,554,575	\$371,898,585	\$20,225,068	\$18,786,373	\$131,340,571	\$19,873,937
1865...	38,356,734	368,756,040	15,119,553	14,555,552	4,908,168	16,922,404
1870...	61,661,274	524,301,907	31,435,407	34,042,941	123,141,601	57,810,427
1875...	82,848,259	713,341,549	52,848,041	55,404,814	83,970,469	60,835,826
1880...	127,741,477	852,497,243	85,594,193	96,199,555	101,653,372	67,680,680
1885...	115,446,032	724,592,509	68,642,280	56,902,600	87,836,126	73,155,974
1890...	134,078,610	865,478,485	91,346,998	87,123,896	122,785,054	85,627,314
1895...	152,394,314	803,321,190	83,845,769	74,199,697	82,274,869	61,142,755
1897...	191,035,700	872,283,487	95,377,945	97,063,844	118,112,847	74,023,551

* Returns incomplete.

While the number of cattle exported from Boston show a slight decrease, the port continues to hold first place, the shipments amounting to 162,620 head, out of a total of 397,891 from all ports. The percentage of loss on shipboard from all American ports for the year is reported by the Secretary of Agriculture as 0.61, while that from the port of Boston, which shipped more than 40 per cent. of the entire number, was 0.14 per cent., or about one-fourth, being the lowest mortality for shipments of this magnitude on record. The mortality on shipments of sheep from Boston was 0.61 per cent., as against 1.39 for all American ports.

The "in transit and trans-shipment" trade passing through the port of Boston amounted to \$10,450,703, and was made up as follows:

Entered at the port of Boston for trans-shipment to foreign countries, principally Canada, \$4,008,120.

Entered at ports on the Canadian frontier and exported to foreign countries via Boston, \$6,442,583, made up as follows:

St. Albans, Vt., \$2,340,548; Buffalo, N. Y., \$1,645,855; Richford, Vt., \$1,300,880; Duluth, Minn., \$371,931; Suspension Bridge, N. Y., \$340,791; Rouses Point, N. Y., \$237,118; Island Pond, Vt., \$186,685; Newport, Vt., \$18,775.

With these additions, the total foreign commerce of the port of Boston during 1897 is shown to be \$200,330,542, as compared with \$177,100,073 the preceding year.

The ocean tonnage in which this vast commerce was carried shows a growth proportionate to the increased traffic. The tonnage entering and clearing in the foreign trade amounted to 3,637,497 tons, as compared with 3,457,763 in 1896, and 3,146,236 in 1895. The arrivals of vessels in the coastwise trade were 9,570, as against 9,684 in 1896 and 9,166 in 1895. The following table shows the arrivals in the coastwise and foreign trade, and the foreign clearances for the past ten years:

YEAR.	Coastwise Arrivals.	Foreign Arrivals.		Foreign Clearances.		Total Foreign Tonnage.
		No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	
1897.....	9,570	2,068	1,980,708	1,936	1,656,789	3,637,497
1896.....	9,684	2,088	1,843,134	2,014	1,614,629	3,457,763
1895.....	9,166	2,216	1,723,009	2,147	1,423,227	3,146,236
1894.....	8,419	2,079	1,739,640	1,948	1,467,084	3,206,724
1893.....	8,505	2,218	1,650,561	2,085	1,323,703	2,974,264
1892.....	8,616	2,396	1,705,492	2,291	1,443,381	3,148,873
1891.....	8,833	2,342	1,553,600	2,222	1,278,862	2,832,462
1890.....	9,022	2,315	1,449,870	1,456	1,028,491	2,478,361
1889.....	8,911	2,364	1,424,246	2,435	1,256,270	3,680,516
1888.....	9,287	2,287	1,298,565	2,321	1,117,691	2,416,256

The steamship sailings for European ports exceeded in number that of any previous year, being 388, as against 361 in 1896 and 326 in 1895. The sailings to the single port of Liverpool make a similar record, the total being 203, or an average of four a week of steamers of the largest freight-carrying class. The increased capacity of the 203 steamers sailing from this port to Liverpool in 1897, over the Liverpool fleet of ten years ago, which aggregated 147 sailings, is made clear when the size of the vessels at the two periods is compared. The average tons of freight per ship carried by one of the leading Liverpool lines in 1897 was 4,243, as against 3,065 tons per ship in 1888, an increase of 38 per cent. This may be taken as fairly representative of the entire Boston and Liverpool service. On this basis, therefore, while the increase in the number of sailings was fifty-six, or 38 per cent., the total Liverpool tonnage increased from 450,555 in 1888 to 861,329 tons in 1897, or 91 per cent. It is not difficult, in view of this remarkable development of Liverpool tonnage, to understand the large growth of the Boston and Liverpool trade, and the commanding position Boston occupies with regard to certain important classes of exports that are largely received by Great Britain through that port.

The Internal Revenue collections for the District of Massachusetts amounted to \$3,993,996, divided as follows: Spirits, \$2,114,040; fermented liquors, \$1,545,263; tobacco, \$334,693. The total collections in 1896 amounted to \$4,614,462.

The receipts of the Boston Postoffice were \$2,841,795, as compared with \$2,761,375 in 1896, and \$2,701,363 in 1895.

The number and value of new buildings completed during the year were as follows:

	1897.	1896.
Class 1 and 2, brick and stone, 364 . .	\$8,131,800	\$7,991,000
Class 3, wood, 2,002,	8,603,756	5,967,343
Totals	\$16,735,556	\$13,958,343
Increase in valuation due to alterations	2,706,843	2,347,495
Totals	\$19,442,399	\$16,305,836

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

On March 7, at their regular meeting, the Board of Aldermen unanimously confirmed the Mayor's appointment of Patrick A. Collins and Albert E. Pillsbury, as members of the commission to draft a revision or consolidation of all of the special laws relating to the city (see CITY RECORD, p. 117).

THE BOSTON DISPENSARY.

The following is an extract from the Centennial Report of the Boston Dispensary:

The Boston Dispensary was founded in 1796, eight years previous to the founding of

the Massachusetts General Hospital, and sixty-eight years before that of the Boston City Hospital. It is the third institution of its kind in the country, having been preceded by the dispensaries of Philadelphia and New York, which were founded respectively in 1786 and 1790.

During the past year 28,865 patients have been attended, as follows:

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Medical Department . .	3,058	5,020	4,775	12,853
Surgical Department . .	1,466	842	663	2,971
Department for Diseases of the Skin	576	627	522	1,725
Department for Diseases of the Nervous System,	829	1,235	207	2,271
Department for Diseases of the Throat and Nose,	943	863	777	2,583
Department for the Diseases of Women	—	1,122	—	1,122
Department for Diseases of the Eye	354	606	389	1,349
Department for Diseases of the Ear	230	254	284	768
Department for Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System	2,261	22	—	2,283
Department for Diseases of the Rectum	113	54	1	168
Orthopedic Department . .	121	110	42	273
Dental Department . . .	167	157	175	499

These figures are of interest as compared with those of earlier days. In 1867 there were fourteen physicians, four surgeons, eight district physicians and one superintendent. This staff attended 14,446 patients in the house and 9,462 in the districts, giving a total of 23,908 patients attended in that year. The number of physicians, including the superintendent and district physicians, now in attendance, is seventy-one, and 44,323 patients were attended during the year. Probably the number of patients actually seen is considerably less than this, as the same patient oftentimes is seen in several different services, and appears as a new case in each.

In this century of active life the Dispensary has had an honored history, one in which managers, physicians and friends may well take pride. The amount of suffering alleviated among the needy poor is incalculable. In the entire time since 1796, 1,378,845 cases have been attended. Since 1856 the number is 1,259,682.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary gives the value of importations and exportations, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of January, 1898, compared with the corresponding month of 1897:

	Importations.		Exportations.	
January, 1898 . .	\$3,177,083		\$8,964,464	
January, 1897 . .	4,610,066		8,622,017	
	Entered.		Cleared.	
Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
January, 1898 . .	105	148,459	85	113,229
January, 1897 . .	89	122,186	92	106,644
Passengers arrived, January, 1898			547	
Passengers arrived, January, 1897			163	

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Monday, March 7, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Dyar presiding, and all members present.

The following messages were received:

Appointment of Measurers of Grain.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 7, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, Henry F. Gould and Charles E. Stone to be Measurers of Grain, Weighers of Coal and Inspectors of Pressed or Bundled Hay or Straw, for the term ending April 30, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Appointment of Constables.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 7, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, William E. Fitzgerald, Parker N. Jenkins and Henry Martyn, to be Constables of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Department of Baths.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 7, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, Leonard D. Ahl, Robert A. Woods, Mrs. Lawrence J. Logan, John Duff, Mrs. Jacob H. Hecht, Patrick A. Tracy and Edward M. Hartwell, to be members of the Board in charge of the Department of Baths, to serve until the first day of May next.

I also appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, Leonard D. Ahl to be a member of said Board for the term of five years, Robert A. Woods and Mrs. Lawrence J. Logan to be members of said Board for the term of four years, John Duff to be a member of said Board for the term of three years, Mrs. Jacob H. Hecht and Patrick A. Tracy to be members of said Board for the term of two years and Edward M. Hartwell to be a member of said Board for the term of one year; each of said terms beginning with the first day of May next.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Severally laid over under the law.

Bay Windows—Huntington and Shepherd Avenues.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 28, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith, without my approval, a vote passed by your Board at its last meeting, granting permission to Agnes K. Sweeney to project two bay windows from building on southeast corner of Huntington and Shepherd avenues. The Building Commissioner reports that there are no bay windows on Huntington avenue, and I do not think it proper to approve the projection of bay windows on such an avenue as this one, where none are at present in existence. I am also informed that Shepherd avenue is only twenty feet in width, and it does not seem to me desirable to grant permits to project bay windows on such a narrow street.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 7, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I find that the information that there were no bay windows now projecting on Huntington avenue, furnished by the Building Department in a communication dated February 18, was incorrect, and as I based my refusal to approve the vote cast by your Board granting permission to Agnes K. Sweeney to project two bay windows from building on southeast corner of Huntington and Shepherd avenues upon this ground, I now desire to state to your Board, as I cannot now withdraw the veto message, that I have no objection to the passage of this permit over my veto.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The order was passed over the Mayor's veto—Yeas, 10; nays, 0.

Contract for Engine 31.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 7, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner, in reply to your order requesting a report as to the cause of the delay in placing Engine 31 in commission, etc.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol Street, February 23, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the request of the Honorable Board of Aldermen, I beg leave to respectfully report that, with no intention of releasing Mr. Brooks' bondsmen from their obligations, I have extended the time for

completing Fire Boat 31, in the hope of securing to the city in the shortest possible time that additional protection for which she is designed; and which, in my opinion, she at present would not at all times furnish, although not serviceable under ordinary conditions of wind and tide. And as the delay in completing her has not lessened the usual protection of our water front, inasmuch as Fire Boat 44 is in commission and at all times ready for work, it has seemed to me not only just to Mr. Brooks, who has done his utmost to bring her to perfection by his trials of three different patterns of single wheels, but also for the best interests of the city to be patient for a while longer, in order to get, if possible, a boat of small draught in every way adapted to the protection of property where shallow water renders the other boat ineffective.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Parade Ground.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 25, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith, without my approval, the order passed by your body providing for the publication of an advertisement for offers of "a site suitable for parade, drill and target practice for the militia belonging to the City of Boston." As a bill providing for the appointment of a State Commission to investigate the subject of providing a State rifle range for the use of the militia of Boston and surrounding cities and towns is now upon its passage through the Legislature, I do not believe that it would be proper for the city to take any action in this direction at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The order was passed over the Mayor's veto—Yeas, 12; nays, 0.

Paving Stoughton and Pleasant Streets.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 7, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order requesting estimates of the cost of paving and regulating Stoughton and Pleasant streets, Ward 20.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 7, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the request contained in enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I respectfully submit the following estimates of cost:

Stoughton street, Ward 20, Pleasant street, across Columbia road, paving with granite blocks and regulating	\$21,200
Pleasant street, Ward 20, Stoughton street, across Savin Hill avenue, paving with granite blocks and regulating	11,700

NOTE—These estimates do not include space occupied by car tracks.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Special Loan Appropriation.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 7, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

On January 25 I addressed a communication to your body, calling attention to the urgent necessity of making a special loan appropriation to provide for the removal of the deposit of silt and sewage in the Back Bay Fens. The work must be done at this season of the year, if at all, as it would cause too much of a nuisance to have it in progress during the summer season. There has been great complaint of the condition of the Fens, and the Park Commissioners unite with the Board of Health and the City Engineer in urging the necessity of immediate action. I trust that the appropriation asked for will be authorized at once by the City Council, as there can be no question whatever as to the necessity of doing this work immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sent down.

MAYOR'S CIRCULARS.

The following is a list of the circulars issued by the Mayor to heads of departments, with the subject matter of each, since January 1, 1898:

- January 4—Circular No. 30, relative to the publication of THE CITY RECORD.
- January 12—Circular No. 31, relative to a common classification of accounts.
- January 13—Circular No. 32, relative to the establishment of a Repair Division under the Public Buildings Department, and the appointment of Mr. Charles Logue as Chief of Division. Also relative to the Architectural Division, and the appointment of Prof. F. W. Chandler as Chief of Division.
- January 25—Circular No. 33, relative to desirable legislation at the State House. Also relative to transfers requiring to be made to close accounts for the year.
- February 21—Circular No. 34, relative to Chapter 320 of the Acts of 1889.
- March 1—Circular No. 35, relative to granting employees leave of absence on Thursday, March 17 (Evacuation Day).

ORDER APPROVED BY THE MAYOR.

The following order, having been passed by the City Council, was approved by the Mayor March 2, 1898:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be authorized, under the provisions of Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1880, to pay by way of annuity a sum not exceeding \$300 annually, out of the appropriation for the Fire Department, to Sarah Collins, widow of Joseph F. Collins, who died April 20, 1897, from injuries received while in the performance of his duty.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN BOSTON, FEBRUARY, 1898.

The following is a summary statement as to the number of transfers of real estate, and the total amount of the mortgages executed in Boston during the month of February, 1898, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 553; total number of mortgages, 566; total amount of mortgages, \$2,810,692.

	Number of Transfers.
Boston	157
South Boston	39
East Boston	38
Roxbury	53
Dorchester	164
West Roxbury	45
Brighton	31
Charlestown	26
Total	553

INDEX TO LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

Under the following headings are grouped (1) the serial number given to the several bills in the table entitled "*Bills Concerning the City of Boston before the Massachusetts Legislature, 1898*," and (2) the number of the page of THE CITY RECORD on which the bills cited are printed or noted:

BILLS RELATING TO:

- Acquirement of water rights in Stony Brook—19, p. 129.
- Amendment of city charter—4, p. 120.
- Annexation of territory to Boston—15, p. 78; 98, p. 123.
- Appointment of additional court officers—63, p. 83.
- Appointment of assessors—97, p. 88.
- Asbestos board as a fire stop—70, p. 84.
- Board of Aldermen, election of, reorganization of, etc.—1, p. 43; 3, p. 76; 26, p. 29; 29, p. 43; 36, p. 61; 38, p. 62; 51, p. 81; 52, p. 81; 71, p. 84; 103, p. 89.
- Board of Health—81, p. 86.
- Borrowing outside debt limit for street improvements—75, p. 85; 117, p. 93.
- Boundary lines—122, p. 94; 123, p. 95; 124, p. 94.

- Building laws—40, p. 80; 83, p. 123; 84, p. 86; 85, p. 123; 86, p. 87; 87, p. 87; 95, p. 88; 99, p. 124; 100, p. 88; 112, p. 92; 113, p. 92; 114, p. 92; 115, p. 93.
- Changes in election laws—33, p. 60; 25, p. 61; 37, p. 62; 27, p. 62; 60, p. 82; 61, p. 82; 105, p. 89; 80, p. 89.
- Charles river embankment—21, p. 121.
- Children's institutions—92, p. 87.
- City Council, reorganization of—14, p. 78; 32, p. 44; 116, p. 64; 125, p. 124.
- Common Council—53, p. 81.
- Compensation for use of streets—64, p. 83.
- Completion of park system—79, p. 62 and p. 122.
- Consolidation or creation of executive departments—2, p. 76; 6, p. 77.
- Construction or extension of streets—13, p. 78; 20, p. 43; 41, p. 81; 66, p. 83; 67, p. 83; 73, p. 85; 76, p. 85.
- Creation of Metropolitan Commission—11, pp. 63 and 78.
- Creation of Art Department—91, p. 62.
- Election of Corporation Counsel and City Solicitor, 5, p. 120.
- Erection and operation of electric light plants, 101, p. 124.
- Ferries, tunnels, etc.—47, p. 78; 107, p. 90.
- Fire department—58, p. 82.
- Harbor lines and improvements—27, p. 29.
- Height of buildings—28, p. 30; 39, p. 80.
- Holding of caucuses—9, p. 77; 105, p. 89.
- Laying-out of streets—24, p. 29; 42, p. 80; 56, p. 82; 57, p. 82; 77, p. 85; 82, p. 86.
- Liquor license and Excise Board—34, p. 61; 41, p. 80; 47, p. 82; 48, p. 82; 102, p. 88.
- Malden bridge—22, p. 121.
- Management of parks—30, p. 43.
- Nominations of Senators in County of Suffolk—104, p. 124.
- Payments to families or relatives of deceased employees—45, p. 81; 46, p. 81; 47, p. 81; 48, p. 81; 69, p. 84.
- Pensions and retiring funds—18, p. 80; 110, p. 90.
- Price of gas—65, p. 83.
- Promotion of rapid transit—54, p. 81.
- Provision of system of playgrounds—23, p. 63.
- Recounts of ballots—109, p. 65.
- Registration of voters—35, p. 61; 106, p. 89.
- Regulation of sale of liquor—43, p. 121; 49, p. 122; 50, p. 122; 62, p. 83; 102, p. 88.
- Regulation of traffic on Tremont street—90, p. 123.
- Reorganization of police, special officers, etc.—68, p. 84; 78, p. 86; 121, p. 93.
- Sale of land taken for park purposes—7, p. 120.
- School Committee, school buildings and school management—8, p. 77; 17, p. 79; 88, p. 87; 93, p. 87; 94, p. 88; 99, p. 124; 100, p. 88; 111, p. 91; 118, p. 65.
- Sewerage works—44, p. 80; 56, p. 84; 74, p. 85.
- Sinking-funds—80, p. 86.
- Street assessments—20, p. 121.
- Street extension, widening, etc.—31, p. 43; 55, p. 81.
- Water supply—108, p. 90; 118, p. 93; 119, p. 93.
- Wires, etc., in streets and buildings—10, p. 78; 72, p. 85.

Abbreviations: H., signifies House; S., signifies Senate; (B.), signifies Bill; (N.P.), signifies Ought Not to Pass; (L.W.), signifies Leave to Withdraw; (N.G.C.), signifies Next General Court; Am., signifies Amended.

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
1. S. B. 11, for Providing a Temporary Presiding Officer for Boston Aldermen, p. 43.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. S. (B.)							
2. S. B. (by Senator Davis), to Consolidate Several Departments in the City of Boston, under One Board, to be known as the Boston Board of Public Works, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 8. S. (N. P.)								
3. S. B. 20, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8. Closed.								
4. S. B. 27, relative to the Charter of the City of Boston, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 31.	Feb. 7. Closed.								
5. S. B. 31, relative to the Election of the Corporation Counsel and the City Solicitor of the City of Boston, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. S. (L. W.)							
6. S. B. 32, relative to the Consolidation of the Departments of the Treasurer, Collector and Auditor of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. S. (L. W.)							
7. S. B. 34, to Authorize the Sale of Certain Land taken for Public Park Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 16. H. (B.)	Feb. 17.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 3. S. Mch. 7.	Approved. March 8.
8. S. B. 42, relative to the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Education. Feb. 3.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
9. S. B. 43, relative to the Holding of Caucuses, p. 77.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	March 10. Closed.								
10. S. B. 44, relative to the Wires and Electrical Appliances in the Streets of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 3. Closed.								
11. S. B. 46, to Establish the Metropolitan District Commission, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 4. Closed.	March 8. S. (L. W.)							
12. S. B. 47, to Require Construction of a Tunnel or Tunnels between Boston and East Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 14, 28. March 4.								
13. S. B. 56, relative to the Board of Aldermen and to the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	Feb. 11. Closed.								
14. S. B. 59, to Unite the City of Boston and the City of Chelsea, and Towns of Winthrop and Revere, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	March 3. Closed.	March 8. S. (N. P.)							
15. S. B. 62, relative to the Finances of the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	March 2. Closed.								
16. S. B. 63, to Reorganize the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 79.	Education. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24, 28. Closed.								
17. S. B. 65, relative to the Pensioning of Employees of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17, 24. Closed.	March 8. H. (N. P.)							
18. S. B. 70, relative to Stony Brook in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 1. Closed.								
19. S. B. 71, to Payment of Assessments for the Laying-out and Construction of Highways in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 8. S. (B.)							
20. S. B. 80, relative to the Construction of Belvidere Street in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Cities. Feb. 3.									
21. S. B. 81, relative to the Charles River Embankment, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
22. S. B. 93 relative to Malden Bridge, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 10.									
23. S. B. 110, to Provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 63.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)							
24. S. B. 118, relative to the Support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston, p. 66.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, 28. Closed.								
25. H. B. 78, as to Plotting and Laying-out Streets in Boston, p. 29.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 8. H. (N. P.)							
26. H. B. 80, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 29.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 3, 7. Closed.								
27. H. B. 82, as to Change of Harbor Lines and Improvements in South Bay, p. 29.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 13.	Jan. 28. Closed.	March 2. H. (B.)	March 8.						
28. H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Cities. Jan. 14.	Jan. 21. Feb. 10, 17. Closed.								
29. H. B. 125, for more Boston Aldermen, and choice of Chairman by Popular Vote, p. 43.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Feb. 8, 11. Closed.								
30. H. B. 152, as to leasing of Building by Boston Park Commission, p. 43.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 4.								

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.—Continued.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
31. H. B. 195, for widening Rutherford Avenue, Devens and Bow Streets, p. 43.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 21.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)							
32. H. B. 204, for Reorganization of the Boston City Government, p. 44.	Election Laws. Jan. 21.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
33. H. B. 233, as to Choice of President of Boston Common Council by Popular Vote, p. 60.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.								
34. H. B. 235, to Provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston, and to Define the Duties and Powers, p. 60.	Liquor Law. Jan. 25.	Feb. 23. Closed.								
35. H. B. 252, as to Registration of Voters, p. 61.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 15, 24. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (N. P.)							
36. H. B. 253, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 61.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
37. H. B. 254, as to Time of Opening and Closing of Polls in Boston, p. 62.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (N. P.)							
38. H. B. 255, as to Change in Method of Electing Boston Aldermen, p. 62.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
39. H. B. 291, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10, 17. Closed.								
40. H. B. 306, to Provide that Tenement Houses in the City of Boston, over Four Stories High, shall be First-class Buildings, p. 80.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 7. Closed.								
41. H. B. 317, to Establish a Board of Excise Commissioners for the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 27.	Feb. 11. Closed.								
42. H. B. 324, as to the Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 7. Closed.								
43. H. B. 340, relative to Granting Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Liquor Law. Jan. 27.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
44. H. B. 348, as to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
45. H. B. 356, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Children of Charles A. Lambert, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (B.)	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. S.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
46. H. B. 358, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to Family of Edward C. Cadigan, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 11. Closed.	Feb. 11. H. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. S.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	H. Feb. 25. S. Mch. 1.	Approved. March 2.
47. H. B. 359, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Father of James W. McCabe, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 4. Closed.	Feb. 9. H. (B.)	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 11. S.	Feb. 14. Am.	Feb. 15.	H. Feb. 21. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
48. H. B. 363, to Amend an Act Limiting the Number of Places which may be Licensed for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, p. 122.	Liquor Law. Jan. 25.	Feb. 18. Closed.								
49. H. B. 365, to Limit the Number of Places in the City of Boston for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, p. 122.	Liquor Law. Jan. 25.	Feb. 18. Closed.								
50. H. B. 374, as to the Election of the Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 11. Closed.								
51. H. B. 376, as to Election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.								
52. H. B. 377, as to the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.								
53. H. B. 382, an Act to Incorporate the Bay State Elevated Railway Company and to Promote Rapid Transit in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.	March 4. H. (N. G. C.)							
54. H. B. 390, to Provide for an Extension of Huntington Avenue in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 24. Closed.								
55. H. B. 392, as to the Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.									
56. H. B. 395, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Family of John Kelley, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (B.)	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. S.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
57. H. B. 410, as to the Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 9. Closed.	Feb. 9. H. (B.)	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. Am.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 17.			
58. H. B. 413, relative to Appointments in the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (B.)	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 3.	
59. H. B. 416, resolve to Provide for an Addition to the Normal Art School Building in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Education.	Feb. 17. Closed.								

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60. H. B. 419, to Establish the Voting Day in Municipal Elections in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (N.G.C.)							
61. H. B. 424, relative to Taking the Vote upon the Question of Granting Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Liquor Law. Jan. 31.	Feb. 25.								
62. H. B. 442, to Regulate the Issuing of Liquor Licenses in City of Boston, p. 83.	Liquor Law. Jan. 31.	March 4.								
63. H. B. 452, to Provide for the Appointment of One Additional Court Officer for Attendance upon the Several Sessions of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston for Civil Business, p. 83.	Public Service. Jan. 31.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 18. H. (B.)							
64. H. B. 456, to Require Compensation from Corporations for the Use of Public Streets in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Street Railways. Jan. 31.	March 8.								
65. H. B. 487, to Regulate the Price of Gas in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23, 25. Closed.	Feb. 25. H. (N.P.)							
66. H. B. 489, to Enable the City of Boston to Complete Blue Hill Avenue and Other Avenues, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)							
67. H. B. 491, relative to Bennington Street in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 4.	March 8. H. (B.)							
68. H. B. 502, to Reorganize the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 84.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 9, 17, 28. Closed.								
69. H. B. 503, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Widow of Charles J. Vaughn, p. 84.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 11. Closed.	Feb. 11. H. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. S.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	H. Feb. 25. S. Mch. 1.	Approved. March 2.
70. H. B. 504, to Provide that Asbestos Mill Board may be used as a Fire-stop in the Floors of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 84.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 21. H. (N.P.)							
71. H. B. 505, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 84.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.								
72. H. B. 506, to Facilitate the Inspection of Wires in Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 8.								
73. H. B. 507, relative to the Extension of Cove Street in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (N.P.)							
74. H. B. 508, relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 16. H. (N.P.)							
75. H. B. 509, to Authorize the City of Boston to Borrow Money Outside the Debt Limit to Meet the Expense of Asphalted Streets, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (N.P.)							
76. H. B. 529, relative to the Construction of a Boulevard from Morton Street to Washington Street in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21. Closed.								
77. H. B. 553, relative to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 85.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. H. (N.P.)							
78. H. B. 588, relative to Appointment of Special Police Officers in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
79. H. B. 589, to Enable the City of Boston to Finish the Construction of Its Public Parks, p. 122.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (B.)	Feb. 18.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 25. S.				
80. H. B. 591, relative to the Sinking Funds of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. H. (N.P.)							
81. H. B. 604, relative to Inspectors in the City of Boston Acting under the Direction of the Board of Health, p. 86.	Public Health. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (N.P.)							
82. H. B. 628, relative to Change of Plans of Board of Survey, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 8.								
83. H. B. 631, relative to the Construction of Tenement Houses in the City of Boston, p. 123.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. H. (L.W.)							
84. H. B. 632, to Repeal Chapter 175, Acts of 1897, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
85. H. B. 633, to amend Chapter 175 of the Acts of 1897 relative to Building in the City of Boston, p. 123.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
86. H. B. 634, relative to Buildings in Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
87. H. B. 635, to Amend Chapter 175, Acts of 1897, p. 87.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
88. H. B. 645, relative to the Taking of Land for School Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 16. S. (B.)	Feb. 17.	March 1.	March 3. H.	March 4.	March 7.		

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89. H. B. 668, relative to the Pensioning of War Veterans who are Members of the Police Force of Boston, p. 123.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 18. H. (B.)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 25. S.	March 1. Am.	March 2.		
90. H. B. 669, to Provide Better Accommodations for Traffic on Tremont Street in Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (L.W.)							
91. H. B. 670, to Establish an Art Department in the City of Boston, p. 62.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 4. Closed.								
92. H. B. 671, relative to Children in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
93. H. B. 672, relative to the Power of the School Committee of the City of Boston to make Additions or Alterations to School Buildings, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 16. H. (L.W.)							
94. H. B. 673, to Authorize the Treasurer of the City of Boston to Issue Bonds for Taking of Land for School Purposes, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (B.)	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 3. S. Mch. 7.	
95. H. B. 674, to Establish Building Lines on Columbus Avenue in the City of Boston p. 88.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 8. Closed.	March 8. H. (N. G. C.)							
96. H. B. 675, relative to the Extension of the Subway in the City of Boston, p. 122.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
97. H. B. 676, relative to the Time of Appointment and Assignment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)							
98. H. B. 678, that Quincy be Annexed to Boston, p. 123.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.	March 8. H. (N. G. C.)							
99. H. B. 685, to Authorize the School Committee of the City of Boston to Erect Buildings for School Purposes not Fire-proof, p. 124.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.								
100. H. B. 686, to Exempt School-houses from Certain Provisions of the Act Relative to the Erection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.								
101. H. B. 747, relative to Operation by Cities and Towns of Electric Light Plants, p. 124.	Manufactures, Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
102. H. B. 748, to give Preference to Regularly Established Hotels, Restaurants and Eating-houses in Granting Liquor Licenses in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.								
103. H. B. 749, to Change the Method of Electing Aldermen in the City of Boston. p. 89.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 11. Closed.								
104. H. B. 750, relative to Nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 124.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 25. Closed.								
105. H. B. 751, relative to Caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 89.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. S. (L. W.)							
106. H. B. 752, relative to the Registration of Voters in the City of Boston, p. 89.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	March 4. Closed.								
107. H. B. 753, relative to Ferries, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)							
108. H. B. 754, relative to Maintenance of the Water Department by a General Tax, and Free Water for Domestic Purposes, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. H. (N.G.C.)							
109. H. B. 757, relative to Recounts of Ballots in the City of Boston, p. 65.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	March 10.								
110. H. B. 758, relative to Public School Teachers' Retirement Fund, p. 90.	Education. Feb. 2.									
111. H. B. 759, relative to the Public Schools of the City of Boston, and Providing for a Reorganization of the Government Thereof, p. 91.	Education. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24, 28. Closed.								
112. H. B. 761, to Provide for the Better Enlargement of the Building Laws in the City of Boston, p. 92.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)	March 2.	March 3.	March 7. S.				
113. H. B. 762, relative to the Construction, Maintenance and Inspection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 92.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
114. H. B. 763, as to the Further Regulation of the Height of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 92.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.								
115. H. B. 764, relative to the Construction of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 93.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)	March 2.	March 3.	March 7. S.				
116. H. B. 766, relative to the City Government and the Departments of the City of Boston, p. 64.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (L.W.)							
117. H. B. 767, to Authorize the City of Boston to Borrow Money Outside the Debt Limit for the Purpose of Asphaltting Streets, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (L.W.)							

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118. H. B. 768, relative to Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. March 14.								
119. H. B. 769, to Equalize Water Rates and Economize the Use of Water in the City of Boston, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. H. (L. W.)							
120. H. B. 825, to Further Provide for a Union Station for Passengers on Railroads Entering the Southerly Part of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 1. Closed.								
121. H. B. 881, relative to the Reserve Police Force in the City of Boston, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (N. P.)							
122. H. B. 887, to Change Boundary Line Between Boston and Cambridge, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.									
123. H. B. 888, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line Between the Cities of Boston and Newton, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.									
124. H. B. 889, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line Between the City of Boston and the Town of Hyde Park, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.									
125. H. B. 910, to Provide for the Reconstruction of the Municipal Government of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws, Feb. 11.									
126. H. B. 932, relative to Disabled Firemen in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 17.	March 4.								
UNNUMBERED BILLS.										
Petition that the City of Boston may pay Sum of Money to Sister of Dennis H. Morrissey.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 11. S. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. H.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 18.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 18.	Approved. March 2.
Petition of Mayor Quincy for Provisions for Laying-out Alleys in the City of Boston, p. 64.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 4. Closed.								
Petition of Mayor Quincy for Consolidation of Public Grounds and Park Departments of City of Boston, p. 64.	Cities. Feb. 7.	March 9.								

AFFAIRS OF TRANSIT COMMISSION.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 28, 1898.

TO THE BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION:

GENTLEMEN: I have before me a blue print of Plan No. 3,874, showing the Haymarket square property taken by your Commission, and the street-widening lines as informally agreed upon with the Street Commissioners, and I desire to notify your Commission that the City of Boston requires for street widenings, for a site for an engine house, which will require some 5,000 feet, and for a site for a public retail market, or for some other municipal use, the whole of the land bounded by Haymarket square, Canal street, Traverse street and Haverhill street, purchased by your Commission from the Boston & Maine Railroad Company, excepting so much as may be required for the purpose of constructing the subway. I understand that the area outside of the lines of the subway walls amount to 51,524 feet, and that there is also an area of 19,526 feet over the subway incline. I desire to include the latter area as well as the former, as I believe that it will be possible for the city to utilize the space over the incline profitably for some municipal building, in such a manner as not to interfere with the use of the subway. I shall be ready to consider at any time with your Board what price shall be fixed upon this land in transferring it from your Commission, for these other municipal uses.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Communication from Law Department.

73 Tremont Street, March 2, 1898.

TO THE BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION:

GENTLEMEN: I have received your request for my opinion as to "whether under the Statutes of 1897, Chapter 500, it is in the power of this Commission to so build a tunnel to East Boston that it shall have an exit or exits on Hanover street, without having, or being located with reference to, a suitable connection with the subway," and I have the honor to say that, in my opinion, under the provisions of Section 17 of said Chapter 500, the Commission is granted authority to do one of two things—to construct a subway to East Boston, either from the surface at a point near Hanover street, or from any subway which it is now building. I will give you my opinion more at length as soon as I have leisure therefor.

Respectfully,

ANDREW J. BAILEY,
Corporation Counsel.

GOVERNING BOARDS IN LONDON.

There are in all about 400 public authorities at work in governing London. Besides the central authorities there are, for the purposes of local municipal and sanitary administration, 29 Vestries and one Local Board, representing as many parishes, and having a total membership of 2,603. There are 42 smaller parishes with Vestries containing 1,429 members, which control libraries, baths, cemeteries, etc., and are grouped together for sanitary and other local municipal services, electing 620 members to 12 District Boards of Works. The Com-

mission of Sewers, which until this year was the local sanitary authority in the city, and which discharged some of the powers which are exercised elsewhere by the County Council, has now been amalgamated by the City Corporation.

There are, in connection with parish and municipal administration, 112 minor Vestries in the city. Their principal duties are those incidental to rating and registration.

There are numerous small boards of commissioners indirectly elected for the management of baths, libraries and cemeteries, although the number of such authorities is diminishing under the operation of the Local Government Act of 1894.

The total cost of London government is £12,750,000, which is equal to a rate of 7s. 6d. in the pound. The receipts from the rates amount to 71.67 per cent. Imperial grants (13.77), dues, rents and incomes from other sources making up the rest of the income. Poor-Law administration costs over £3,000,000 a year. The Vestries and District Boards spend £2,500,000 a year. The School Board expenditure amounts to nearly £2,000,000 a year. The London County Council spends over £2,000,000, and the administration of the Metropolitan Police involves an expenditure of close on £1,450,000. The expenditure of the City Corporation amounts to nearly £1,220,000, of which £470,000 comes from the rates. The maintenance of baths and wash-houses involves an expenditure of £116,000. Public libraries require about £62,000 to maintain, and about £57,000 is involved in the management of parochial cemeteries. If the expenses of the smaller boards, such as market commissioners, port sanitary authority, church wardens, visiting committees of pauper lunatic asylums, be added, the above total of £12,750,000 is reached.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER,
Old Court House, March 5, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending March 5, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.							
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		Brick Buildings.	Wooden Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.		
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.								
1...	3	2	10	-	-	-	-	1	1	4		
2...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1		
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4		
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	6		
6...	1	14	1	-	-	13	1	5	29			
7...	-	8	-	-	-	11	-	6	43			
8...	-	4	2	-	2	4	1	7	10			
9...	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	11	7			
10...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	18			
11...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	32			
12...	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	6	13			
13...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7			
14...	6	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	9			
15...	-	1	2	-	2	1	-	4	8			
16...	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	2	1			
17...	5	-	10	1	-	2	-	4	15			
18...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	5	12			
19...	2	1	2	-	-	3	1	-	11			
20...	14	3	5	-	20	3	2	14	22			
21...	2	-	2	-	1	1	-	2	1	28		
22...	1	1	-	-	3	1	-	5	1			
23...	6	3	3	-	1	1	2	8	10			
24...	6	4	3	-	1	6	4	4	17			
25...	1	1	-	-	3	1	-	11	7			
T'ls..	48	53	46	3	4	42	45	11	107	315		

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, March 7, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending March 5, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	146
Number of discharges of mortgages	48
Number of bills of sale	6
Number of assignments of mortgages	12
Number of assignments of wages	26
Number of married women's certificates	13
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of ship liens	3

Accident notices were filed as follows:

February 28—Mrs. Mary Sharp, personal injuries received from fall at 203 Huntington avenue.

March 5—Charles F. Parker, injuries to horse on West Boston bridge March 2.

The following notices of suits against the city have been filed:

March 2—E. Rollins Morse, administrator of the estate of Benjamin Downing, deceased; West End Street Railway Company, Boston Gas Light Company, Bay State Gas Company, Boston Electric Light Company, Metropolitan Construction Company and Edison Electric Illuminating Company being co-defendants, and damages being placed at \$30,000. Idella E. Stearns for \$4,000, Joseph Certus for \$2,000, Thomas Brennan for \$5,000, Letitia E. Ritchie for \$5,000, William H. Goosby for \$10,000, all being actions of tort.

The following petitions for assessment of damages for land taken by the city have been presented:

Robert Codman et al. and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through Attorney-General Knowlton.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Building Department.

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER,
Old Court House, February 26, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending February 26, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.							
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		Brick Buildings.	Wooden Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.		
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.								
1...	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-		
2...	-	1	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	3		
3...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1		
4...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
5...	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	3		
6...	-	9	-	5	-	-	5	2	5	25		
7...	-	6	1	2	-	-	1	2	7	35		
8...	-	2	3	-	-	-	1	3	2	8		
9...	-	3	-	1	-	-	1	-	4	12		
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	14		
11...	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	24		
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	10		
13...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5		
14...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6		
15...	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		
16...	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	8		
17...	4	-	4	-	2	-	-	1	4	9		
18...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	9		
19...	4	1	2	-	1	-	1	-	2	3		
20...	17	2	3	-	2	2	4	5	26			
21...	1	1	2	1	-	-	1	1	1	9		
22...	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	2	2		
23...	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	3		
24...	5	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	18		
25...	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	5	2	10		
T'ls..	38	36	20	16	5	7	21	20	54	249		

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

Election Department.

Returns of votes cast for Representative in the Eleventh Suffolk District (Ward 11), March 1, 1898:.

	PRECINCT.										Tls.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
George S. Selfridge.	99	145	113	79	81	59	80	61	44	761	
Henry D. Warren...	2	23	33	25	1	1	—	—	—	85	
Scattering.....	2	2	—	1	1	2	1	1	—	10	

M. W. BURLIN, Secretary.

Engineering Department.

ARCHITECTURAL DIVISION,

City Hall, March 7, 1898.

Estimates for the steam-piping in connection with the Repair Shop, Public Buildings Department, Wareham street, Boston, were received as follows:

Isaac Coffin & Co., \$2,715; Boston Furnace Co., \$2,895.

The work was awarded to the firm of Isaac Coffin & Co. for \$1,940, certain work having been deducted, to be performed by the Repair Division.

On account of the construction of the Surgical Building, City Hospital, a payment of \$7,100 was made to the contractor, S. Brennan.

Work is under way on drawings for the alteration of Ward Room, Ward 3, Charlestown, and will be turned over to the Repair Division within a few days.

In connection with the proposed fire-proofing of the old Faneuil Hall, approximate estimates are being received for the installation of a sprinkler system, installation of steam-heating apparatus, construction of fire escapes and properly fire-proofing floors. Sketches have been prepared for this work.

A report has been made to the Chairman of the Trustees for Children, relative to the extension of boiler plant, Parental School for Boys, West Roxbury.

F. W. CHANDLER, Consulting Architect.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, March 5, 1898.

The following official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending March 5:

Special drafts have been drawn on the City Auditor, as follows:

William Lumb & Co., part payment for plumbing new house for Engine 30, \$500.

L. K. Marston, part payment for new ladder house at Grove Hall, \$3,500.

John E. Kenney has been transferred from Engine Company 19 to Engine Company 36.

Nine (9) hose jackets have been ordered of the Cooper Hose Jacket Company at \$30 each.

Hay and straw for the months of March and April have been ordered as follows:

District 1 to 9, inclusive, Hosmer, Robinson & Co., hay at \$13 and straw at \$10 per ton. District 10, H. B. Robinson, hay at \$14.50 and straw at \$12 per ton. District 11, J. Loring & Co., hay at \$14 and straw at \$13.50 per ton. District 12, W. P. Whittemore & Co., hay at \$14 and straw at \$13 per ton.

L. Knights of Engine Company 27 has been dishonorably discharged for absence without leave and intoxication.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

Statistics for the week ending March 5:

Cases pending	15	
Number of applications	85	
		100
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouses	37	
Long Island Almshouse	17	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	2	
Marcella-street Home	1	
Boston Insane Hospital	9	
Foxboro' Asylum	1	
Danvers Lunatic Hospital	3	
		71
Applications refused	8	
Applications withdrawn	18	
Cases pending	3	
		100
Legal settlements investigated		117
E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.		

Penal Institutions Department.

Statistics for the week ending March 5, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Male	171	8
Female	23	11
Totals	194	19
Offences:		
Against the person	5	1
Against property	16	3
Against public order and decency	174	15
Totals	*195	19
Discharges:		
Male	195	15
Female	31	2
Totals	226	17
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	176	16
Permit of Commissioner,	20	0
Payment of fine	28	0
Transferred to State Prison by order of Superior Court	0	1
Died	2	0
Totals	226	17
Population:		
February 28, 1898	1,589	533
Committed since February 28, 1898	194	19
Totals	1,783	552
Discharged since February 28, 1898	226	17
March 5, 1898	1,557	535

* One person charged with two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, March 7, 1898.

The following is a summary statement of the work of this Department for the week ending March 5:

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	191
Notices of new work received	149

Temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected.

DEAD WIRE AND OVERHEAD DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	473
Defects reported	39
Defects corrected	134
Notices of new work received	16
Dead wire removed (feet)	32,200
Dead wire retained (feet)	600
Inspection of poles set during the week:	
Brookline Gas Light Company, Mountford street, set	12

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Number of electrical approvals granted (building connections)	14
Conduit inspections	14
Inspections of building connections	10
Inspections of conduit repairs	2
Cable drawing inspections	18
Installations of underground transformers	5

Eugene F. McCarthy, jr., has been transferred from the Electrical Construction Division to this Department, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum, taking effect February 25.

The following is a summary statement of the work performed by this Department for the week ending February 26:

INTERIOR WIRE DIVISION.

Inspections, 168. Temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected. One electrical accident and two electrical troubles were investigated; also six fires. Of the fires investigated, five were due to electrical causes, one of these being inside of building, and was due to the carelessness of the occupant; two were tree fires and two were on outside walls of buildings. The outside fires were partly caused by the severe rain storm in progress at the time.

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISION.

Inspections	344
Defects reported	45
Defects corrected	50
Notices of new work	21
Dead wire removed (feet)	17,000
Dead wire retained (feet)	700
Fixtures removed	1

The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company has set during the week the following poles:

Zeigler street	4
Harrison avenue	4

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals granted for building connections	5
Inspections of conduit construction	12
Inspections of building connections	5
Inspections of conduit repairs	3
Inspections of cable drawing	19
Inspections of underground transformer installations	1
Photographic work:	
Negatives taken	2
Prints taken from negatives	45
Underground plans filed	21

THOS. W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Board Meetings.**Health Department.**

Old Court House, March 7, 1898.

During the week ending March 5, the Board of Health has taken action as follows:

On March 3 it was voted (1), That permits be issued for the occupation of stables as follows:

Owen Craven, 3 Richfield street, two horses; Patrick Fallon, 199 Keyes street, four additional horses; Joshua W. Reynolds, Lubec street, one horse; Joseph Goods, Westover street, two horses.

(2), That the buildings situated in the rear of 37 Clark street, 29 Clark street and in the rear 224 North street, be removed.

(3), To recommend to the Police Commissioners, the revocation of the license of premises 49 Fleet street and 5 Lewis street, as lodging-houses, because of their unfitness for such purpose.

On March 4, 1898, it was voted to allow and pay to Messrs. Louis Rosenbaum and Henry Rosenbaum, owners of premises situated on North street, Quincy court and Richmond street, the sum of \$50 for the destruction of the buildings on said premises, in pursuance of an order of the Board of Health, dated February 15, 1898.

The following applications for stable permits have been filed: Martin L. Cate, 226 Seaver street, Ward 21; hearing called for March 17 at 11 A.M. E. H. Stafford, Ormond street, Ward 24; hearing March 17 at 11 A.M. Susan P. Stoddard, 122 Neponset avenue, Ward 24; hearing called for March 17 at 11 A.M. John J. Gallagher, 40 Carson street, Ward 16, one additional horse; hearing March 10 at 11 A.M.

During the month of February there were examined, at the Abattoir, animals as follows:

Steers	1,373
New England cows	204
New England bulls	14
Sheep	2,772
Calves	1,000
Hogs	185

Total 5,548

The amount of beef condemned as being affected with tuberculosis was 1,239 pounds.

At a meeting of the Board of Health February 22, the following votes were passed:

Whereas, After careful examination of buildings 1025 Washington street, 1051-53 Washington street, 1½ Lewis street, this Board is of the opinion that said buildings are unfit to be used as lodging-houses on account of want of repair, cleanliness, light, ventilation and necessary conveniences, it is voted to recommend to the Police Commissioners the revocation of the license for such use of said buildings.

Whereas, After careful examination of premises numbered 32 and 34 Kneeland street, this Board is of the opinion that the first (or street) floor of said premises is unfit

to be used as a lodging-house on account of want of repairs, cleanliness, light, ventilation and necessary conveniences, it is voted to recommend to the Police Commissioners the revocation of the license for such use of said building.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Hospital Department.

Boston, March 2, 1898.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on March 2, 1898, at 5.15 o'clock.

There were present: Messrs. Shuman, Sprague and Burnham.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Henry H. Sprague was elected Secretary pro tem.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

It was voted that there be allowed and paid to John H. Proctor & Co. the sum of \$7,500, on account of contract of September 7, 1897, for construction of coal-pocket at the Boston City Hospital, and that the President sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, coal-pocket.

It was voted that the Superintendent be authorized to ask for proposals for about 150 tons of coal of assorted sizes.

It was voted that Mr. John A. Davies be continued as Superintendent of Construction, and that his duties include the superintending of the piling and foundations for the Ann White Vose Building, his wages to be paid from the appropriation for the Ann White Vose Building.

It was voted that the Superintendent be instructed to remove the temporary steps on the new Surgical Building, as soon as the corridors are ready to open as a thoroughfare.

Circular No. 34, from His Honor Mayor Quincy, was received, read and placed on file.

Dr. Charles J. Smyser, senior house officer at the South Department, presented his resignation, and the same was accepted.

A communication was received from Dr. C. J. Blake, in behalf of the Boston City Hospital Club. The same was placed on file.

Mr. Burnham, of the Committee on Supplies, reported that proposals for furnishing the Hospital with 1,500 tons of coal had been duly advertised, and that bids had been received. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 126.)

The committee reported in favor of awarding the contract to J. A. Bradford & Co., for Beaver Meadow broken coal at \$3.97 per ton. It was voted that the recommendation of the committee be adopted, and that the contract be awarded to J. A. Bradford & Co. at \$3.97 per ton, and that the President

be authorized to sign the contract for the same.

It was voted that there might be purchased an additional amount of 200 tons of the coal under the contract with J. A. Bradford & Co., of same quality and at same price, in order to take all the coal on the barge delivering the same.

The Committee on Medical Department reported in favor of the confirmation of the following-named gentlemen, nominated by the Visiting Staff as house officers, to their respective services:

Frederick R. Cummings, first medical house officer; William W. Duckering, second medical house officer; Arthur I. Weil, second medical house officer; William E. Currier, third medical house officer; Russell H. Birge, first surgical house officer; Luther G. Paul, second surgical house officer; Stanton S. Eddy, third surgical house officer; George B. Magrath, pathological house officer.

The Committee on Medical Department, to whom on February 16 was referred the matter of the promotion of house officers, with full powers, reported in favor of promotions as follows:

George E. Emery, first medical junior; Alfred T. Huntington, second medical junior; Michael J. Croning, third medical junior; Alphonzo B. Brown, first surgical junior; Arthur S. Hartwell, second surgical junior; Ernest G. Burke, third surgical junior.

A meeting of the Trustees of the City Hospital was held at the Hospital on February 16, 1898, at 4.30 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Burnham and Rueter.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and it was voted that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$22,927.14.

It was voted that the regular monthly draft on account of "Nurses' Home Site," amounting to \$49.29, be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof.

It was voted that there be allowed and paid to S. Brennan the sum of \$7,100 on account of contract of August 3, 1894, for construction of surgical operating and ward building at the Boston City Hospital, and that the President sign a request to the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings.

Communications were received from the Superintendent as follows:

First. Concerning receipts from paying patients. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

Second. Concerning changes in service and training school. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

Third. Requesting the sum of \$150 for the Medical Library. The matter was referred to the Medical Committee, which at once reported back in favor of the request, and it was voted that the report be accepted, and that the request for the sum of \$150 for the Medical Library be and hereby is granted.

Fourth. Enclosing a communication from Dr. Clarence J. Blake of the City Hospital Club, regarding a "City Hospital Day" for house officers. It was voted that the Super-

intendent be and hereby is authorized to serve a standing lunch upon "City Hospital Day" to the guests of the City Hospital Club, in accordance with the request of Dr. Blake.

Fifth. Concerning gift of bust of Dr. John C. Warren, presented by Dr. O. F. Rogers. It was voted that the gift be accepted, and that the Secretary express to Dr. Rogers the appreciation of the Trustees of his kindness.

Sixth. Concerning additions to contracts of S. Brennan and Lynch & Woodward as follows:

S. Brennan, No. 2,136, deduction of \$635.56, for changes in the flooring of the new surgical building.

S. Brennan, No. 2,137, addition of \$163.33, for nine items, each one being structural changes that were not included in the plans, and necessary for the proper completion of the work.

Lynch & Woodward, No. 2,138, addition of \$1,648, for additional auxiliary ventilation in the Operating Theatre.

It was voted that the additions and deductions as given in said communication be approved, it being understood that the sum of \$1,648 on account of additional auxiliary ventilation in the Operating Theatre is not an addition to, but includes the amount of \$1,535 voted for that purpose under date of October 27, 1897.

Seventh. Concerning the condition of the new Laundry Building. The matter was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with full powers.

Communications were received from the Secretary of the Visiting Staff, as follows:

First. Concerning the promotion of externes.

Second. Concerning the appointment of externes.

Third. Concerning the appointment of house officers.

Both matters were referred to the Medical Committee, with full powers.

A communication was received from the City Auditor, notifying the Trustees that \$14,565.17 had been paid to Whidden & Co. upon execution, and charged to the appropriation for new buildings. It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with His Honor the Mayor, concerning the status and deficit of said appropriation for new buildings.

It was voted that there be added to the contract of John S. Jacobs & Son, dated November 23, 1897, for the erecting and completion of the Ann White Vose Building, the sum of \$300, for net difference in cost between changes in material and for tinned doors, etc., as per order No. 148 by Wheelwright & Haven.

It was voted that the form of proposal for coal to be purchased in connection with the new coal-pocket, as suggested by Mr. Burnham, be adopted, and that the Superintendent be directed to publicly advertise for the purchase of from 1,200 to 1,500 tons of strictly hard white ash broken coal, in accordance with the terms of the approved proposal.

Upon the report of the Medical Committee, it was voted that there be engaged as sterilizer at the Hospital a graduate of the Nursery School at a salary not exceeding \$35 per month.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, February 25, 1898.

The regular meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Bowditch, De Normandie and Prince, and the Librarian.

Communications received: From the Mayor, Circular No. 34; the Librarian's report.

Salary increased: Issue Department, Wm. C. Maier, jr., to Grade D, Runner Division, \$5 per week, beginning March 14.

Services discontinued: Of William B. Whisnant, of the Janitor Department, from March 3, 1898.

Temporary appointment: Of Rosa H. Knorr, in Executive Department, Grade B, \$11 per week, beginning February 26, 1898.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$552.13; to trust funds, \$143.08; to Station "P," \$4.53; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$18.98; miscellaneous, \$358.70.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

Friday, February 18, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln and Prince, and the Librarian.

Communications received: From the Mayor, dated February 15; from J. Morris Meredith, in behalf of Messrs. Porter and Meredith, dated February 18; the Librarian's report.

Salaries increased: Beginning March 1, Catalogue Department, Anita F. Hemmings, to grade B, \$11 per week; Ordering Department, Marie Coolidge, to Grade B, Special, second year, \$15.50 per week; Special Libraries, Grace A. Hitchcock, Grade B, Special, first year, \$14.00 per week.

Ordered, That Emma Bollig be employed on probation as Custodian of Station "S," Roxbury Crossing, at a salary of \$8 per week, beginning February 21; that Katharine R. Stokes be paid the sum of \$36 for services rendered in conduct of Station "S," from January 20 to February 19; that Martha N. Hobart be confirmed as regular Custodian of the Brighton Branch, beginning March 1.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$230.37; to trust funds, \$153.68; to Station "P," \$115.19; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$1.92; miscellaneous, \$301.49.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, February 28, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held February 28, 1898:

Voted, That the entrance of an unnamed street into the Riverway, as shown on a plan of streets and lots, submitted by Jeremiah C. Spillane for the approval of the Board, be not permitted.

The Superintendent recommended the

purchase of five teams of horses, with outfits of wagons and harnesses, for service on maintenance account at Franklin Park, as follows:

10 horses at \$150	\$1,500 00
5 double carts at \$137.50	687 50
5 sets harness at \$90	450 00
Incidentals	100 00

Total \$2,737 50

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to purchase the teams for maintenance work at Franklin Park, as recommended by him.

The Superintendent submitted a plan for additional taking at North Brighton Playground, also plans for grading North End Beach and Fellows street Playground. The latter plan was adopted, and the Superintendent was authorized to construct the playground in accordance with said plan whenever funds for such construction are available.

A communication was sent to William Doogue, Superintendent of Public Grounds, stating that the Board has directed its Superintendent to take charge of Trinity Triangle.

A request of Navin Brothers for leave to exhibit Lumiere's Cinematographe on Franklin Park was refused, and the Secretary was directed to notify them accordingly.

The following proposals for leasing Franklin Park Refectory were received and taken under advisement:

Leo E. Bow, 5 and 7½ per cent.; Joseph Lee, 10 and 15 per cent.; James P. McShane, 10 and 16½ per cent.

A form for applications for team-work in the parks was approved, and the Secretary was directed to advertise for applications to be received on or before 2 P.M. of March 15, numbers to be drawn at 8.30 P.M., March 22.

The following is an abstract of the records of a special meeting of the Board, held on March 4, 1898:

Voted, That the vote of this Board of February 21, 1898, to pay the Boston Yacht Club the sum of \$4,500 in full settlement of all damages to its building or other claims under the judgment on file in the Superior Court, be rescinded.

Voted, That on the filing of an entry of judgment satisfied in the petition of the Boston Yacht Club for damages for the taking of its land for a public park, on file in the Superior Court of Suffolk County, said club shall have the occupancy of the site on the Strandway in accordance with the lease to said club, dated February 21, 1898, the buildings on said land shall become the property of said club, and the sum of \$4,500 shall be paid to said club in full settlement for all claims for damages on account of said taking, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Strandway from Marine Park West.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, February 28, 1898.

The regular meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held February 16, 1898.

The following vote was passed:

Voted: The Pauper Institutions Trustees, in accordance with the request of His Honor the Mayor, have carefully considered the advisability of a possible removal of the Almshouse and Hospital from Long Island to the mainland, and are unanimously of the opinion that in case suitable provisions can be made, such a change would be eminently desirable.

A copy of this vote was transmitted to the Mayor.

The Superintendent of Long Island informed the Board that the census for this week is the highest during the year, there being 876 inmates at Long Island.

The Committee on the Hospital reported that in their opinion it is not desirable to substitute the services of internes for those of a paid pharmacist.

The offer of Mr. Maxwell, assistant rector of St. John's Church, Charlestown, to hold services every third Sunday at the Charlestown Almshouse, was accepted with thanks.

The Chairman of the Board and Mr. Rutan were appointed members of the Committee on Registration and Special Cases.

Census for Long Island, February 20, 1898:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Hospital:			
Adults	85	147	232
Children	4	4	8
Women's Building:			
Adults	—	210	210
Children	3	6	9
Men's Building	417	—	417
Totals	509	367	876

Number of inmates same date, 1897 858

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

City Hall, February 28, 1898.

At a meeting of the Board of Street Commissioners, Tuesday, February 15, 1898, a petition was received from C. Blake and others, requesting that School street, at Dorchester, may be widened; and one from A. F. Arnold, that part of his estate on Bigelow street, at Brighton, may be released from a fewer assessment thereon, after his payment of the same.

Thursday, February 17, a public hearing was given on the order of notice of this Board of February 3, 1898, in the matter of the improvement and location anew of the watercourse, in West Roxbury, known as Goldsmith Brook, from Keyes street to South street. At the same meeting it was voted to release the premises of A. F. Arnold on Bigelow street, at Brighton, from further liability and lien on account of assessment for sewer, he having paid the assessment and interest due thereon. An order was passed assessing the cost of laying-out and construction of Audubon road on the abutters, and one relocating Goldsmith Brook.

Orders were received from the Board of Aldermen, requesting an estimate of the cost of the laying-out as a public way Emmett street, between East Third street and East Second street; and an estimate of the cost of widening Adams street, Charlestown, between Common street and Mt. Vernon street.

A petition was received from W. H. Lincoln and others, that Boylston street, as extended from the Back Bay Fens to Brookline avenue, may be widened to 100 feet.

Votes were passed to pay James Brennan \$5,000 for land taken, right acquired in and damages occasioned his estate on Adams street, Dorchester, by the action of this Board in the improvement of the water-course known as Tenean Creek, or Smelt Brook, by its order of October 6, 1897.

Henry Kenney, \$7,000 and the taxes for 1897, for his estate numbered 72-74 Saratoga street, East Boston, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston December 17, 1897.

Samuel C. Harris and Anna S. Smith, \$1,191.20 for all land taken from and damages occasioned to their estate by the laying-out of Peverell street, at Dorchester.

Isidor Marcus, \$9,500 and the taxes for the year 1897, for his estate on School street, at West Roxbury, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, January 14, 1898.

These awards were all made on agreements approved by the Mayor.

Friday, February 18, 1898, a public hearing was given on the order of notice of this Board of February 3, 1898, in the matter of laying-out Hewins street, at Dorchester, as a highway, from Columbia road to Erie street.

Wednesday, February 23, 1898, orders were received from the Common Council, requesting an estimate of the cost of extending Hillside street from Parker Hill avenue to Heath street; and an estimate of the cost of widening Dorchester street, South Boston, from Eighth street to Dorchester avenue. An order was received from the Board of Aldermen, requesting the Street Commissioners to report the number of miles of accepted streets and public ways in each ward in the City of Boston. An order was received from the School Committee, requesting the Board to take a parcel of land on Thomas Park, South Boston, for the enlargement of the South Boston High School site.

Petition of Elizabeth Morton, that a sewer may be laid in Sutherland road, at Brighton, between Englewood avenue and Chestnut Hill avenue.

A public hearing was given on the order of notice of this Board of February 7, 1898, in the matter of the construction of a surface drain in private lands, at Dorchester, from Burt street to Bailey street. No remonstrance being made the Board passed the order to construct the surface drain.

Friday, February 25, 1898, a public hearing was given on the order of notice of this Board of February 11, 1898, in the matter of constructing a surface drain in private lands at West Roxbury, between Centre street and Montview street, and taking lands for that purpose.

It was voted to approve the locations, directions, widths and grades of the private ways at Dorchester, designated as an extension of Dakota street, from Greenbrier street to Washington street, and Claybourne street, for a distance of about 80 feet northerly and 117 feet southerly of Dakota street extension. Plans of these streets were sent to the Mayor for his approval.

The Board issued an order of notice of their intention to relocate Boston street, from Mt. Vernon street to Columbia road, returnable for a hearing March 11, 1898.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7.30 P.M., March 8, President Huggan in the chair, and all the members present except Mrs. Ames, Mr. Calderwood, Mr. Fleischer and Mrs. Keller.

The Chair read the following:

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

February 24, 1898.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor request of the School Committee an estimate for fire-proofing basement, equipping with fire escapes and making necessary repairs on building known as "Stoughton School," River street, Ward 24; also to enquire into the sanitary condition of same.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

March 1, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

The following order took its second reading and was passed:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 173. Insert after the word "diplomas," in the eighth line, the words "the Board of Supervisors may grant certificates of proficiency to such pupils in the High and Latin Schools as have satisfactorily completed a part of the authorized course of study."

On the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations the Board confirmed nominations: (1), of one special assistant; (2), of 16 temporary teachers; (3), of 4 teachers on probation; (4), of 3 permanent teachers; (5), of 5 kindergarten teachers, and (6), of 2 teachers in evening schools.

On the motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School-houses, it was

Ordered (1), That the use of the yards and basements of school-houses be granted to the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association during the summer vacation; the use of said yards and basements to be under the direction of the Committee

on School-houses, and to be without expense to the city.

(2), That the City Council be requested to purchase the estate on North Bennet street, in the rear of the Paul Revere School-house, for the purpose of enlarging the North End Playground.

(3), That the new Robinson-street School be named the Benjamin Cushing School.

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on Supplies, submitted its annual report in print.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, it was

Ordered, That the Civil Service Commissioners be hereby informed that, his conduct and capacity having proved satisfactory, the election of John T. Hathaway as truant officer is made permanent.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be requested to fit up a room for wood-working in the Marcella-street Home.

Referred to Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, it was

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen to inform that body that a vacancy exists in the School Committee, caused by the resignation of Edward H. Dunn, and proposing a convention of said Board of Aldermen and School Committee to be held at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on March 22, 1898, in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, for the purpose of filling such vacancy for the remainder of this municipal year, and that the public notice thereof be given according to law.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be requested to fit up a room in the Bunker Hill school-house for a class in cookery.

Referred to Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Ordered, That an additional ungraded class be allowed in the Shurtleff district, making two in all.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That an additional ungraded class be allowed in the Comins district, making two in all.

Adjourned to Tuesday evening, March 22, at 7.30 P.M.

MAYOR VAN WYCK'S CIRCULAR.

Mayor Van Wyck has sent a circular to the heads of departments, directing them to send to him a trial balance of their official accounts at the end of each month. This is to be independent of the Auditing Bureau of the Finance Department, or of the office of the Commissioners of Accounts. The object of the Mayor is to keep posted on the expenditure of each department, and it is intended as a check upon and a precaution against extravagance. — [Municipal Record and Advertiser.]

IMMIGRATION DURING FEBRUARY.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston, from transatlantic ports, for the month ending February 28, 1898:

NATIONALITY.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Austria-Hungary—			
Bohemia and Moravia	—	—	—
Galacia and Bukovina	9	7	2
Other Austria	9	5	4
Hungary	8	6	2
Belgium	—	—	—
Denmark	2	2	—
France (including Corsica)	—	—	—
Germany	1	1	—
Greece	—	—	—
Italy	—	—	—
Netherlands	—	—	—
Norway	4	2	2
Portugal	1	1	—
Roumania	—	—	—
Russia (proper)	71	47	24
Finland	6	5	1
Poland	—	—	—
Spain	—	—	—
Sweden	37	14	23
Switzerland	—	—	—
Turkey in Europe	—	—	—
United Kingdom—			
England	128	76	52
Ireland	76	40	36
Scotland	12	6	6
Wales	—	—	—
Not specified	—	—	—
Total Europe	364	212	152
Quebec and Ontario	4	4	—
Manitoba	—	—	—
Nova Scotia	—	—	—
New Brunswick	—	—	—
Prince Edward Island, British Columbia	1	1	—
Newfoundland and Labrador	1	1	—
Total British North Am. Possessions,	6	6	—
Cuba	—	—	—
Other West Indies	4	3	1
South America	—	—	—
Turkey in Asia (Arabia and Syria)	1	1	—
China	—	—	—
Japan	—	—	—
Asia, not specified	—	—	—
Australia	—	—	—
Hawaiian Islands	—	—	—
Pacific Islands, not specified	—	—	—
Africa	—	—	—
Totals	5	4	2
Grand Totals	375	222	153
Tourists or Passengers en route	21	—	—
Debarred Passengers	10	—	—
Total Immigration for the Month of February	406	—	—

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending March 5, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.0
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	24.9
Number of deaths:	
Males	109
Females	85
Total	194
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	250
Decrease	56

Of 194 decedents, 190 were white and 4 colored; 125 were born in the United States and 69 in foreign countries; 44 were of American parentage and 133 of foreign parentage, and 24 were of unknown parentage.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	38	7
Scarlatina	22	2
Typhoid fever	4	0
Measles	25	1
Totals	89	10

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	23
Pneumonia	27
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	17
Bronchitis	10
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	9
Total from principal causes	93
Total from infectious diseases	10
Total from other causes	91
Total from all causes	194

Deaths of children under 1 year	38
Deaths of children under 5 years	51
Deaths of persons over 60 years	43
Deaths in public institutions	50

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the Street Department of the City of Boston is about to construct the public way known as Columbia road, between Blue Hill avenue and Edward Everett square, and all persons owning buildings or other structures situated wholly or in part thereon are hereby notified to remove the same before April 1, 1898. All buildings and parts of buildings remaining on said road on that date will be considered as abandoned by the owners, and will be advertised and sold at public auction on April 12, 1898, for immediate removal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 1, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 39 and 41 Baxter street, Ward 13, two bay windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Baxter street. Dimensions: Eighteen feet high, 10 feet 6 inches wide and 2 feet over line of street.

Estate of JAMES CURRIE,
75 West Seventh street, South Boston.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-first day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in THE CITY RECORD and South Boston News, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 7, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on westerly side of Dorchester avenue, corner Roseclair street, Ward 16, one bay window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Dorchester avenue. Dimensions: Twenty-four feet high, 11 feet wide, and 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

KATHERINE F. HOLLAND,
Per J. E. L.,
35 Marlboro street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-first day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in THE CITY RECORD and Dorchester Beacon, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

February 14, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city shall designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Carruth street, Ward 24, between Fairfax and Beaumont streets, one pole. Also to remove one pole from Carruth street, between Fairfax and Beaumont streets.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this board will, on Monday, the fourteenth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Herald, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

February 25, 1898.

Whereas, In the opinion of the Board, public necessity and convenience require that a building line be established on each side of St. James avenue, from Clarendon street to Dartmouth street, substantially as shown on a plan of said avenue in the office of this Board, it is therefore

- Voted, That due notice be given that this Board intends to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 462, of the Acts of 1898, and Chapter 313, of the Acts of 1896, as amended by Chapter 379 of the Acts of 1897, and that Tuesday, the fifteenth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., and the office of this Board, Pine Bank, Jamaica Plain, are assigned as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy.
Attest:

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

February 28, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Clifton street, corner Burrell street, Ward 17, one bay window of wood of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Burrell street, also to project a cornice two feet over Burrell street. Dimensions: Twenty-five feet high, 12 feet wide and 3 feet over line of street.

CHARLES M. TITUS,
14 Clifton street, Roxbury.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-first day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in THE CITY RECORD and Dorchester Beacon, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

February 28, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from buildings Nos. 612 and 614 Broadway, Ward 14, two bay windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Broadway. Dimensions: Twenty-four feet high, 12 feet wide and 2 feet over line of street.

ELEANOR F. McMANUS,
ELIZABETH T. McMANUS,
612 Broadway.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the 21st day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in THE CITY RECORD and South Boston News, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 4, 1898.

The undersigned request permission to project from building No. 89 North Margin street, Ward 6, two bay windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over North Margin street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 8 feet wide and 2 feet over line of street; 12 feet above grade of street.

BERNSTEIN & CHANNIN,
By WM. F. GRANGER, Agent,
27 School street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-first day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in THE CITY RECORD and Republic, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 7, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on westerly side of Columbus avenue, between Washington street and West Walnut Park, Ward 22, one bay window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Columbus avenue. Dimensions: Twenty-five feet high, 12 feet 6 inches wide and 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

CHARLES E. MARK,
By S. RANTON,
30 Union avenue, Jamaica Plain.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-first day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in THE CITY RECORD and Jamaica Plain News, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

The Water Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing iron castings in two separate contracts, as follows: First contract, 721,000 lbs. of No. 1 castings; second contract, 560,000 lbs. of No. 1 castings and 80,000 lbs. of No. 2 castings; according to the office copies of the contracts, which may be seen at the office of the City Engineer of said city, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to the Water Commissioner of said city in the sum of \$3,000 for each contract, for faithfully carrying out the work, and leave at the office of said Commissioner, City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 o'clock M. of Wednesday, March 16, 1898, his proposal and a certified check for the sum of \$500 for each proposal, which is to be the property of the City if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

JOHN R. MURPHY, Water Commissioner.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 2, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 835 Dorchester avenue, Ward 16, three bay windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Dorchester avenue. Dimensions: Each 24 feet high, 13 feet wide and 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

HUGH GIBLIN,
17 Mt. Vernon street, Dorchester.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the 21st day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in THE CITY RECORD and South Boston Inquirer, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

Boston, Mass., February 24, 1898.

Respectfully represent your petitioners that they are the directors of the Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, whose charter has been duly accepted, and whose tracks have been located and constructed in said City of Boston; and, as such directors, pray that said Company may be granted a location on Hyde Park avenue, near and northerly of Ashland street in said city, for the purpose of constructing a turnout with switches and necessary connections with the tracks of its present location, and to erect and maintain the necessary wires and other fixtures for the purpose of operating by electricity or other motive power, except steam, its cars on said turnout.

Your petitioners further represent that it will not be necessary to erect any additional poles for the purpose of operating said turnout, as the poles already erected under the previous location granted to said Company are properly placed, and are sufficient in number for the purposes of said turnout.

The location of said turnout and the tracks and switches for the same are shown on a plan made by Hodges and Harrington, Civil Engineers, dated February 19, 1898, and filed herewith.

JAMES D. MCAVOY,
GALEN L. STONE,
A. RAYMOND,
JOHN W. CHASE,
HENRY C. DELANO,
CHARLES F. JENNEY,
E. N. FOSS,

Directors of the Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Jamaica Plain News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume I.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1898.

Number 11.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale at the Old Corner Book Store, 283 Washington street.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

BRIDGE COMMISSIONER.

On March 8, 1898, Hon. Alvin F. Sortwell, Mayor of Cambridge, reappointed William J. Marvin to be Bridge Commissioner for the City of Cambridge on the Board of Commissioners for Boston and Cambridge Bridges, for the term of one year, beginning the first Monday of May, 1898. Mr. Marvin will then enter upon his sixteenth term of service in that position. The Superintendent of Streets, Mr. Benjamin W. Wells, is ex officio Bridge Commissioner for the City of Boston.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

At its regular meeting on Monday, March 14, the Board of Aldermen confirmed the following appointments by the Mayor:

Leonard D. Ahl, Robert A. Woods, Mrs. Lawrence J. Logan, John Duff, Mrs. Jacob Hecht and Patrick A. Tracy to serve as members of the Board to take charge of the Department of Baths until May 1, 1898.

To serve as members of the same board from May 1, 1898: Leonard D. Ahl, for the term of five years; Robert A. Woods and Mrs. Lawrence J. Logan, for the term of four years; John Duff, for the term of three

years; Mrs. Jacob H. Hecht and Patrick A. Tracy, for the term of two years.

To serve as constables for the year ending April 30, 1898: William E. Fitzgerald, Parker N. Jenkins and Henry Martyn.

To serve as measurers of grain, weighers of coal and inspectors of pressed or bundled hay and straw, for the term ending April 30, 1898: Henry F. Gould and Charles E. Stone.

REPORT OF FIRE COMMISSIONER.

The following is taken from the Annual Report of the Fire Commissioner for the year 1897-98:

Good fortune during the past year has enabled this Department to again present a satisfactory showing; and for how many years such fortune should have all credit for small fire losses I do not pretend to judge; but there must be a point at which eternal vigilance and activity, good generalship, zealous leaders and anxious followers, and an excellent and entirely successful system for receiving and transmitting alarms, together with thorough equipment and appliance for fire duty may claim at least a small share of credit for favorable results. But with all the vigilance, discipline and equipment possible, we cannot hope to long retain our present record when citizens keep hot ashes in wooden barrels, or delay in giving us alarms until after they have let a small blaze grow to an incipient conflagration through their vain efforts to perform their own fire-fighting; or while real estate owners can legally build tinder boxes in the shape of tenement houses, or leave old wooden fire-traps standing in the midst of large and valuable buildings; for some day, with bad luck and weather, we are sure to find ourselves burdened with heavy fire loss, unless our law-makers eradicate the existing evils, which may, at any time, postpone to the far future that millennium for underwriters which every fire department should strive to establish. The wooden camps pitched in some of our outskirts, as well as much of South Boston, offer a tempting harvest for fire, and cannot fail to be gathered as soon as the conditions of wind and weather are favorable, in spite of all possible firemen and fire apparatus.

The so-called fire-limit should, I think, be speedily drawn far beyond its present line, in order to bring within the restriction of the building law that territory which at present is treated as a country district, and in reality is fast becoming a terror to all firemen.

Nothing has knowingly been left undone which could increase the efficiency of this department, or make the houses more healthy,

serviceable and comfortable for the men; and now a veterinary hospital is our only crying want, the old barn at present used for that purpose being the one spot in our whole outfit not suitable for the important work required of it; and I strongly recommend an additional ladder-truck for that part of our territory now covered by Engines 38, 39, on Congress street, for the reason that many large buildings have been erected in that vicinity, which, in case of need, would require nearer ladder service than at present afforded.

The fire-boat (Engine 31) has not yet been accepted, because she requires, in my opinion, some change in her engines to enable her to successfully cope with that class of fires which require speed and quick handling; and, therefore, the time for her completion has been extended to May.

The underground 12-inch pipe for the salt water system has been laid for 3,800 feet through Congress street, Post Office square and Central street, still requiring some 300 feet at a cost of about \$7,500 to connect it at each end with the water where the fire-boats are expected to provide the power necessary to force water through the various hydrants to a height equal to or beyond that attained by a street engine.

Our two (2) horseless propellers have given very satisfactory proof of their ability to move speedily and handily through all conditions of streets, as well as of their power to throw extraordinary streams of water after reaching the scene of action.

No fire-alarm box has failed to properly send in the alarm to these headquarters; and, while six million five hundred thousand (6,500,000) blows have been struck on the various bells and gongs in transmitting alarms from these headquarters to the different companies, the mechanical and electrical system has worked with such exact precision that no engine or ladder has been at any time seriously at fault in responding.

I know of no case where the officers and men have not done excellent work when called upon, and trust Your Honor shares my confidence that, barring accidents and making allowance for the fallibility of man, our department will continue to deserve the good-will of our fellow-citizens, which, during the past week, has been made so apparent through the sympathy and help extended by them to the families of our six men who lost their lives while on duty at the recent fire in Merrimac street.

FIRE-ALARM BRANCH.

The efficiency of the overhead service has been improved during the past year by the construction of a new circuit in West Roxbury, with which a portion of the boxes in that district have been connected. There

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Monday, March 14, 1898, at 3 P.M., Chairman Dyar presiding, and all the members present.

The following message was received:

General Estimates.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 14, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith appropriation and tax orders for the financial year 1898-99, in the same general form as last year, but with certain changes which seemed desirable, together with my recommendations for the appropriations for the several departments for the County of Suffolk, and for debt requirements for the current year, accompanied by the estimates of the several departments.

My delay in transmitting the estimates has been due to uncertainties connected with pending legislation at the State House,—particularly that relating to the finances of the School Committee and to the disposition of surplus water income. While these matters have not yet been finally settled, I do not feel warranted in holding back the estimates any longer, and I therefore send them in.

I am obliged to reserve an explanation of the recommendations, and a statement as to the general financial situation of the city in respect to meeting current expenditures, for a subsequent message, which I will send to the City Council very shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX ORDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1898-99.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses of performing the duties and exercising the powers of the City of Boston and the County of Suffolk, payable during the financial year 1898-99, beginning with the first day of February, 1898, and ending with the last day of January, 1899, and to meet their respective obligations for interest on debt, sinking-fund requirements and maturing debt not provided for by sinking-fund, the respective sums of money hereinafter specified be and the same are hereby appropriated for the several departments, and for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated.

That all sums of money which form no part of the income of the city, but shall be contributed to promote the objects of any appropriation, or paid for services rendered

or work done by any department for any other department, or for any person or corporation other than the City of Boston, be paid into the general treasury and credited to such appropriation, or to the appropriation of the department or division of a department rendering such service or performing such work; and that the respective executive departments of said city, under the general supervision and control of the Mayor and the other public authorities designated in the several appropriations, or having by law the expenditure of the same, expend the said appropriation according to law for the objects and purposes specified, and expend said contributions for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

Ordered, That the appropriations herein-after specified, except those for the Water Department, be met out of the money remaining as a general balance in the treasury at the close of the thirty-first day of January, 1898, not including any money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and out of the income of the current year, other than that from the Water Works, and out of taxes to the amount of \$13,253,790.

Ordered, That the income received from the Water Works be applied, so far as required, toward meeting the appropriation hereinafter specified for the Water Department.

Ordered, That to provide the said amount of taxes, the sum of \$13,253,790 be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston; that all such taxes, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1898, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1898; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1898, bear interest from and including said day until paid, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum up to the first day of January, 1899, and at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum after and including said first day of January, except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum from and including said first day of November until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations aforesaid, the City Treasurer issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston, not exceeding \$7,000,000 in the total, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year; that all such bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness be dated the day the money for the same is received, be made payable with the interest thereon at the office of the City

Treasurer within the current municipal year, from the taxes of said year, and bear interest at such rate as said Treasurer shall deem proper, from their date until the day the same are made payable.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, may sell, in the manner provided by the ordinances, any lands or buildings not in use by any department, nor held under the requirements of any statute, and that the proceeds thereof be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds.

Ordered, That the premiums realized in the negotiation or sale of any notes, bonds or scrip be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds, to be by them applied to the sinking-funds for the payment of such notes, bonds or scrip.

Ordered, That the City Auditor, from time to time during the year, with the approval of the Mayor, may return to the general treasury any part of an appropriation for current expenses not needed to meet such expenses, and at the end of the year shall return to the general treasury all unused balances of appropriations for current expenses; and may, with such approval, credit to the appropriation for any division of a department any sums which may have been previously returned to the general treasury from any other division of the same department; and may, with such approval and with the further approval of the Committee on Finance, return any unused portion of the reserve fund to the general treasury, and credit any portion so returned to any appropriation for current expenses; and that said Auditor, with the approval of the Mayor, may, between December 1, 1898, and February 1, 1899, credit any part of the income and taxes not disposed of to any appropriation for current expenses, and at the end of the year shall apply any of the income and taxes not disposed of in the closing of the accounts for the financial year.

Ordered, That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to charge to the reserved fund the amounts of all executions of courts for damages suffered by the act or neglect of any department, damages settled by any department after the approval of the Committee on Claims and the Mayor, and all court expenses of the Law Department incurred in the prosecution or defence of any case to which the city is a party.

Ordered, That the authority to issue bonds for the additional supply of water, under an order approved April 26, 1893, so far as the same has not been exercised at the date of the passage of this order, be, and hereby is, revoked; provided, however, that nothing contained in this order shall be construed to affect in any way the bonds which have already been issued under the authority of said order.

Ordered, That the income received for work done or services rendered by any department or division, for any other department, be credited to the appropriation for the department or division doing such work or rendering such services.

Ordered, That the amounts received from rents of the Old Public Library Building be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds.

Ordered, That all receipts from the sales of THE CITY RECORD be placed to the credit of the appropriation for THE CITY RECORD.

Current Expenses.	
Assessing Department	\$150,000
Auditing Department	42,000
Board of Aldermen:	
Salaries of Aldermen	\$18,000
Contingent expenses	5,500
	23,500
Building Department	90,000
Board of Appeal	1,300
Cemetery Department	48,000
City Clerk Department	45,000
City Council:	
Incidental expenses	\$10,000
Printing proceedings	18,750
	28,750
City Messenger Department:	
Current expenses	\$29,000
Free concerts	7,000
	36,000
Clerk of Committees Department,	13,000
Collecting Department	105,000
Common Council:	
Salaries of Councilmen	\$22,500
Contingent expenses	1,000
Salaries of clerk and assistants	5,000
	28,500
Election Department	142,000
Engineering Department	85,000
Fire Department:	
Current expenses	\$1,129,000
Pensions	42,000
	1,171,000
Health Department	160,000
Hospital Department	380,000
Institutions:	
Children's Institutions Department:	
Placing-out and visiting department,	\$73,000
Marcella-street Home	31,000
Parental Home	27,000
House of Reformation, Rainsford	
Island	31,000
Infant's Hospital, Rainsford Island,	7,000
	169,000
Insane Hospital Department:	
Austin Farm	\$74,000
Pierce Farm	51,000
Insane and State Institutions	165,000
	290,000
Pauper Institutions Department:	
Boston Almshouse and Hospital,	
Long Island	\$90,000
Charlestown Almshouse	17,000
Pauper expenses	3,500
Office expenses	2,500
	113,000
Institutions Registration Department	18,000
Steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee"	17,000
Steamer "John Howard"	5,000
Lamp Department	650,000
Law Department	43,000
Library Department	250,000
Market Department	8,200
Mayor:	
Office	\$33,000
Public celebrations	25,000
	58,000
Municipal Statistics Department	\$12,000
"City Record"	7,500
	19,500
Overseeing of the Poor Department	132,000
Park Department	170,000

Police Department:	
Current Expenses	\$1,602,000
Pensions	83,000
	1,685,000
Printing Department	28,800
Public Baths Department	35,000
Public Buildings Department:	
General expenses	\$105,000
Electrical Construction Division	20,000
Repairs Division	25,000
	150,000
Public Grounds	75,000
Registry Department	30,000
Reserved Fund	74,445
School Committee:	
Alterations and repairs on school-buildings, to be expended by the Public Buildings Department, and temporary accommodations for school purposes	\$170,000
Other current expenses	2,300,000
	2,470,000
Sinking-Funds Department	2,500
Soldiers' Relief	225,000
Street Department:	
Central office	\$20,000
Bridge Division	130,000
Cambridge-bridge Division	15,000
Ferry Division	220,000
Paving Division	660,000
Sanitary Division	500,000
Street-cleaning Division	315,000
Watering Division	10,000
	1,870,000
Street Laying-out Department	23,000
Treasury Department	43,900
Weights and Measures Department	23,000
	23,000
Total appropriations for current expenses of city	\$11,227,395
CITY DEBT REQUIREMENTS.	
Sinking-funds	\$1,844,230
Interest	2,223,243
	4,067,473
Total appropriation for current expenses and debt requirement of city	\$15,294,868
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.	
General expenses	\$690,000
House of Correction,	
Deer Island	\$150,000
Machinery and materials for manufacturing	48,000
	198,000
House of Correction,	
South Boston	\$85,000
Machinery and materials for manufacturing	25,000
	110,000
Office expenses, Penal Institutions Commissioner	22,000
	\$1,020,000
COUNTY DEBT REQUIREMENTS.	
Sinking-fund and principal	\$66,287
Interest	130,280
	196,567
Total for city and county	\$16,511,435

WATER DEPARTMENT.	
Current expenses	\$431,000
Extension of mains, etc.	450,000
Debt requirements:	
Sinking funds	193,395
Interest	844,877
	1,919,272
Total for water	\$1,919,272

ESTIMATED INCOME, 1898-99.	
Cemetery Department	\$28,000
City Clerk Department	6,500
Collecting Department	13,000
Fire Department	2,000
Health Department	9,000
Hospital Department	60,000
Children's Institutions Department	4,000
Insane Hospital Department	14,500
Pauper Institutions Department, Interest	3,000
Library Department	100,000
Market Department	5,000
Overseeing of the Poor Department	700
Park Department	16,000
Police Department	3,000
Public Buildings Department, Armories	15,000
Registry Department	10,000
Rents	500
School Committee	90,000
Soldiers' Relief	40,000
Street Department:	147,800
Bridge Division	\$4,000
Cambridge-bridge Division	600
Ferry Division	170,000
Paving Division	35,000
Sanitary Division	20,000
Sewer Division	114,000
Street-cleaning Division	2,500
Watering Division	500
	346,600
Weights and Measures Department	5,000
County of Suffolk:	
General income	\$170,000
House of Correction,	
Deer Island	48,000
House of Correction,	
South Boston	25,000
	243,000
Corporation tax	870,000
Liquor licenses	1,085,000
Cash in Treasury, January 31, 1898,	140,045
Total	\$3,257,645

Ordered printed, on motion of Alderman Charles, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Thursday, March 10, 1898, at 4 P.M., Chairman Dyar presiding, and all the members present.

The following message was received:

Paving of East Second Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 10, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of paving East Second street, Ward 14.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, March 10, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with request contained in enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I respectfully submit the following estimate of cost:

* East Second street, Ward 14, from westerly side of K street to P street:
Paving with granite blocks and regulating . . . \$40,500
Paving with asphalt and regulating . . . 51,800

* East Second street, from Dorchester street to K street, is paved with granite blocks, and in fair condition.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., Thursday, March 10, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received:

Condition of Private Ways.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 10, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Health, in reply to your order requesting a report as to "whether or not they have authority under the statutes relating to the abatement of nuisances to take action in regard to the sanitary condition of private alleys in the city of Boston," etc.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

Old Court House, March 3, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the order of the Common Council, that the Board of Health report whether or not it has authority under the statutes relating to the abatement of nuisances to take action in regard to the sanitary condition of private ways and alleys in the City of Boston, and if not, what legislation is necessary to enforce sanitary regulations in the aforesaid places, the Board of Health respectfully states that the statutes give the Board of Health authority to proceed against the abutting owners on private alleyways on account of any nuisance existing on such abutters' portion of said property.

In order to secure an abatement of such nuisances, it is necessary to proceed in the courts against each owner on account of each nuisance, and this process of securing an abatement of the nuisance is, therefore,

necessarily tedious and prolonged. It is for these reasons that the Board of Health has recommended that these private alleyways be cared for by the city, and the expense assessed upon the abutters, and there is a bill now before the Legislature having this in view.

Very respectfully,

The Board of Health,

SAMUEL H. DURGIN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Lighting of Baldwin School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 10, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a report from the School Committee, on your order requesting that gas and gas fixtures be furnished for the Baldwin School-house, Chardon street.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

March 8, 1898.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, January 25, a communication from his Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from the Common Council, asking that the Baldwin School-house, Chardon street, be furnished with gas and gas fixtures, report that your committee have attended to the matter, and they therefore recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the Baldwin School-house has been equipped with gas and gas fixtures, in accordance with their request.

For the Committee,

THOMAS F. STRANGE, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON S. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

Municipal Bindery.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 10, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Printing, in reply to your request for an "estimate of the cost of establishing a municipal bindery in connection with the printing plant."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PRINTING.

March 10, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the request contained in enclosed order of the Common

Council, I respectfully submit the following estimate of cost of establishing a Municipal Bindery in connection with the Printing Department:

Ruling machines, paper cutter, embosser, smasher, wire stitchers, standing presses, roller backer, job backer, board shears, sawing machine, perforator, paging and numbering machines, sawing benches, together with a selection of finishers' rolls, type, stamps, pallets, presses, kettles and tools. Also marbling outfit, tableting apparatus and press boards. The cost, including shafting, hangers, pulleys, belts, cones, couplings, steam fittings, installing the plant, with freight, cartage, handling, erection, adjustment, benching, putting up shafting and adjusting lights, about \$12,000.

I estimate that the following supplementary list would be required, which would cost about \$2,000.

Rotary board cutter, signature press, stapling press, corner cutter, punching, stapling and eyeletting machines, wire stapler, etc.

Respectfully yours,

THOMAS A. WHALEN, Superintendent.

Placed on file.

North End Playground Enlargement.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

March 8, 1898.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase the estates on North Bennet street, in the rear of the Paul Revere School-house, for the purpose of enlarging the North End Playground.

Passed. A true copy.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Schools and School-houses.

New Bridge to Cambridge.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 10, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Section 15 of Chapter 500 of the Acts of the year 1897 provides that the Boston Elevated Railway Company "shall join with the City of Boston and the City of Cambridge in a petition to the Legislature for the year 1898, or the year 1899, as said cities may elect, for an Act authorizing the construction and maintenance of a bridge across the Charles river, at or near the present site of the West Boston Bridge, suitable for the use of the elevated and surface cars of said corporation, and also for all the purposes of ordinary travel between said cities."

I have received from the Mayor of Cambridge a request to join in the petition of the City of Cambridge for the passage of such an Act, and as I am informed by the City Engineer that the condition and age of

the present West Boston Bridge are such that a new structure is required, I recommend that the City Council pass the accompanying order.

Immediate action is necessary if anything is to be done at the present session of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to join with the Mayor of the City of Cambridge, in a petition of the two cities, to the General Court for the passage of an Act to provide for the construction of a new bridge between Boston and Cambridge, at or near the site of the West Boston bridge, suitable for the use of the elevated and surface cars of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and for all the purposes of ordinary travel between the two cities, said bridge to be built on masonry piers and abutments, with a superstructure of iron and steel, or both, as shall be determined by the officials authorized to build said bridge, and said bridge to be built according to plans approved by the City Engineer of the City of Boston and the City Engineer of the City of Cambridge.

The message was sent up, and the question came on the passage of the order.

The order was passed. Mr. Norris moved to reconsider; lost.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By City Council.

The following having been passed by the City Council were approved by the Mayor March 8, 1898:

Whereas, The destruction of the United States battleship Maine in the harbor of Havana suddenly removed from their sublime duties hundreds of American sailors; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the City Council of the City of Boston express their deep sorrow at the sudden and terrible death of so many brave sailors of the American navy, and extend to their families and relatives sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Ordered, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolve be forwarded to the Navy Department of the United States government.

Ordered, That the Clerk of Committees be hereby instructed to procure and post in his office and other convenient places in City Hall bulletins of hearings at the State House for the information of members of the City Council; the expense, if any, to be charged to the appropriation for City Council incidental expenses.

By Board of Aldermen.

The following having been passed by the Board of Aldermen March 7, were approved by the Mayor March 8, 1898.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Woodbury & Leighton to erect, maintain and use one guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over the roadway on the southerly side of Copley square, about forty feet east from the corner of Dartmouth street, for use in building construction; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. Henry Stevenson to lay, maintain and use a one and one-fourth inch pipe, with a screw-cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate corner of Central square and Meridian street, Ward 1; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Ada L. Hodges to lay, maintain and use one and one-quarter-inch iron pipe, with a screw-cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate on Park street, at the corner of Adams street, Ward 24; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. S. Angus to move a wooden building, pitch roof, forty feet in length, by twenty-six feet in width, by thirty-four feet in height, from Louisiana place through Saratoga, Marion and Morris streets to No. 89 Morris street, Ward 1, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. S. Angus to move a wooden building, pitch roof, forty-three feet three inches in length, by thirty-four feet three inches in width, by twenty-seven feet in height, from Nos. 78 and 80 Saratoga street, along Saratoga street and through Marion and Paris streets, to stone foundation on Paris street, near the property of the City of Boston, Ward 1, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley to move a wooden building, pitch roof, in two pieces, one thirty-three feet in length, by twenty-two feet in width, by twenty-five feet in height, and the other twenty-five feet in length, fifteen feet in width, by twenty-five feet in height, from No. 53 South street, through South street, Joseph, Woodman and Jamaica streets, to lot corner of Jamaica street and Ballard way, Ward 23, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. J. & P. M. Ahern to move a wooden building, pitch roof, thirty-three feet in length, by twenty-two feet in width, by thirty-four

feet in height, from No. 82 Minden street, Ward 22, along said street and across Walden street to No. 65 Minden street, Ward 19, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley (petition referred February 18), to move a wooden building, pitch roof, thirty-three feet in length, by twenty-two and one-half feet in width, by twenty-three feet in height, from No. 76 Saratoga street, through Saratoga, Marion, Chelsea, Prescott, Bremen, Bennington and Swift streets, to lot on Lubec street, near Swift street, Ward 1, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The following permits were approved by the Mayor March 8, 1898:

Frank A. Feeney, to run passenger barges from Highland, West Roxbury and Springfield station to Dedham and Newton lines during season of 1898.

A. Greenblatt, a sign at 242 Bunker Hill street, Ward 4.

Heaton & Co., an illuminated drum sign at 193 Tremont street, Ward 7.

Peter F. Tague, a transparency at 27 Bunker Hill street, Ward 3.

John Togman, a sign at 465½ Main street, Ward 4.

Peter F. Tague, transparencies at 62 and 87 Bunker Hill street, Ward 3.

John Jaeger, a sign at 1209 Tremont street, Ward 18.

Emerson Shoe Company, a sign at 635 Washington street, Ward 7.

J. E. Mahoney, a sign at 256 Commercial street, Ward 6.

L. Harris, a sign at 2057 Washington street, Ward 18.

Patrick A. Tolan, a sign at 13 Cooper street, Ward 6.

The New England Theosophical Corporation, a transparency at 31 North Russell street, Ward 8.

Francis Estate trustees, to construct sub-basement floor of building on Bedford and Chauncy streets and Avon place, Ward 7; grade 4.

Estabrook & Eaton, an illuminated sign at 222-224 Washington street, Ward 6.

Columbia Shoe Company, a sign at 16 Columbia street, Ward 7.

James Beatty, a transparency at 11 Roxbury street, Ward 18.

Raffaele Frasco, a sign at 191 Endicott street, Ward 6.

Joseph Perlman (referred February 18), a sign at 279 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Herman Reitsma (referred February 18), a sign at 26 Eliot street, Ward 7.

Macular-Parker Company, (referred February 18), a V-shaped sign at 81-83 Hawley street, Ward 7.

Smith & Kerrissey (referred February 7), an illuminated sign at 16-22 Hayward place, Ward 7.

The following, having been passed by the Board of Aldermen March 10, were approved by the Mayor March 10, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to provide the necessary facilities for transportation and target practice for the troops of the Massachusetts militia stationed in Boston, during the present season, at an expense not exceeding \$5,000; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Norcross Bros., to erect, maintain and use one guy-post on Federal street near the corner of Purchase street, Ward 7, for use in the construction of the Southern Terminal Station; the work to be completed within six days, and done on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

S. N. Alessi (referred to-day), six barber poles over North and Lewis streets, Ward 6.

Stephen Manning (referred to-day), three poles, 151 Charles street, Ward 11.

Charles Cohen (referred to-day), sign, 153½ Brooks street, Ward 1.

Crowley Bros. (referred to-day), horse-shoe sign, 134 Dorchester avenue, Ward 13.

Trustees of Boston Real Estate Trust (referred February 18), two lanterns, south-east corner Atlantic avenue and Congress street, Ward 7.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—NOT REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By City Council.

The following items were passed by the City Council:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow the employees of the Paving Division a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on July 27, 1898, the day of their annual picnic.

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library be requested to include in their estimates of appropriation for the Library Department for the current year the sum of \$1,500, for the purpose of establishing a reading room and delivery station of the Public Library in the vicinity of the junction of Hampden and Dudley streets, Roxbury.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of an act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the families of the members of the Fire Department who lost their lives at the fire on Merrimac street, February 5, 1898, the remainder of the compensation to which said members would have been entitled had they lived and continued to be members of said department until the end of the present fiscal year, January 31, 1899.

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of four members of the Board of Aldermen and seven members of the Common Council, be appointed to consider and report on the subject of the abolition of the various grade crossings of railroads within the limits of the City of Boston.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Minors' licenses were granted by the Board of Aldermen on March 7 to 115 newsboys and seven bootblacks.

Amusement licenses were granted by the Board of Aldermen on March 7, as follows:

A. L. Griffin, business manager, for a permit for Mollie Storin, under 15 years of age, to appear at Bowdoin Square Theatre for one week, commencing March 7.

Boston Base Ball Association, for a license for base ball grounds, Walpole street and Columbus avenue, for season ending August 1, 1898.

Mrs. William S. Butler, for a permit for Arline Butters and 140 other children, under the age of 15 years, to appear at May Festival, Music Hall, afternoon and evening of March 7, 1898. Children to appear in fancy figure, dancing on floor of hall.

The following items were passed by the Board of Aldermen March 7:

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston protest against the proposed consolidation of the Park and Public Grounds Department of the City of Boston, as asked for in the petition of the Mayor of Boston, now under consideration by the Committee on Cities, believing that such a consolidation would be detrimental to the best interests of the city.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of this resolve to the Committee on Cities of the General Court.

The following items were passed by the Board of Aldermen March 10:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, the act accompanying the petition of the Mayor of Boston relative to further expenditures for the South Union Station (House Bill No. 825), should be so amended as to provide that the City Council have the authority to authorize the loan, as provided in the original act providing for a new Union Station (Chapter 516, Acts of 1896), instead of placing the power in the hands of His Honor the Mayor exclusively.

Ordered, That the City Clerk transmit a copy of this resolve to the Committee of the General Court on Metropolitan Affairs.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the School Committee, informing that body that this Board concurs in its proposition for a convention to be held on Tuesday, March 22, at 7.30 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edward H. Dunn as a member of the School Committee, and that notice of the same be given, according to law.

PASSED OVER MAYOR'S VETO.

The following items were passed over the Mayor's veto:

Permit to Agnes K. Sweeney to project two bay-windows over Huntington avenue, from building at the south-east corner of Huntington and Shepherd avenues. (See CITY RECORD, page 151.)

Ordered, That the Committee on Armories and Military Affairs advertise by publication for a site suitable for parade, drill and target practice for the militia belonging to the City of Boston, in accordance with the provisions of Section 90, Chapter 367, of the Acts of 1893; the expense attending the same to be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen. [See CITY RECORD, page 151.]

Awards of Contracts.

Engineering Department.

City Hall, March 15, 1898.

The following is an exhibit of bids for masonry piers and abutments of the bridge on Summer-street Extension across Fort Point Channel:

1. Ross & Fowler.....	28 School street.....	\$79,840
2. H. P. Nawn.....	82 Savin street.....	84,400
3. W. L. Miller & W. H. Ellis.....	17 Milk street.....	84,766
4. Holbrook, Cabot & Daly.....	1007 Tremont bldg...	88,900
5. Perkins, White & Co.....	61 City square.....	94,500
6. Woodbury & Leighton.....	166 Devonshire st....	103,000

The contract was awarded to Ross & Fowler.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Water Department.

City Hall, March 14, 1898.

As previously advertised, proposals for 5,600 tons of cast-iron water-pipe of various sizes and 100 tons of special castings were opened by the Water Commissioner at his office, Wednesday, March 9. The bidders were the Warren Foundry and Machine Company, Phillipsburg, N. J.; Camden Iron Works, Philadelphia, Pa.; McNeal Pipe and Foundry Company, Burlington, N. J.; National Foundry and Pipe Works, Scottdale, Pa., and the Howard Harrison Iron Company, Bessemer, Ala. The lowest bid, \$16.75 per ton of 2,000 pounds for the pipe and \$33 per ton of 2,000 pounds for the specials, was received from the Warren Foundry and Machine Company, and the contract was accordingly awarded them, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

JOHN R. MURPHY,
Water Commissioner.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES.

Under the rules, legislative committees are required to make final reports on matters taken under consideration, on or before the second Wednesday in March (March 9).

Owing, however, to the numerous matters before committees, requiring further time in which to make reports, the following order has been adopted in both branches:

Ordered, That joint committees be granted until Wednesday, March 23, in which to report on matters referred to them previously to the second Wednesday in March.

The following committees have had their time still further extended:

Drainage, March 25; Taxation, April 11.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Executive Department of the City of Boston for the year 1896 has been issued recently. It is the seventh in the series of similar reports, the first of which is for the year 1890.

The report under consideration is made up of selected city documents which were originally published separately. The documents selected and bound up so as to form two bulky volumes are: The Inaugural Address of the Mayor, and the Annual Reports of administrative Boards and of heads of departments. It does not contain the Report of the School Committee.

The report which embraces 3,028 pages octavo is divided into Part I and Part II. Each part contains a table of contents, given below. The reports of the Auditing, Engineering, Registry and Street Departments are separately indexed.

Annual Report of the Executive Department of the City of Boston for the Year 1896.

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ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

The following table, taken from the Annual Report of the Assessing Department, shows the valuation of property, rate of taxation and the number of polls as shown in the Assessment of Taxes in the City of Boston from 1825 to 1897, in five-year periods:

YEAR.	Total Valuation.	Valuation Real Estate.	Valuation Personal Estate.	Rate of Taxation.	Rateable Polls.	Population.
1825.....	\$52,442,600	\$30,992,000	\$21,450,600	\$7 00	11,660	58,277
1830.....	59,586,000	36,900,000	22,686,000	8 10	13,096	61,392
1835.....	79,302,600	47,552,800	31,749,800	9 70	16,188	78,603
1840.....	94,581,600	60,424,200	34,157,400	11 00	17,966	93,383
1845.....	133,948,700	81,991,400	63,957,300	11 00	24,287	114,366
1850.....	180,000,500	105,063,400	74,937,100	6 80	28,018	136,891
1855.....	241,582,200	136,351,300	105,230,900	7 70	31,449	150,490
1860.....	276,861,000	163,861,300	112,999,700	9 30	34,449	177,840
1865.....	371,892,775	201,628,900	170,263,875	15 80	34,704	192,318
1870.....	584,089,400	366,563,100	217,526,300	16 80	66,926	250,526
1875.....	733,961,805	437,370,100	296,591,705	13 70	98,086	341,919
1880.....	639,462,456	370,370,100	269,092,356	15 20	98,787	392,839
1885.....	685,579,072	436,873,400	248,605,672	12 80	112,104	390,383
1890.....	822,041,800	619,990,275	202,051,525	13 30	125,906	448,477
1895.....	744,367,928	544,751,050	200,616,878	12 00	142,490	494,205
1897.....	1,012,582,209	808,860,550	203,721,659	13 00	154,654	528,912

From 1825 to 1842, inclusive, Poll-tax assessed on all males above 16 years of age. 1843 Poll-tax assessed on all males between 20 and 70 years of age. 1844 and thereafter, Poll-tax assessed on all males above 20 years of age. 1868 Roxbury was annexed. 1870 Dorchester was annexed. 1874 Brighton, Charlestown and West Roxbury were annexed.

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BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
1. S. B. 11, for Providing a Temporary Presiding Officer for Boston Aldermen, p. 43.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. S. (B.)	March 10.						
2. S. B. (by Senator Davis), to Consolidate Several Departments in the City of Boston, under One Board, to be known as the Boston Board of Public Works, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 8. S. (N. P.)								
3. S. B. 20, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8. Closed.								
4. S. B. 27, relative to the Charter of the City of Boston, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 31.	Feb. 7. Closed.								
5. S. B. 31, relative to the Election of the Corporation Counsel and the City Solicitor of the City of Boston, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. S. (L. W.)							
6. S. B. 32, relative to the Consolidation of the Departments of the Treasurer, Collector and Auditor of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. S. (L. W.)							
7. S. B. 34, to Authorize the Sale of Certain Land taken for Public Park Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 16. H. (B.)	Feb. 17.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 3. S. Mch. 7.	Approved. March 8.
8. S. B. 42, relative to the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Education. Feb. 3.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
9. S. B. 43, relative to the Holding of Caucuses, p. 77.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	March 10, 15.								
10. S. B. 44, relative to the Wires and Electrical Appliances in the Streets of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 3.	March 9. S. (B.)	March 10.						
11. S. B. 46, to Establish the Metropolitan District Commission, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 4.	March 8. S. (L. W.)							
12. S. B. 47, to Require Construction of a Tunnel or Tunnels between Boston and East Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 14, 28. March 4. Closed.								
13. S. B. 56, relative to the Board of Aldermen and to the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	Feb. 11. Closed.								
14. S. B. 59, to Unite the City of Boston and the City of Chelsea, and Towns of Winthrop and Revere, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	March 3. Closed.	March 8. S. (N. P.)							
15. S. B. 62, relative to the Finances of the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H. (B.)							
16. S. B. 63, to Reorganize the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 79.	Education. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24, 28. Closed.								
17. S. B. 65, relative to the Pensioning of Employees of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17, 24. Closed.	March 8. H. (N. P.)							
18. S. B. 70, relative to Stony Brook in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 1. Closed.								
19. S. B. 71, to Payment of Assessments for the Laying-out and Construction of Highways in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 8. S. (B.)	March 10.						
20. S. B. 80, relative to the Construction of Belvidere Street in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 4. Closed.								
21. S. B. 81, relative to the Charles River Embankment, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
22. S. B. 93 relative to Malden Bridge, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 10.	March 10. Closed.								
23. S. B. 110, to Provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 63.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)							
24. S. B. 118, relative to the Support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston, p. 66.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, 28. Closed.								
25. S. B. 153, relative to Grounds for the Parade, Drill and Target Practice of the Militia of the City of Boston, p. 166.	Military Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 28. S. (B.)	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28.	March 1. 11.	March 1.	March 1.	H. Mch. 3. S. Mch. 7.	Approved. March 8.
26. H. B. 78, as to Plotting and Laying-out Streets in Boston, p. 29.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 8. H. (N. P.)							
27. H. B. 80, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 29.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8, 7. Closed.		March 8.						
28. H. B. 82, as to Change of Harbor Lines and Improvements in South Bay, p. 29.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 13.	Jan. 28. Closed.	March 2. H. (B.)		March 9.					
29. H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Cities. Jan. 14.	Jan. 21. Feb. 10, 17. Closed.								
30. H. B. 125, for more Boston Aldermen, and choice of Chairman by Popular Vote, p. 43.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Feb. 8, 11. Closed.								

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31. H. B. 152, as to leasing of Building by Boston Park Commission, p. 43.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 4.								
32. H. B. 195, for widening Rutherford Avenue, Devens and Bow Streets, p. 43.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 21.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.					
33. H. B. 204, for Reorganization of the Boston City Government, p. 44.	Election Laws. Jan. 21.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
34. H. B. 233, as to Choice of President of Boston Common Council by Popular Vote, p. 60.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.								
35. H. B. 235, to Provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston, and to Define the Duties and Powers, p. 60.	Liquor Law. Jan. 25.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 9. H.(N.G.C.)							
36. H. B. 252, as to Registration of Voters, p. 61.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 15, 24. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (N. P.)							
37. H. B. 253, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 61.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
38. H. B. 254, as to Time of Opening and Closing of Polls in Boston, p. 62.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (N. P.)							
39. H. B. 255, as to Change in Method of Electing Boston Aldermen, p. 62.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
40. H. B. 291, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10, 17. Closed.								
41. H. B. 306, to Provide that Tenement Houses in the City of Boston, over Four Stories High, shall be First-class Buildings, p. 80.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 7. Closed.								
42. H. B. 317, to Establish a Board of Excise Commissioners for the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 27.	Feb. 11. Closed.	March 9. H.(N.G.C.)							
43. H. B. 324, as to the Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 7. Closed.								
44. H. B. 340, relative to Granting Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Liquor Law. Jan. 27.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 9. H. (L.W.)							
45. H. B. 348, as to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 16. Closed.		Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. S.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
46. H. B. 356, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Children of Charles A. Lambert, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. S.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	H. Feb. 25. S. Mch. 1.	Approved. March 2.
47. H. B. 358, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to Family of Edward C. Cadigan, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 11. Closed.	Feb. 11. H. (B.)	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 11. S.	Feb. 14. Am.	Feb. 15.	H. Feb. 21. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
48. H. B. 359, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Father of James W. McCabe, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 4. Closed.	Feb. 9. H. (B.)							
49. H. B. 363, to Amend an Act Limiting the Number of Places which may be Licensed for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, p. 122.	Liquor Law. Jan. 28.	Feb. 18. Closed.	March 9. H. (B.)							
50. H. B. 365, to Limit the Number of Places in the City of Boston for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, p. 122.	Liquor Law. Jan. 28.	Feb. 18. Closed.								
51. H. B. 374, as to the Election of the Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 11. Closed.								
52. H. B. 376, as to Election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.								
53. H. B. 377, as to the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.								
54. H. B. 382, an Act to Incorporate the Bay State Elevated Railway Company and to Promote Rapid Transit in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.	March 4. H.(N.G.C.)							
55. H. B. 390, to Provide for an Extension of Huntington Avenue in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 24. Closed.								
56. H. B. 392, as to the Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.									
57. H. B. 395, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Family of John Kelley, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (B.)	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. S.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
58. H. B. 410, as to the Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 9. Closed.	Feb. 9. H. (B.)	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. Am.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 17.			
59. H. B. 413, relative to Appointments in the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (B.)	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 3.	Vetoed. March 12.

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60. H. B. 416, resolve to Provide for an Addition to the Normal Art School Building in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Education.	Feb. 17. Closed.								
61. H. B. 419, to Establish the Voting Day in Municipal Elections in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (N.G.C.)							
62. H. B. 424, relative to Taking the Vote upon the Question of Granting Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Liquor Law. Jan. 31.	Feb. 25.	March 10. H. (N. P.)							
63. H. B. 442, to Regulate the Issuing of Liquor Licenses in City of Boston, p. 83.	Liquor Law. Jan. 31.	March 4.								
64. H. B. 452, to Provide for the Appointment of One Additional Court Officer for Attendance upon the Several Sessions of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston for Civil Business, p. 83.	Public Service. Jan. 31.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 18. H. (B.)	March 10.						
65. H. B. 456, to Require Compensation from Corporations for the Use of Public Streets in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Street Railways. Jan. 31.	March 8.								
66. H. B. 487, to Regulate the Price of Gas in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23, 25. Closed.	Feb. 25. H. (N.P.)							
67. H. B. 489, to Enable the City of Boston to Complete Blue Hill Avenue and Other Avenues, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.					
68. H. B. 491, relative to Bennington Street in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 4.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.					
69. H. B. 502, to Reorganize the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 84.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 9, 17, 28. Closed.	March 9. H. (N. P.)							
70. H. B. 503, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Widow of Charles J. Vaughn, p. 84.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 11. Closed.	Feb. 11. H. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. S.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	H. Feb. 25. S. Mch. 1.	Approved. March 2.
71. H. B. 504, to Provide that Asbestos Mill Board may be used as a Fire-stop in the Floors of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 84.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 21. H. (N.P.)							
72. H. B. 505, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 84.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.								
73. H. B. 506, to Facilitate the Inspection of Wires in Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 8.								
74. H. B. 507, relative to the Extension of Cove Street in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (N.P.)							
75. H. B. 508, relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 16. H. (N. P.)							
76. H. B. 509, to Authorize the City of Boston to Borrow Money Outside the Debt Limit to Meet the Expense of Asphalted Streets, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (N.P.)							
77. H. B. 529, relative to the Construction of a Boulevard from Morton Street to Washington Street in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21. Closed.								
78. H. B. 553, relative to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 85.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. H. (N. P.)							
79. H. B. 588, relative to Appointment of Special Police Officers in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
80. H. B. 589, to Enable the City of Boston to Finish the Construction of Its Public Parks, p. 122.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (B.) Mh.S.S.(B.)	Feb. 18. Mh. 9. Am.	Feb. 23. March 10.	Feb. 25. *S.				
81. H. B. 591, relative to the Sinking Funds of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. H. (N.P.)							
82. H. B. 604, relative to Inspectors in the City of Boston Acting under the Direction of the Board of Health, p. 86.	Public Health. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (N.P.)							
83. H. B. 628, relative to Change of Plans of Board of Survey, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 8.								
84. H. B. 631, relative to the Construction of Tenement Houses in the City of Boston, p. 123.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. H. (L.W.)							
85. H. B. 632, to Repeal Chapter 175, Acts of 1897, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L. W.)							
86. H. B. 633, to amend Chapter 175 of the Acts of 1897 relative to Building in the City of Boston, p. 123.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L. W.)							
87. H. B. 634, relative to Buildings in Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L. W.)							
88. H. B. 635, to Amend Chapter 175, Acts of 1897, p. 87.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L. W.)							

*Original bill substituted for bill as reported by the committee.

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.—Continued.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Date of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
89. H. B. 645, relative to the Taking of Land for School Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 16. S. (B.)	Feb. 17.	March 1.	March 3. H.	March 4.	March 7.		
90. H. B. 668, relative to the Pensioning of War Veterans who are Members of the Police Force of Boston, p. 123.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 18. H. (B.)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 25. S.	March 1. Am.	March 2.	H. Mch. 9.	
91. H. B. 669, to Provide Better Accommodations for Traffic on Tremont Street in Boston, p. 123.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (L.W.)							
92. H. B. 670, to Establish an Art Department in the City of Boston, p. 62.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Mch. 4, 15. Closed.								
93. H. B. 671, relative to Children in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 15.								
94. H. B. 672, relative to the Power of the School Committee of the City of Boston to make Additions or Alterations to School Buildings, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 16. H. (L.W.)							
95. H. B. 673, to Authorize the Treasurer of the City of Boston to Issue Bonds for Taking of Land for School Purposes, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (B.)	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 3. S. Mch. 7.	
96. H. B. 674, to Establish Building Lines on Columbus Avenue in the City of Boston p. 88.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 8. Closed.	March 8. H.(N.G.C.)							
97. H. B. 675, relative to the Extension of the Subway in the City of Boston, p. 122.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
98. H. B. 676, relative to the Time of Appointment and Assignment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.					
99. H. B. 678, that Quincy be Annexed to Boston, p. 123.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.	March 8. H.(N.G.C.)							
100. H. B. 685, to Authorize the School Committee of the City of Boston to Erect Buildings for School Purposes not Fire-proof, p.124.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.								
101. H. B. 686, to Exempt School-houses from Certain Provisions of the Act Relative to the Erection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.								
102. H. B. 747, relative to Operation by Cities and Towns of Electric Light Plants, p. 124.	Manufactures. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
103. H. B. 748, to give Preference to Regularly Established Hotels, Restaurants and Eating-houses in Granting Liquor Licenses in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.								
104. H. B. 749, to Change the Method of Electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 89.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 11. Closed.								
105. H. B. 750, relative to Nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 124.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 25. Closed.								
106. H. B. 751, relative to Caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 89.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. S. (L.W.)							
107. H. B. 752, relative to the Registration of Voters in the City of Boston, p. 89.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	March 4. Closed.								
108. H. B. 753, relative to Ferries, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.						
109. H. B. 754, relative to Maintenance of the Water Department by a General Tax, and Free Water for Domestic Purposes, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. H.(N.G.C.)							
110. H. B. 757, relative to Recounts of Ballots in the City of Boston, p. 65.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (L.W.)							
111. H. B. 758, relative to Public School Teachers' Retirement Fund, p. 90.	Education. Feb. 2.									
112. H. B. 759, relative to the Public Schools of the City of Boston, and Providing for a Reorganization of the Government Thereof, p. 91.	Education. Feb. 2.	Feb.24,28. Closed.								
113. H. B. 761, to Provide for the Better Enlargement of the Building Laws in the City of Boston, p. 92.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)	March 2.	March 3.	March 7. S.	March 10.			
114. H. B. 762, relative to the Construction, Maintenance and Inspection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 92.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
115. H. B. 763, as to the Further Regulation of the Height of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 92.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.								
116. H. B. 764, relative to the Construction of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 93.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)	March 2.	March 3.	March 7. S.				
117. H. B. 766, relative to the City Government and the Departments of the City of Boston, p. 64.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (L.W.)							

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118. H. B. 767, to Authorize the City of Boston to Borrow Money Outside the Debt Limit for the Purpose of Asphalted Streets, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (L.W.)							
119. H. B. 768, relative to Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. March 14.								
120. H. B. 769, to Equalize Water Rates and Economize the Use of Water in the City of Boston, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. H. (L.W.)							
121. H. B. 825, to Further Provide for a Union Station for Passengers on Railroads Entering the Southerly Part of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 1. Closed.	March 10. H. (B.)							
122. H. B. 881, relative to the Reserve Police Force in the City of Boston, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (N. P.)							
123. H. B. 887, to Change Boundary Line Between Boston and Cambridge, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (B.)							
124. H. B. 888, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line Between the Cities of Boston and Newton, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (B.)							
125. H. B. 889, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line Between the City of Boston and the Town of Hyde Park, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (B.)							
126. H. B. 910, to Provide for the Reconstruction of the Municipal Government of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws, Feb. 11.									
127. H. B. 932, relative to Disabled Firemen in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 17.	March 4, 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (B.)							
UNNUMBERED BILLS.										
Petition that the City of Boston may pay Sum of Money to Sister of Dennis H. Morrissey.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 11. S. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16.	Feb. 17. H.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 18.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 18.	Approved. March 2.
Petition of Mayor Quincy for Provisions for Laying-out Alleys in the City of Boston, p. 64.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 4. Closed.								
Petition of Mayor Quincy for Consolidation of Public Grounds and Park Departments of City of Boston, p. 64.	Cities. Feb. 7.	March 9.	March 9. H. (L.W.)							

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

City Hall, March 12, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Chairman, J. Albert Brackett, 92 State street, Boston, on March 11, 1898, at 3.30 P.M.

There were present: Messrs. Brackett, Fallon and Hersey.

Bills to the amount of \$1,495.21 were approved.

NELLIE V. NORTON, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, March 7, 1898.

A license to keep and kill poultry at 101 Lowell street, instead of 71 Fruit street, was given to Max Solomon.

The following permits for the occupancy of stables were granted March 10:

Rudolph Weber, Rockland street, for one horse, and Charles J. Clough, 36 Charles street, Ward 20, for forty horses.

The applications of T. J. Densmore for a stable for one horse on Allegheny street, and John J. Gallagher for an additional horse in his stable at 40 Carson street, Ward 16, were refused.

The following applications for stable permits have been filed at this office:

Keyes & Smith, Mt. Vernon street, Ward 23, two horses; hearing March 24, at 11 o'clock.

Mary Kenney, 53 Millett street, Ward 24, four additional horses; hearing March 17, at 11 o'clock.

Mary Roach, rear 13 Roach street, Ward 24, two horses; hearing March 24, at 11 o'clock.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, March 4, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln, Prince and the Librarian.

Received: Circular No. 35 from the Mayor; communication from Frederic Tudor; report from Prof. S. H. Woodbridge; the Librarian's report.

Employed: W. E. Cole, as coat-room and elevator attendant, Janitor Department, at a salary of \$10 per week, beginning March 7.

Bills allowed: For books, chargeable to city money, \$189.32; to trust funds, \$854.69.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city money, \$207.61; to trust funds, \$2,102.36; to Station "P," 74 cents; to Fellows Athenaeum, \$1.07; miscellaneous articles, \$234.65.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

The following statement shows the work performed by the Building Department for the month ending February 28, 1898:

EXAMINATIONS MADE.

New buildings	1,294
Alterations	635
Boilers and engines	107
Plumbing	1,152
Gasfitting	1,455
Egress	159
Elevators	247
Plans	315

Total examinations made 5,364

PERMITS GRANTED.

For first and second class buildings	24
For third class buildings	41
Alterations	136
Boilers and engines	53
Plumbing	261
Gasfitting	1,222

Total number permits granted 1,737

Increase in taxable valuation during February, 1898.

79 alterations completed (estimated cost)	\$62,815
40 boilers (estimated cost)	24,475
80 plumbing operations performed	10,319
896 gasfitting operations	14,081
14 first class buildings completed	297,200
75 third class buildings completed	267,350

Total \$676,240

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Building Commissioner.

Building Department.

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER,
Old Court House, March 12, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending March 12, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	9	4	-	-	-	8	6	-	1	5	
2...	-	2	-	-	-	2	3	-	1	1	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
6...	-	8	2	1	1	-	12	-	8	27	
7...	-	10	-	-	-	-	14	1	10	30	
8...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	17	
9...	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	5	25	
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	13	
11...	-	2	-	-	5	-	1	-	4	29	
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	11	
13...	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	
14...	-	1	2	1	-	4	1	-	-	14	
15...	2	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	12	
16...	2	4	2	-	-	1	7	-	1	12	
17...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	12	
18...	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	12	
19...	2	1	1	-	-	4	1	-	3	9	
20...	17	5	7	-	-	16	6	3	12	26	
21...	2	2	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	14	
22...	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	
23...	6	2	3	-	9	6	4	-	4	6	
24...	10	2	-	-	-	6	5	-	12	22	
25...	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	20	
T'ls..	54	55	22	3	15	48	78	8	90	338	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, March 14, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending March 12, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	133
Number of discharges of mortgages	31
Number of assignments of mortgages	8
Number of bills of sale	6
Number of assignments of wages	28
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1
Number of married women's certificates	7
Number of attachments of property	2
Number of ship liens	6

The following accident notices were filed:
March 8—Mrs. Mattie E. Pitcher, personal injuries, from alleged defect in sidewalk near 161 Putnam street, East Boston, on February 11, 1898.

March 10—Edward Farrell, injuries to cab, from alleged defect in Davis street, March 8, 1898. Samuel Moseley, personal injuries, from alleged defect in Davis street, March 8, 1898.

March 12—William Wray, personal injuries received in front of 638 Main street, Charlestown, February 11, 1898.

Notices of suits against the city were filed, as follows:

On March 8, David Flynn, petition for assessment of damages by a jury for land taken by the city on Bennett avenue and Samoset place for park purposes. Gilbert Kelly and Lucy J. Dunn, suits against the city; the former placing the damages at \$30,000 and the latter at \$4,000.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, March 12, 1898.

The following official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending March 12:

Clarence C. Hunt has been approved as a call-substitute for Ladder Company 6.

Two (2) horses have been purchased of Messrs. Welch & Hall for \$125 each, and two (2) at \$137.50 each.

Six (6) pieces of hose have been condemned.

Special drafts have been drawn on the City Auditor as follows:

L. K. Marston, \$2,160, in part payment for construction, and \$181.50 for extra work on new engine house on Centre street, West Roxbury.

Fire-alarm box 97 has been taken out of service.

An order has been drawn on Charles Waugh & Co. for repairs on hose wagon of Engine Company 3, price \$146.70.

Six (6) Anderson couplings have been ordered at \$2 each.

An order has been drawn on Samuel Gannett for American Cereal Company's food for District 10, for the months of April and May, at \$19.15 per ton.

Fire-alarm box 662 has been moved to the corner of Byron and Coleridge streets.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, March 8, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN:

The Fire Commissioner petitions for permission to erect and maintain sixteen (16) poles for fire-alarm service on the following-named streets in the Dorchester District, at such points as are indicated by white dots upon a plan drawn by the construction force of the fire-alarm branch, dated March 8, 1898, poles to be 35 feet high, 12 inches in diameter at the base:

Bernard street, seven poles, sidewalk eight feet wide; Elmo street, seven poles, sidewalk seven feet wide; Waterlow street, one pole, sidewalk five feet wide; Clinton street, one pole, sidewalk five feet wide.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, March 12, 1898.

The Board of Health reports the work of inspection of animals at the Abbatoir for the week ending March 12 to be as follows:

Steers	270
New England cows	16
Other cattle	293
Sheep	202
Calves	320
Hogs	68

Total 1,169

Six New England cows were condemned as being affected with tuberculosis; one hog was condemned as being affected with septicaemia.

The Board of Health reports the following summary of the work performed by the Medical Inspectors of Schools during the year 1897:

Specific infectious diseases	495
Oral and respiratory diseases	3,638
Diseases of the ear	91
Diseases of the eye	489
Diseases of the skin	2,775
Miscellaneous diseases	5,289

Total 12,777

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

Statistics for the week ending March 12, 1898:

Cases pending	3
Number of applications	81
	84

Number of admissions:

To State Almshouses	34
Long Island Almshouse	14
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	3
Boston Insane Hospital	11
Westboro Insane Hospital,	1
Foxboro Asylum	1
Bridgewater Asylum	1
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	4
	69
Applications refused	4
Applications withdrawn	9
Cases pending	2
	84
Legal settlements investigated	86

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending March 12, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.9
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	26.6
Number of deaths:	
Males	121
Females	102
Total	223
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	267
Decrease	44

Of 223 decedents, 218 were white and 5 colored; 140 were born in the United States,

78 in foreign countries and 5 unknown; 54 were of American parentage and 147 of foreign parentage; parentage unknown, 22.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	36	4
Scarlatina	21	0
Typhoid fever	10	1
Measles	14	0
Totals	81	5

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATHS.

Consumption	39
Pneumonia	31
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	22
Bronchitis	7
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	6

Total from principal causes	111
Total from infectious diseases	5
Total from other causes	107

Total from all causes 223

Deaths of children under 1 year	34
Deaths of children under 5 years	63
Deaths of persons over 60 years	43
Deaths in public institutions	47

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY, 1898.

Statement of deaths for the month of February, 1898, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Death rate for the month per 1,000 inhabitants	17.81
Death rate for corresponding month, 1897, per 1,000 inhabitants	21.99
Number of deaths:	
Males	397
Females	388
	785

Condition:	
Married	226
Single	402
Widows	107
Widowers	44
Unknown	6

Color:	
White	764
Colored	21

Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	150
Under 2 years	194
Under 5 years	231

Nativity:	
United States	505
Ireland	142
England	16
Scotland	11
Germany	13
British America	56
Italy	6
Russia	6
Other countries	27
Unknown	3

Parentage:	
United States	199
Irish	247
English	14
Scotch	13
German	18
British American	47
Italian	40
Russian	17
Other countries	61
Mixed	59
Unknown	90

Causes of Death:

I. ZYMOTICS.

Alcoholism	4
Croup	3
Cholera infantum	3
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	9
Diarrhœa	3
Dysentery	1
Diphtheria	12
Erysipelas	4
Influenza	1
Measles	1
Puerperal fever	1
Pyæmia	1
Rheumatism	1
Scarlatina	6
Syphilis	1
Septicæmia	5
Typhoid fever	5
Whooping cough	4
	65

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	32
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	7
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	22
Phthisis pulmonalis	80
Other constitutional diseases	15
	156

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	32
Bright's disease	8
Bronchitis	42
Heart disease	76
Meningitis	18
Nephritis	27
Pleurisy	1
Pneumonia	126
Other local diseases	124
	454

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Inanition	7
Old age	19
Premature birth	27
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	5
Other developmental diseases	14
	72

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	25
Homicidal	1
Suicidal	3
Other violent causes	3
	32
Unknown causes	6

Total from all causes 785

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

The Pauper Institutions Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing for the Pauper Institutions of said city, until February 1, 1899:

1. About 2,500 pounds of beef each week.
2. About 1,200 pounds of mutton each two weeks.
3. About 1,000 pounds of fresh fish and salt fish each week, according to the office copies of the contracts, which may be seen at the office of the Trustees for Paupers, No. 28 Court square, in said city. The bidder must fill out and sign proposals in the forms to be obtained at said office, furnish bonds in about \$2,000 for each contract, with surety satisfactory to said trustees for faithfully carrying out the contract, and leave each proposal at said office before 12.30 o'clock P.M. of March 21, 1898, with a certified check for from \$100 to \$500, as set forth in said proposals. This check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

WILLIAM T. SEDGWICK,

Chairman Trustees for Paupers of the City of Boston.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

February 25, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building northerly corner Chelsea and Brooks streets, and easterly corner Morris and Brooks streets, Ward 1, two bay windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, one over corner Chelsea and Brooks streets, and one over corner Morris and Brooks streets. Dimensions: Each 18 feet high, 10 feet wide, corner Morris and Brooks streets, 18 inches; corner Chelsea and Brooks streets, 3 feet over line of street.

JOSEPH GOLDINGER,

155 Meridian street, East Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-first day of March at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in THE CITY RECORD and East Boston Free Press, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER,

City Hall, March 15, 1898.

Sealed proposals indorsed "Proposals for Teaming" will be received at the office of the Water Commissioner, City Hall, until 12 M. on Monday, March 21, 1898.

The work to be done consists in transporting to or from the pipe yard of the Water Department on Albany street, and such points within the limits of the City of Boston or Town of Brookline as may be required by the Superintendent of the Eastern Division, such pipes, special castings, hydrants, gates, wood, blocking, tools or other material as may be required during the year ending March 15, 1899.

Specifications may be seen and information in regard to the work may be obtained at the office of the Water Commissioner, Room 58, City Hall, Boston.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$200, payable to the City of Boston; said check to be returned to the bidder unless he fails to execute the contract, should it be awarded to him.

The amount and character of the securities for the fulfillment of the contract will be determined by the Water Commissioner after the proposals are opened.

The Water Commissioner reserves the right to reject any or all bids should he deem it to be for the interest of the City of Boston so to do.

JOHN R. MURPHY, Water Commissioner.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 14, 1898.

Sealed proposals for the collection and removal of store dirt, house dirt and ashes in the Meeting House Hill District (as shown on the official map on file at the office of the Superintendent of Streets) will be received at the said office of the Superintendent of Streets until 12 M. of Tuesday, March 22, 1898, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. Bidders must reside in or adjacent to this district. Said ashes to be collected and removed at least once each week to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and to be delivered at dumps to be provided by the contractor, unless otherwise ordered, the city to furnish carts and the contractor the necessary horses and men. Form of contract may be seen at the Central Office of the Street Department. The contract is to cover a term of two (2) years, dependent on the proper appropriations from time to time by the City Government. Said proposals to state the terms for collection and removal per year. Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for \$100, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of each contract. The Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals should he deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 14, 1898.
The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 82 Minden street, Ward 22, one bay window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Minden street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 5 feet wide and 18 inches over line of street.

H. DICKHAUT, 78 Minden street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, March 28, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, March 14, 1898.

Sealed proposals for the collection and removal of store dirt, house dirt and ashes in the East Boston District (as shown on the official map on file at the office of the Superintendent of Streets) will be received at the said office of the Superintendent of Streets until 12 M. of Tuesday, March 22, 1898, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. Bidders must reside in or adjacent to this district. Said ashes to be collected and removed at least once each week, to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and to be delivered at dumps to be provided by the contractor, unless otherwise ordered, the city to furnish carts and the contractor the necessary horses and men. Form of contract may be seen at the Central Office of the Street Department. The contract is to cover a term of two (2) years, dependent on the proper appropriations from time to time by the City Government. Said proposals to state the terms for collection and removal per year. Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for \$100, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of each contract. The Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals should he deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 14, 1898.
The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 765 Tremont street, Ward 12, one bay window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over West Springfield street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 12 feet wide and 1 foot 6 inches over line of street.

LYMAN GIBBS,

25 Tremont row.

By ARTHUR H. VINAL, Architect.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, February 17, 1898.
The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for the right to construct, maintain and use a small piece of track with curves as a substitute for the existing track with curve on Norfolk street, near Nelson street, and the crossing of the New York and New England Railroad, all as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated October 1, 1897, with the approval of the Superintendent of Streets endorsed thereon, this petition being made at the request of the aforesaid Superintendent of Streets.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney.
WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, March 11, 1898.

Sealed proposals for the collection and removal of house offal from the West Roxbury District will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Streets until 12 o'clock M. of Monday, March 21, 1898, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. Proposals must state the terms for collection and removal per year, it being understood that the offal is to be removed to some point without the city limits, and in no event will offal be allowed transportation across the ferries or through any streets of the city proper. The contractor must provide his own market for the sale or disposal of all offal collected.

The city will furnish the offal carts, and the contractor the necessary horses and men. Form of contract and the official map of the district may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, 47 City Hall. The contract is to cover a term of three (3) years, dependent on the proper appropriations from time to time by the city or unless a different method of disposing of said offal is adopted by the Superintendent of Streets. Proposals must be accompanied by a properly certified check for \$100, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals should he deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 14, 1898.
The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 33 Porter street, corner London street, Ward 2, three bay windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, two over Porter and one over the corner of Porter and London streets. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 8 feet 2 inches wide and 2 feet over line of street.

FRANK FINN,

150 London street, East Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the East Boston Free Press and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, February 26, 1898.
The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use tracks on Walnut avenue, between Warren street and Humbolt avenue; on Humbolt avenue, from Walnut avenue to Seaver street; and on Seaver street, from Walnut avenue to Blue Hill avenue, with all necessary curves, sidings, crossovers, switches and connections, as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated February 21, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition; and said company further petitions for the consent and permission of your said Board to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said tracks petitioned for, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the poles, wires, appliances, and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney.
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 7, 1898.

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Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, February 26, 1898.
The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Blue Hill avenue, from a point at or near where its existing tracks now end, and extending thence southerly on said Blue Hill avenue to the dividing line between the City of Boston and the town of Milton, at Neponset river on said avenue, with all necessary curves, sidings, crossovers, switches and connections; the tracks as far as Walk Hill street to be located substantially according to plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated January 28, 1898, and filed herewith, the balance of said tracks to be constructed according to a plan to be made and filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, after said Blue Hill avenue is widened, and conforming to such widening; and said company further asks the consent and permission of your said Board that it may establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said tracks petitioned for, and that it may erect, lay, maintain and use the necessary poles, wires, appliances, and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney.
WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 7, 1898.

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Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CITY HOSPITAL REPORTS.

The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital have just published a volume of 276 pages, entitled "Medical and Surgical Reports of the Boston City Hospital, Ninth Series." Its editors are Dr. Charles F. Folsom, Dr. W. T. Councilman and Dr. Herbert L. Burrell. The volume, which was printed at the Municipal Printing Office, contains thirty-one articles contributed by physicians connected with the hospital and sanitary service of the city. Among the articles of special interest the following may be cited:

A Clinical Study of Eight Hundred Cases of Diphtheria at the South Department of the Boston City Hospital. By John H. McCollom, M.D., Resident Physician.

Seventy-one Cases of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis. By Francis H. Williams, M.D.

Formaldehyde as a Practical Disinfectant, and as an Aid in the Practice of Surgery. By Charles Harrington, M.D., and Richard Mills Pearce, M.D.

Of more general interest are the New Surgical Services. By Herbert L. Burrell, M.D.; and The Pathological Laboratory of the Boston City Hospital. By F. B. Mallory, M.D.

ELECTION TO VACANCY IN SCHOOL BOARD.

At a joint convention of the Board of Aldermen and of the School Committee, held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, on March 22, at 7.30 P.M., presided over by the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Dyar, J. Carlton Nichols was elected a member of the School Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edward H. Dunn.

COST OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

The Committee on Supplies is entrusted by the School Committee with "exclusive authority in furnishing all materials used by the Board, its officers, or the public schools." Control of expenditures for salaries, the repair and alteration of school-buildings and the construction of new school-houses are given to other Standing Committees. The Twentieth Annual Report of the Committee on Supplies for the financial year ending January 31, 1898, has recently been issued as "School Document No. 1, 1898," from which the following statements of facts are taken:

The gross expenditures of the Committee for the year amounted to \$226,777 or \$11,122 less than the appropriation asked for in December, 1896. Net expenditures amounted to \$224,573, a total increase of but \$13,058 over the net expenditure of the previous year. Of the gross expenditures, \$130,761 were for supplies and incidentals, \$77,046 for fuel, \$8,694 for gas and \$10,275 for water.

The average number of pupils belonging to the different grades of schools was 81,638. The average cost of this department per pupil for books, supplies and incidentals was \$1.57, and for fuel, gas and water was \$1.18—a total cost per pupil of \$2.75.

The total amount expended for books, drawing materials and stationery during the year was \$72,393.36. Deducting \$300.02, the income received, it leaves \$72,093.34 as the net amount expended for these items, or an average of eighty-eight cents per pupil.

The Committee's summary showing of the net cost of supplies, including fuel, gas and water is as follows:

High Schools	\$41,189 80
Grammar Schools	104,697 91
Primary Schools	55,016 83
Evening High and Elementary Schools	6,343 34
Evening Drawing Schools	1,411 15
Horace Mann School	1,971 68
Kindergartens	5,073 67
Manual Training Schools	9,001 65
School Committee and Officers	1,375 53

Total \$226,081 56

Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1897. \$24,001 78

Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1898. 22,493 92

Stock delivered, purchased previous to Jan. 1, 1897 1,507 86

Total net amount expended \$224,573 70

The average cost per pupil for supplies for 5,317 pupils in the high schools was \$7.75; for 37,229 grammar school pupils, \$2.81; for 28,685 primary school pupils, \$1.92; for 5,895 pupils in the evening high and elementary schools, \$1.08; for 516 pupils in the evening high schools, \$2.73; for 109 pupils in the Horace Mann school for the deaf, \$18.09; and for 3,864 pupils in the kindergartens, \$1.31. The cost of supplies for the manual training schools was \$9,001.

The Committee states that the total number of text-books owned by the city and now in the schools, if replaced at publishers' prices, would cost about as follows:

High Schools	114,407	books at a cost of	\$61,779 78
Grammar Schools	305,791	" " "	149,837 59
Primary Schools	90,882	" " "	18,176 40
Evening Schools	15,823	" " "	6,170 97

Total number, 526,903 " costing \$235,964 74

The total number of books reported lost during the year was 2,291; and returned as worn out was 48,757.

In addition, 670 books were destroyed for fear of contagion, and 7,112 books were collected from the schools, having been displaced by action of the School Board.

Since the free text-book law went into effect, the schools have been supplied with 959,474 text-books. Of this number, 526,903 are still in use in the schools, and the balance, 432,571, have been either lost or returned to Mason street as worn out.

The net cost to the city for books, drawing

materials and stationery for the past fourteen years, covering the time since the free text-book act went into operation, amounted to \$784,199.74, an average for each year of \$56,014.27. The average yearly number of pupils covering the same time was 68,521, making an average cost of eighty-two cents per pupil for these items. As a partial offset to this charge, the city has 526,903 text-books now on hand in the schools, which, at a low valuation for future school use, would be worth \$100,000.

The cost for stationery and drawing materials purchased amounted to \$21,883.63, a decrease as compared with the year previous of \$2,748.13.

On account of the low price for paper, the discontinuance of the use of slates has not resulted in the increased expenditure that was expected when the change was made. It requires on an average for each pupil, to do an amount of work equal to that formerly done on a single slate, three paper blocks weighing each a pound. Over one hundred tons of paper are used annually for this purpose.

The public schools consumed during the year 15,327 tons of coal, as compared with 15,682 tons for the year preceding.

The average price paid for the entire year was \$4.76 per ton, including housing, as compared with \$4.12 paid the year preceding, making an increased expense for coal of about \$10,000.

Two hundred and forty-seven cords of wood were required to start the fires in the various school-buildings during the year. This was purchased from the Overseers of the Poor, as for many years past, at a cost of \$2,739.45, including sawing, splitting and housing.

The amount spent for water was \$10,275.58, an increase of more than 30 per cent. over the preceding year. The cost for this item has increased about 100 per cent. within four years.

Gas and electric lighting cost \$8,694.51 the past year, an increase of over 25 per cent. from the year preceding.

The total cost for fuel, gas and water the past year amounted to \$96,016.29, an increase over the year previous of \$13,212.20.

THE LIMITATION OF EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

At the regular meeting of the School Committee, held Tuesday, March 22, Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following report:

It having come to the knowledge of the Committee on Accounts, that a bill is now pending in the Legislature, limiting the expenditures of the School Committee, your committee feel it their duty to recommend to the Board that a protest be made through

its Committee on Legislative Matters against the passage of any bill that would prevent the School Committee from carrying out their agreement with the instructors in the public schools, as expressed in the schedule of salaries passed in the summer of 1896.

Following out the line of policy that caused the Legislature in its wisdom to fix a limit for the entire expenses of the city, it is but natural to expect that the expenditures of all departments of the city must conform in some manner to the end that the law can be complied with and at the same time not cripple any of the several departments.

This committee admit the justice of the argument that it would be impossible for the city to comply with a \$9 limit, if any department of the city could legally incur expenses to an unlimited amount; yet on the other hand we believe that the citizens of Boston demand that as much of the revenue of the city should be used as may be necessary for a liberal support of the schools.

Your committee, after a careful consideration of the matter, have come to the conclusion that not less than two dollars and eighty cents (\$2.80) on a thousand of the averaged assessed valuation of the City of Boston for the past five years will be needed to meet the net running expenses of the schools for the present financial year, two dollars and ninety cents (\$2.90) for the financial years 1899-1900, after which three dollars (\$3) at least will be required for subsequent years.

Your committee would also request to have incorporated in the bill the provision that any unexpended balance of any year be carried forward for use in subsequent years.

With this statement your committee would recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the proper committee of the Legislature, and advocate the passage of a bill embodying the foregoing provisions and amounts.

The motion to lay on the table was defeated, and the order was passed.

INDEX TO THE CITY DOCUMENTS, 1834 TO 1897.

The Index to the City Documents, which has recently been printed at the Municipal Printing Office, is a republication of a former index, revised and completed to 1897. The list embraces all the numbered documents from 1834 to 1897, arranged in alphabetical and chronological order. Accompanying the Index is an appendix containing lists of miscellaneous publications of the city, such as orations, memorial volumes, etc., classified and arranged in chronological order.

Previous to 1834 very few documents were printed, and, as they were not numbered nor bound together, it would probably be impossible to make a complete collection at this time. The first Mayor's Address, which appears among the regular documents, is Samuel A. Eliot's, delivered at the inauguration of the government of 1838. The first Fourth of July Oration is Jonathan Chapman's, delivered in 1837. The Auditor's "Twenty-second Annual Report" is contained in the volume for 1834, and the list of reports is complete from that date. The

Municipal Register begins with the year 1841. The Annual Report of the City Marshal was printed in 1834.

The next printed report does not appear until 1849. From that date the list is complete. Reports on the correctional and reformatory institutions are nearly complete from 1834 to the present time. The first annual report of the Superintendent of the Lunatic Hospital was printed in 1840. First among the numerous documents, relating to the introduction and distribution of water, is Loammi Baldwin's report, made in 1834. The only report of any value upon the question of water-supply, made previous to that date, was Professor Daniel Treadwell's, in 1825. Mr. Nathaniel J. Bradley's history of the water-works, printed for the use of the City Government in 1868, and Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald's supplementary history, printed in 1876, are not included among the numbered documents.

The compilation of the Index was the work of Mr. James L. Hillard, and the appendix was originally prepared by Mr. William H. Whitmore, the City Registrar. The book, which numbers 142 pages, is a very creditable production, and will be found of special value to libraries and to any one who possesses any considerable collection of the publications of the city.

BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT BILL.

SENATE BILL 62, providing for a Board of Estimate and Apportionment (see THE CITY RECORD, page 53), was favorably reported to the House of Representatives on March 15 by the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. Section 1 of the bill reported differs from the bill originally proposed; the other sections of the bill do not differ from the provisions of the original bill. The first section of the amended bill reads:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FINANCES OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. A Board of Estimate and Apportionment is hereby established for the City of Boston, to consist of the Mayor, the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, the President of the Common Council, who shall serve ex officio and without additional pay, and two members who shall be elected by the voters of the city at large. In the year 1898 two members of said Board shall be elected at the annual municipal election, one to serve for the term of two years, and one for the term of one year, from the first Monday of January next ensuing; and thereafter at each annual municipal election a member of said Board shall be so elected to serve for the term of two years from said day. In case of a vacancy in the elected members of said Board, through death or resignation, the Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners of said city shall fill such vacancy for the remainder of the municipal year; and in case of a second vacancy in such elected members, the same shall be filled during the remainder of the municipal year by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds of said city. Each elected member of said Board shall be paid for his services at the rate of \$10 for each meeting of said Board at which he is present, but not exceeding the sum of \$750 in any one year.

MAYOR'S CIRCULARS.

Circulars to the heads of departments have been issued by His Honor the Mayor as follows:

March 19—Circular No. 36, relative to necessity of conforming expenditures to the appropriations recommended by the Mayor to the City Council. (See City Document 48; also THE CITY RECORD, page 167.)

March 19—Circular No. 37, relative to granting leave of absence to enable employees who vote in the Charlestown district to vote at the special election for senator on March 29, 1898.

Circular No. 36 reads as follows:

Circular No. 36.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: I feel it necessary to call your attention to the amount of the appropriation recommended by me for your department in the estimates just furnished to the City Council (City Document 48), and to impress upon you the absolute necessity of calculating your expenditures, so that this amount will not be exceeded. It is essential this year that each department should live within its appropriation. In some past years there has been a certain amount of surplus income available for transfer at the close of the year, and deficits in some departments have been made up in this manner; this year, however, there is absolutely no surplus income in sight available for transfer. It must therefore be understood that each department must keep strictly within its appropriation, and must conduct its work only upon such a scale as will enable it to do so. Proper calculations early in the year will save heads of departments the disagreeable necessity of taking more stringent measures at the close of the year.

The requests of the different departments have been very carefully considered in making up the estimates, and I have endeavored to treat all with as much fairness as possible within the limit established by law, of the total amount available for appropriations. Heads of the different departments must remember that, while the work under their immediate charge may seem to them of the greatest importance, the city has a large number of departments, and must so distribute its financial resources among them as to provide as well as possible for a great amount and variety of pressing work in different directions. I shall be glad to confer with heads of departments if desired as to measures to be taken by them in carrying out the above directions.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

March 19, 1898.

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Monday, March 21, 1898, at 3 P.M., Chairman Dyar presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages were received:

Appointment of Bath Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 21, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, Thomas J. Lane, to be a member of the Board in charge of the Department of Baths, to serve until the first day of May, 1898, and for the term of one year beginning with said first day of May.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

New Engine House, Yarmouth Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 21, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

It is necessary to provide at once for the building of a new engine house, to take the place of the engine house on Dartmouth street, which is to be taken by the Boston & Providence Railroad Company in widening its road-bed, under authority of Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1896. The Fire Commissioner has already approved a parcel of land on Yarmouth street as a suitable site for the new engine house, and such parcel has been purchased by the Railroad Company for conveyance to the city as a part of the settlement of the city's claim for damages on account of the taking of the present engine house.

I recommend the passage of the accompanying order, to provide for making the settlement for this taking, and for the erection of a new engine house. It is necessary that steps toward the erection of the new engine house should be taken immediately, in order that it may be ready before the old one has to be destroyed.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to settle, upon such terms as he may deem proper, the city's claim against the Boston & Providence Railroad Corporation for damages on account of the taking of the engine house and land connected therewith on Dartmouth street, near Harwich street, and to execute in the name

and behalf of the city any deed or other instrument necessary or proper to convey to said railroad corporation the city's title to said premises; and the Fire Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, may purchase land for a site for a new fire-engine house and erect a new fire-engine house thereon, and the amount that shall be received in settlement of the damages for said taking is appropriated to meet the expenses incurred by said Commissioner for the purposes aforesaid.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Permission of United States to Build a Sea-Wall.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 15, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith an instrument executed by the War Department of the United States Government, granting permission to the City of Boston to build a sea-wall and fill a small area outside the established pier-head line in Fort Point channel, and recommend that the same be placed on file.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT REPORT.

As regards its general make-up the Report of the Executive Department, noticed on page 172, resembles the report of the Administration of the Magistrates of the City of Berlin for the year ending March 31, 1896. (*Verwaltungs — Bericht des Magistrats zu Berlin für die Zeit vom 1 April, 1895, bis 31 März, 1896*), and "The City of Glasgow Municipal and Other Public Accounts, 1896-97," which are likewise made up of departmental reports (originally issued separately) bound up together.

The Glasgow report numbers 776 pages oblong quarto, and is devoted to accounts simply, though each of its constituent report has its own pagination. The report as a whole is paged continuously. The Berlin report which embraces forty-six documents is remarkable for the condensation of statement which characterizes its text, tables and accounts, though the Berlin document resembles the Boston report in not being paged continuously, it differs from the latter inasmuch as it is furnished with a comprehensive and convenient index of the subject matter contained in its 640 quarto pages.

London is peculiarly situated in regard to its police. The city maintains a municipal police force, but the rest of London forms part of a great metropolitan province, with a population of about 6,000,000, which is policed under the direct authority of the Home Office.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

The following having been passed by the City Council were approved by the Mayor March 16, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Auditor be hereby authorized to transfer the unexpended balance of the appropriation for Fire Department, Ladder House, Ward 19, to a special appropriation for the construction of a veterinary hospital for the Fire Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend the sum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars in removing the deposit of silt and sewage in the Back Bay Fens, at his discretion, and to issue and sell coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount; said bonds or registered certificates to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer ten years from their date, and to bear interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum, payable semi-annually at such times as said Treasurer shall determine.

Ordered, That any premium coming to the city in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds, for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Mary A. T. Morrissey, the sister of Denis H. Morrissey, late Chief Clerk in the Assessing Department, the sum of eleven hundred and seventeen dollars and six cents (\$1,117.06), being the balance of salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until February 1, 1898, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1898; said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Thomas W. McCabe, father of James W. McCabe, late an inspector in the Health Department, the sum of three hundred and forty-seven dollars and twenty-six cents (\$347.26), being the balance of salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until February 1, 1898, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 99 of the Acts of 1898; said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to grant the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the usual fee, to Mrs. James H. McGuire on the night of April 13-14, 1898, for an entertainment for the benefit of the School for the Deaf and Dumb.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following having been passed by the Board of Aldermen were approved by the Mayor March 16, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to First Free Baptist Society to place, maintain and use a coal-hole opening, not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Warren street,

nearly opposite Holborn street, Ward 21, at the new church of said society; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the George G. Fox Company to construct, maintain and use areas, with granite and sidewalk-light covers, under and in the sidewalks on the corner of Edgeworth and Ferrin streets, in accordance with dimensions as shown on a plan on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; also to construct one coal-hole opening, not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in sidewalk on the Jackson-street side of said estate, Ward 3; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the Proprietors of the Social Law Library the sum of \$1,000 for the uses of the library for the present year; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

The Committee on State Aid submitted a report recommending the payment of allowances of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston, in accordance with an annexed list; said allowances being made under the provisions of Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1890, and amendment thereto, to be for the month of March, and to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Thomas E. Turnbull the sum of \$26, in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs January 16, 1898; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Annie F. Starke the sum of \$2, in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs January 6, 1898; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Julia McAllen the sum of \$8, in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs January 4, 1898; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Schedules received from the office of the Superintendent of Streets, setting forth the cost of constructing edgestones in front of estates on Centre street, amounting to \$1,683.14; of the cost of constructing sidewalks in front of estates on Lamartine street, amounting to \$2,375.94; of the cost of constructing sidewalks in front of estates on Mt. Vernon street, between Boston street and Dorchester avenue, amounting to \$1,607.08; and of the cost of constructing sundry sidewalks in front of estates on sundry streets, amounting to \$1,241.04; with orders—that the persons named in the schedules be charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing sidewalks with granite edgestones (in the case of Mt. Vernon street, brick, without edgestone) in front of their estates on said street, and that the same be ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties aforesaid.

Licenses were granted, subject to the usual conditions, on the petitions of:

George A. Coleman, to run two barges from Forest Hills Station to Calvary Ceme-

tery and return, on Memorial Day, May 30, 1898.

George A. Coleman, to run two barges from Bowdoin square to Rowe's wharf and return, for season of 1898, through Court, State and Broad streets, and Atlantic avenue.

Samuel J. Ellis, for renewal of license to run four passenger barges between Maverick square and Chelsea, on Sundays and holidays.

Cary F. Johnson, to run two passenger barges between Charles river and the railroad stations during the present year; and also between Forest Hills Station and the Cemeteries on Memorial Day.

Leave was granted on the petitions of:

Charles Jacobson for leave to project an illuminated sign at 11 Compton street, Ward 9.

Marie Grosse for leave to project a sign at 450 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Frank Coburn for leave to project a sign at 62 Norway street, Ward 10.

A report from the Fire Commissioner, approving the petition of William Howard for a license to store and keep for sale oil or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 12 Anderson street, was accepted and the license granted.

Ordered, That a new division into voting precincts be made of that portion of Ward 23 heretofore included in precincts 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of said ward, and said precincts are hereby constituted as follows:

PRECINCT FOUR.

All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Seaver street and Blue Hill avenue; thence by the centre lines of Blue Hill avenue and Harvard street, to the boundary line between Boston and Hyde Park; thence by said boundary line to its intersection with the centre line of Ashland street; thence by the centre lines of Ashland, Sutton, Berry, Canterbury, Bourne and Florence streets and Hyde Park avenue to the centre line of Stony Brook; thence by the centre lines of Stony Brook, Whipple avenue, Washington and South streets, to the centre line of location of the West Roxbury Branch of the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; thence by said centre line of location to the centre line of Washington street; thence by the centre lines of Washington street, Arborway, Morton and Forest Hills streets, Glen road, Sigourney street, Walnut avenue and Seaver street to the point of beginning.

PRECINCT FIVE.

All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre line of Ashland street and the boundary line between Boston and Hyde Park; thence by said boundary line and the centre line of the Stony Brook Reservation, Washington and Rockland streets, Farrington avenue, Beech, Kittredge, Sycamore, Ashland, South and Washington streets and Whipple avenue to the centre line of Stony Brook; thence by said centre line and the centre line of Hyde Park avenue, Hunter, Florence, Bourne, Canterbury, Berry, Sutton and Ashland streets to the point of beginning.

PRECINCT SIX.

All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Ashland and Sycamore streets; thence by the centre lines of Sycamore, Kittredge and Beech streets, Farrington avenue, Rockland and Washington

streets, the West Roxbury Parkway, Beech, Centre and Central streets, to the centre line of location of the West Roxbury Branch of the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; thence by said centre line of location and the centre lines of South and Ashland streets to the point of beginning.

PRECINCT SEVEN.

All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of South and Bussey streets; thence by the centre lines of South, Washington and South streets to the centre line of location of the West Roxbury Branch of the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; thence by said centre line of location to the centre line of Central street; thence by the centre lines of Central, Centre and Church streets, to the boundary line between Boston and Brookline; thence by said boundary line to the centre line of Allandale street; thence by the centre line of Allandale, Centre, Walter and Bussey streets to the point of beginning.

PRECINCT EIGHT.

All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre line of the Stony Brook Reservation and the boundary line between Boston and Hyde Park; thence by said boundary line to the centre line of Grove street; thence by the centre lines of Grove and Washington streets, Cottage avenue, Lorette, Perham and Baker streets, to the boundary line between Boston and Newton; thence by the boundary lines between Boston and Newton, and between Boston and Brookline, to the centre line of Church street; thence by the centre lines of Church, Centre and Beech streets, West Roxbury Parkway and Stony Brook Reservation to the point of beginning.

Dartmouth-Street Station.

In the Board of Aldermen, Acting as County Commissioners for the County of Suffolk, March 14, 1898:

It appearing that the Boston & Providence Railroad Corporation has given the notice required by the order of this Board therein, and required by statute in such case, of a hearing upon its petition presented to the Board, acting as County Commissioners for the County of Suffolk, on the twenty-seventh day of January, 1898, asking the Board as such County Commissioners, after due notice and hearing, to determine the manner in which an extension of its road, required to be constructed under Chapter 516 of the Acts of the year 1896, from a point at or near Dartmouth street to the grounds of the Boston Terminal Company, shall cross Dartmouth street, Columbus avenue, Cazenove street, St. Charles street, Berkeley street, Chandler street, Ferdinand street, Tremont street, Castle street, Shawmut avenue, Washington street, Harrison avenue, Way street, Broadway and Albany street, in the City of Boston, and a hearing having been had on such petition, pursuant to such notice, and all parties desiring to be heard having been heard, the Board, acting as County Commissioners of the County of Suffolk, do hereby determine the manner in which such extension of said railroad shall cross said streets and highways, as follows, viz.:

First—It shall cross Dartmouth street under the present grade thereof, and said street shall be carried over the railroad by an iron bridge the full width of the street, with a clear head-room of sixteen and one-half (16½) feet above the top of the rail in the railroad track.

The grades at the approaches to said bridge on Dartmouth street shall not exceed four and

one-half (4½) feet in one hundred (100) feet, and the grades on Harwich and Truro streets connecting with the grade of Dartmouth street shall not exceed four and one-half (4½) feet in one hundred (100) feet, and the grade of Buckingham street, connecting with Dartmouth street, shall not exceed five (5) feet in one hundred (100) feet.

Second—It shall cross Columbus avenue and Cazenove street at the junction thereof, under the present grade of said streets, by an iron bridge the full width of each street, with a clear head-room of fifteen and one-half (15½) feet above the top of the rail in the railroad track.

The grade of the approaches to said bridge on Columbus avenue shall not exceed two (2) feet in one hundred (100) feet. And the grade of the approach to said bridge on Cazenove street shall not exceed six (6) feet in one hundred (100) feet.

Third—It shall cross Berkeley street under the present grade thereof, by an iron bridge the full width of the street, with a clear head-room of fifteen (15) feet six (6) inches above the top of the rail in the railroad track.

The grade of the approach to said bridge shall not exceed four (4) feet in one hundred (100) feet.

Fourth—It shall cross Tremont street and Ferdinand street, Castle and Chandler streets, at and near the junction thereof with Tremont street, under the present grade thereof, and said streets shall be carried over the railroad by an iron bridge or structure, preserving the full width of the streets as now existing, and a clear head-room of fifteen (15) feet above the top of the rail in the railroad track.

The grades of the approaches to said bridge on Tremont street shall not exceed three (3) feet in one hundred (100) feet, and the grade of Paul street, connecting with Tremont street, shall not exceed four (4) feet in one hundred (100) feet, and on Castle street shall not exceed three (3) feet in one hundred (100) feet, and on Chandler street shall not exceed four (4) feet in one hundred (100) feet, and on Ferdinand street the grade shall not exceed four (4) feet in one hundred (100) feet. And Castle square, so-called, shall be graded to correspond with said grades. The grades of Albion street, connecting with Castle street, shall not exceed five (5) feet six (6) inches in one hundred (100) feet, and the grades of Village street, connecting with Castle street, shall not exceed five (5) feet in one hundred (100) feet.

Fifth—It shall cross Shawmut avenue under the present grade thereof, and said avenue shall be carried over the railroad track by an iron bridge the full width of the avenue, with a clear head-room of fifteen (15) feet above the top of the rail in the railroad track.

The grade of the approach of the avenue to said bridge shall not exceed two and one-half (2½) feet in one hundred (100) feet.

Sixth—It shall cross Washington street under the present grade thereof, and said street shall be carried over the railroad by an iron bridge the full width of the street, with a clear head-room of fifteen (15) feet above the top of the rail in the railroad track.

The grade of the approach of Washington street to said bridge shall not exceed three (3) feet and nine (9) inches in one hundred (100) feet.

The grades of Motte street and Castle street, connecting with said grade of Washington street, shall not exceed four (4) feet in one hundred (100) feet.

Seventh—It shall cross Harrison avenue under the present grade thereof, and said avenue shall be carried over the railroad by an iron bridge the full width of the avenue, with a clear head-room of fifteen (15) feet above the top of the rail in the railroad track.

The grade of the approach of the avenue to said bridge on the north side thereof shall not exceed three (3) feet nine (9) inches in one hundred (100) feet, and the grade of the ap-

proach of the avenue on the south side thereof shall not exceed three (3) feet six (6) inches in one hundred (100) feet.

The grades of Oneida street, Seneca street, Lovering place and Motte street, connecting with said grade of Harrison avenue, shall not exceed four (4) feet in one hundred (100) feet.

The grade of Way street, connecting with the grade of said avenue, shall not exceed five (5) feet in one hundred (100) feet.

The grade of Indiana place, connecting with said grade of the avenue, shall not exceed four (4) feet in one hundred (100) feet.

And the grade of Broadway, connecting with said grade of the avenue, shall not exceed three (3) feet nine (9) inches in one hundred (100) feet.

Eighth—It shall cross Broadway and Albany street at the junction thereof, under the present grade of said streets, and said streets shall be carried over the railroad by an iron bridge the full width of the streets, with a clear head-room of fifteen (15) feet above the top of the rail in the railroad track.

The grade of the approach of Broadway to said bridge on the north shall not exceed three (3) feet nine (9) inches in one hundred (100) feet, and the grade of the approach of Broadway to said bridge on the south shall not exceed two (2) feet in one hundred (100) feet.

The grade of the approach of Albany street to said bridge on the north shall not exceed five (5) feet in one hundred (100) feet, and the grade of the approach of Albany street to said bridge on the south shall be level to the bridge at Lehigh street.

The grades of Seneca street, Oneida street and Way street, connecting with said grades of Broadway and Albany street, shall not exceed five (5) feet in one hundred (100) feet.

And the grade of Lehigh street, connecting with said grade of Albany street, shall not exceed five and one-half (5½) feet in one hundred (100) feet.

All said bridges shall be supported upon substantial masonry abutments, iron, stone or brick piers and structures, and said streets shall be changed in the grades thereof as hereinabove prescribed, and shall be restored in surface, sidewalks and other respects to their present condition, or to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets of said city.

All the present bridges over the tracks of the Boston & Albany Railroad and of the Boston & Providence Railroad, on all said streets which cross said tracks, or either of them, shall be changed to conform to the grades hereinabove prescribed for said streets respectively.

The changes hereinabove prescribed are to be made by said railroad company, and are shown upon plans of even date with this decree, certified by the City Clerk, and to be filed herewith as a part hereof.

No streets shall be closed in whole or in part for public travel without further authority from the Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners.

PASSED WITHOUT THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

The following orders having been passed by the Board of Aldermen March 7, were presented to the Mayor March 8, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate corner of Sumner street and Maverick square, East Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Pub-

lic Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing in front of estate of M. F. Sullivan, 207 West Fourth street, Ward 13; the expense attending same to be charged to appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim trees in front of 263 and 252 Eustis street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

The following orders having been passed by the Board of Aldermen March 10, were presented to the Mayor March 10, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to remove a tree standing on Main street at the corner of Union street, in front of the Lawrence estate; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim two trees in front of 14 Gordon street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

ORDERS PASSED AND ACTIONS TAKEN—NOT REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By City Council.

The following orders have been passed by the City Council:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to join with the Mayor of the City of Cambridge, in a petition of the two cities to the General Court, for the passage of an Act to provide for the construction of a new bridge between Boston and Cambridge, at or near the site of the West Boston bridge, suitable for the use of the elevated and surface cars of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and for all the purposes of ordinary travel between the two cities, said bridge to be built on masonry piers and abutments, with a superstructure of iron and steel, or both, as shall be determined by the officials authorized to build said bridge, and said bridge to be built according to plans approved by the City Engineer of the City of Boston and the City Engineer of the City of Cambridge.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to grant a half-holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for services, to all employees of the city who vote in the Charlestown District on March 29, 1898, the day of the special election for senatorial representative from that district.

Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to name the piece of land recently purchased at the corner of Dorchester avenue and Park street for a park and playground "Gibson Park," in honor of Christopher Gibson, who bequeathed this land for the good of the Dorchester schools.

By Board of Aldermen.

The following action has been taken by the Board of Aldermen:

Report on the petition of the N. E. Watch and Ward Society, for the revocation of the license granted to F. E. Samuels & Co., for the Nickelodeon, at 51-53 Hanover street, recommending that the license be revoked, was received.

Report accepted; said license revoked.

Report recommending that minors' licenses be granted to thirty-eight newsboys and one bootblack was received.

Report accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to repave Hull street, Ward 6, from Salem street to Snow Hill street, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements, Ward 6.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary gives the value of importations and exportations, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of February, 1898, compared with the corresponding month of 1897:

	Imports.	Exports.		Entered.	Cleared.
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	Tonnage.
February, 1898	85	\$5,151,640	72	133,540	119,541
February, 1897	88	6,982,351	72	136,055	111,573
Arrival of passengers, February, 1898					606
Arrival of passengers, February, 1897					281

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2. S. B. (by Senator Davis), to Consolidate Several Departments in the City of Boston, under One Board, to be known as the Boston Board of Public Works, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 8. S. (N. P.)								
3. S. B. 20, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)							
4. S. B. 27, relative to the Charter of the City of Boston, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 31.	Feb. 7. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)							
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6. S. B. 32, relative to the Consolidation of the Departments of the Treasurer, Collector and Auditor of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. S. (L. W.)							
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12. S. B. 47, to Require Construction of a Tunnel or Tunnels between Boston and East Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 14, 28. March 4. Closed.								
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16. S. B. 62, relative to the Finances of the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H. (B.)	March 21.						
17. S. B. 63, to Reorganize the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 79.	Education. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24, 28. Closed.								
18. S. B. 65, relative to the Pensioning of Employees of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17, 24. Closed.	March 8. H. (N. P.)							
19. S. B. 70, relative to Stony Brook in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 1. Closed.	March 14. S. (B.)	March 15.	March 16.	March 18. H.	March 21.	March 22.		
20. S. B. 71, to Payment of Assessments for the Laying-out and Construction of Highways in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 8. S. (B.)	March 10.	March 15. Am.	March 17. H.	March 18.	March 21.		
21. S. B. 81, relative to the Charles River Embankment, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
22. S. B. 93 relative to Malden Bridge, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 10.	March 10. Closed.								
23. S. B. 110, to Provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 63.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)							
24. S. B. 118, relative to the Support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston, p. 65.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, 28. Closed.								
25. S. B. 153, relative to Grounds for the Parade, Drill and Target Practice of the Militia of the City of Boston, p. 166.	Military Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 28. S. (B.)	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28.	March 1. H.	March 1.	March 1.	H. Mch. 3. S. Mch. 7.	Approved. March 8.
26. H. B. 78, as to Plotting and Laying-out Streets in Boston, p. 29.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 8. H. (N. P.)							
27. H. B. 80, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 29.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 3, 7. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)							
28. H. B. 82, as to Change of Harbor Lines and Improvements in South Bay, p. 29.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 13.	Jan. 28. Closed.	March 2. H. (B.)	March 8.	March 9.	March 11. S.				
29. H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Cities. Jan. 14.	Jan. 21. Feb. 10, 17. Closed.								
30. H. B. 125, for more Boston Aldermen, and choice of Chairman by Popular Vote, p. 48.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Feb. 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)							

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31. H. B. 152, as to leasing of Building by Boston Park Commission, p. 43.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 4.	March 10. H. (N. P.)							
32. H. B. 195, for widening Rutherford Avenue, Devens and Bow Streets, p. 43.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 21.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 18. Am.	March 21.		
33. H. B. 204, for Reorganization of the Boston City Government, p. 44.	Election Laws. Jan. 21.	Feb. 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)							
34. H. B. 233, as to Choice of President of Boston Common Council by Popular Vote, p. 60.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)							
35. H. B. 235, to Provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston, and to Define the Duties and Powers, p. 60.	Liquor Law. Jan. 25.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 9. H. (N. G. C.)							
36. H. B. 252, as to Registration of Voters, p. 61.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 15, 24. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (N. P.)							
37. H. B. 253, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 61.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)							
38. H. B. 254, as to Time of Opening and Closing of Polls in Boston, p. 62.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (N. P.)							
39. H. B. 255, as to Change in Method of Electing Boston Aldermen, p. 62.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)							
40. H. B. 291, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10, 17. Closed.								
41. H. B. 306, to Provide that Tenement Houses in the City of Boston, over Four Stories High, shall be First-class Buildings, p. 80.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 7. Closed.								
42. H. B. 317, to Establish a Board of Excise Commissioners for the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 27.	Feb. 11. Closed.	March 9. H. (N. G. C.)							
43. H. B. 324, as to the Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 7. Closed.	March 15. H. (N. L.)							
44. H. B. 340, relative to Granting Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Liquor Law. Jan. 27.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 9. H. (L. W.)							
45. H. B. 348, as to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 14.	March 15. Am.					
46. H. B. 356, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Children of Charles A. Lambert, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (B.)	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. S.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
47. H. B. 358, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to Family of Edward C. Cadigan, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 11. Closed.	Feb. 11. H. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. S.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	H. Feb. 25. S. Mch. 1.	Approved. March 2.
48. H. B. 359, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Father of James W. McCabe, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 4. Closed.	Feb. 9. H. (B.)	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 11. S.	Feb. 14. Am.	Feb. 15.	H. Feb. 21. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
49. H. B. 363, to Amend an Act Limiting the Number of Places which may be Licensed for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, p. 122.	Liquor Law. Jan. 25.	Feb. 18. Closed.	March 9. H. (B.)							
50. H. B. 365, to Limit the Number of Places in the City of Boston for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, p. 122.	Liquor Law. Jan. 28.	Feb. 18. Closed.	March 11. H. (L. W.)							
51. H. B. 374, as to the Election of the Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)							
52. H. B. 376, as to Election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)							
53. H. B. 377, as to the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)							
54. H. B. 382, an Act to Incorporate the Bay State Elevated Railway Company and to Promote Rapid Transit in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.	March 4. H. (N. G. C.)							
55. H. B. 390, to Provide for an Extension of Huntington Avenue in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 11. H. (L. W.)							
56. H. B. 392, as to the Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.									
57. H. B. 395, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Family of John Kelley, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (B.)	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. S.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
58. H. B. 410, as to the Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 9. Closed.	Feb. 9. H. (B.)	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. Am.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 17.	March 9. Am.		
59. H. B. 413, relative to Appointments in the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (B.)	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 3.	Vetoed. March 12.

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60. H. B. 416, resolve to Provide for an Addition to the Normal Art School Building in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Education.	Feb. 17. Closed.								
61. H. B. 419, to Establish the Voting Day in Municipal Elections in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (N.G.C.)							
62. H. B. 424, relative to Taking the Vote upon the Question of Granting Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Liquor Law. Jan. 31.	Feb. 25.	March 10. H. (N. P.)							
63. H. B. 442, to Regulate the Issuing of Liquor Licenses in City of Boston, p. 83.	Liquor Law. Jan. 31.	March 4.	March 11. H. (L. W.)							
64. H. B. 452, to Provide for the Appointment of One Additional Court Officer for Attendance upon the Several Sessions of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston for Civil Business, p. 83.	Public Service. Jan. 31.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 18. H. (B.)	March 10.	March 11.	March 15. S.	March 17.	March 21.		
65. H. B. 456, to Require Compensation from Corporations for the Use of Public Streets in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Street Railways. Jan. 31.	March 8.	March 10. H. (L. W.)							
66. H. B. 487, to Regulate the Price of Gas in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23, 25. Closed.	Feb. 25. H. (N.P.)							
67. H. B. 489, to Enable the City of Boston to Complete Blue Hill Avenue and Other Avenues, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10. Am.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.		
68. H. B. 491, relative to Bennington Street in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 4.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.		
69. H. B. 502, to Reorganize the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 84.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 9, 17, 28. Closed.	March 9. H. (N. P.)							
70. H. B. 503, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Widow of Charles J. Vaughn, p. 84.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 11. Closed.	Feb. 11. H. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. S.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	H. Feb. 25. S. Mch. 1.	Approved March 2.
71. H. B. 504, to Provide that Asbestos Mill Board may be used as a Fire-stop in the Floors of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 84.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 21. H. (N.P.)							
72. H. B. 505, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 84.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)							
73. H. B. 506, to Facilitate the Inspection of Wires in Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 8. Closed.	March 16. H. (B.)	March 17.	March 18.					
74. H. B. 507, relative to the Extension of Cove Street in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (N.P.)							
75. H. B. 508, relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 16. H. (N. P.)							
76. H. B. 509, to Authorize the City of Boston to Borrow Money Outside the Debt Limit to Meet the Expense of Asphalted Streets, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (N.P.)							
77. H. B. 529, relative to the Construction of a Boulevard from Morton Street to Washington Street in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21. Closed.								
78. H. B. 553, relative to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 85.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. H. (N. P.)							
79. H. B. 588, relative to Appointment of Special Police Officers in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
80. H. B. 589, to Enable the City of Boston to Finish the Construction of Its Public Parks, p. 122.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 8. S.	March 9. Am.	March 10.	March 14. H.	March 18. Am.	March 21.		
81. H. B. 591, relative to the Sinking Funds of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. H. (N.P.)							
82. H. B. 604, relative to Inspectors in the City of Boston Acting under the Direction of the Board of Health, p. 86.	Public Health. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (N.P.)							
83. H. B. 628, relative to Change of Plans of Board of Survey, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 8. Closed.	March 15. H. (N. L.)							
84. H. B. 631, relative to the Construction of Tenement Houses in the City of Boston, p. 123.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. H. (L.W.)							
85. H. B. 632, to Repeal Chapter 175, Acts of 1897, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L. W.)							
86. H. B. 633, to amend Chapter 175 of the Acts of 1897 relative to Building in the City of Boston, p. 123.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L. W.)							
87. H. B. 634, relative to Buildings in Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L. W.)							
88. H. B. 635, to Amend Chapter 175, Acts of 1897, p. 87.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L. W.)							

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89. H. B. 645, relative to the Taking of Land for School Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 16. S. (B.)	Feb. 17.	March 1.	March 3. H.	March 4.	March 7.	H. Mch. 10. S. Mch. 14.	Approved. March 15.
90. H. B. 668, relative to the Pensioning of War Veterans who are Members of the Police Force of Boston, p. 123.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 18. H. (B.)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 25. S.	March 1. Am.	March 2.	H. Mch. 9. S. Mch. 11.	Approved. March 14.
91. H. B. 669, to Provide Better Accommodations for Traffic on Tremont Street in Boston, p. 123.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (L.W.)							
92. H. B. 670, to Establish an Art Department in the City of Boston, p. 62.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Mch. 4, 15. Closed.								
93. H. B. 671, relative to Children in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.								
94. H. B. 672, relative to the Power of the School Committee of the City of Boston to make Additions or Alterations to School Buildings, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 16. H. (L.W.)							
95. H. B. 673, to Authorize the Treasurer of the City of Boston to Issue Bonds for Taking of Land for School Purposes, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (B.)	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 3. S. Mch. 7.	Approved. March 8.
96. H. B. 674, to Establish Building Lines on Columbus Avenue in the City of Boston p. 88.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 8. Closed.	March 8. H. (N.G.C.)							
97. H. B. 675, relative to the Extension of the Subway in the City of Boston, p. 122.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
98. H. B. 676, relative to the Time of Appointment and Assignment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.		
99. H. B. 678, that Quincy be Annexed to Boston, p. 123.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.	March 8. H. (N.G.C.)							
100. H. B. 685, to Authorize the School Committee of the City of Boston to Erect Buildings for School Purposes not Fire-proof, p. 124.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.		
101. H. B. 686, to Exempt School-houses from Certain Provisions of the Act Relative to the Erection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 17. H. (B.)							
102. H. B. 747, relative to Operation by Cities and Towns of Electric Light Plants, p. 124.	Manufactures. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
103. H. B. 748, to give Preference to Regularly Established Hotels, Restaurants and Eating-houses in Granting Liquor Licenses in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 14. H. (L.W.)							
104. H. B. 749, to Change the Method of Electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 89.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)							
105. H. B. 750, relative to Nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 124.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 15. H. (N.G.C.)							
106. H. B. 751, relative to Caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 89.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. S. (L.W.)							
107. H. B. 752, relative to the Registration of Voters in the City of Boston, p. 89.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	March 4. Closed.	March 15. H. (L.W.)							
108. H. B. 753, relative to Ferries, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.						
109. H. B. 754, relative to Maintenance of the Water Department by a General Tax, and Free Water for Domestic Purposes, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. H. (N.G.C.)							
110. H. B. 757, relative to Recounts of Ballots in the City of Boston, p. 65.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (L.W.)							
111. H. B. 758, relative to Public School Teachers' Retirement Fund, p. 90.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 11.	March 3. Closed.	March 9. H. (L.W.)							
112. H. B. 759, relative to the Public Schools of the City of Boston, and Providing for a Reorganization of the Government Thereof, p. 91.	Education. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24, 28. Closed.								
113. H. B. 761, to Provide for the Better Enlargement of the Building Laws in the City of Boston, p. 92.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)	March 2.	March 3.	March 7. S.	March 10.	March 18. Rej.		
114. H. B. 762, relative to the Construction, Maintenance and Inspection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 92.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 17. S. (B.)	March 18.						
115. H. B. 763, as to the Further Regulation of the Height of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 92.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.								
116. H. B. 764, relative to the Construction of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 93.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)	March 2.	March 3.	March 7. S.	March 10.	March 11.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 18.	Approved. March 23.
117. H. B. 766, relative to the City Government and the Departments of the City of Boston, p. 64.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. H. (L.W.)							

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118. H. B. 767, to Authorize the City of Boston to Borrow Money Outside the Debt Limit for the Purpose of Asphalted Streets, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (L.W.)							
119. H. B. 768, relative to Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. March 14. Closed.								
120. H. B. 769, to Equalize Water Rates and Economize the Use of Water in the City of Boston, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. H. (L.W.)							
121. H. B. 825, to Further Provide for a Union Station for Passengers on Railroads Entering the Southerly Part of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 1. Closed.	March 10. H. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. S.	March 17.	March 18.		
122. H. B. 881, relative to the Reserve Police Force in the City of Boston, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (N. P.)							
123. H. B. 887, to Change Boundary Line Between Boston and Cambridge, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. H.	March 17.	March 18.		
124. H. B. 888, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line Between the Cities of Boston and Newton, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. S.	March 17.	March 18.		
125. H. B. 889, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line Between the City of Boston and the Town of Hyde Park, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. S.	March 17.	March 18.		
126. H. B. 910, to Provide for the Reconstruction of the Municipal Government of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws, Feb. 11.									
127. H. B. 932, relative to Disabled Firemen in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 17.	March 4, 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. H.	March 17.	March 18.		
UNNUMBERED BILLS.										
Petition that the City of Boston may pay Sum of Money to Sister of Denis H. Morrissey.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 11. S. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. H.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 18.	II. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 18.	Approved. March 2.
Petition of Mayor Quincy for Provisions for Laying-out Alleys in the City of Boston, p. 64.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 4. Closed.	March 17. H. (B.)	March 18.	March 21.					
Petition of Mayor Quincy for Consolidation of Public Grounds and Park Departments of City of Boston, p. 64.	Cities. Feb. 7.	March 9.	March 9. H. (L.W.)							

Awards of Contracts.

Public Buildings Department.

Old Court House, March 18, 1898.

The following proposals were received on Wednesday, March 16, for furnishing the Public Buildings Department with coal (2,000 pounds per ton) for three months ending July 1, 1898:

	Broken, 1,500 tons.	Egg, 1,000 tons.	Stove, 500 tons.
Geo. M. Winslow & Co.,	\$5 00	\$5 20	\$5 45
L. G. Burnham & Co.,	5 05	5 23	5 43
Thomas & Pike . . .	5 07	5 24	5 51
Marston & Converse Company	5 08	5 28	5 48
H. G. Jordan & Co. . .	5 10	5 21	5 52
E. S. Hamlin & Co. . .	5 12	5 23	5 50

	Cumber- land coal, 1,500 tons.
Geo. M. Winslow & Co.	\$3 45
L. G. Burnham & Co.	3 47
Thomas & Pike	3 47
Marston & Converse Company	3 48
H. G. Jordan & Co.	3 49
E. S. Hamlin & Co.	3 50

The contract, by approval of His Honor the Mayor, was on March 18 awarded to Geo. M. Winslow & Co.

FRED. B. BOGAN,
Superintendent Public Buildings Department.

Water Department.

City Hall, March 16, 1898.

The following is an exhibit of bids, opened on March 16, at the office of the Water Commissioner for furnishing the Water Department with iron castings:

BIDDER.	CONTRACT NO. 1.		CONTRACT NO. 2.		
	721,000 lbs. No. 1.	Total.	560,000 lbs. No. 1.	80,000 lbs. No. 2.	Total.
	Per lb.		Per lb.	Per lb.	
Sessions Foundry Co., Bristol, Conn.	1.89	\$13,626 90	1.50	1.20	\$9,360 00
Mechanics Iron Foundry Co., Boston, Mass.	1.98	14,275 80	1.41	1.41	9,024 00
Osgood & Hart, Boston. . . . .	.....	.....	1.50	1.40	9,520 00
Camden Iron Works, Philadelphia, Pa.	2.10	15,141 00	2.00	2.12½	12,800 00

Contract No. 1 was awarded to the Sessions Iron Foundry Company, and Contract No. 2 to the Mechanics Iron Foundry Company.

JOHN R. MURPHY,
Water Commissioner.

Water Department.

City Hall, March 21, 1898.

Proposals for transporting to or from the pipe-yard of the Water Department on Albany street, and other points within the limits of Boston or Brookline, such pipes, special castings, hydrants and other material as may be required during the year ending March 15, 1899, were opened at the office of the Water Commissioner on March 21, 1898 as follows:

	Short haul, per 2,240 lbs.	Long haul, per 2,240 lbs.
Matthew E. Nawn, Boston . . .	\$0 34	\$0 74
Martin Fay & Sons, Boston. . .	0 40	0 85

The contract was awarded to Matthew E. Nawn.

JOHN R. MURPHY,
Water Commissioner.

PROPOSALS.

Proposals for the collection and removal of house offal from the West Roxbury District were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Monday, March 21, 1898, as follows:

Bidder.	Bid per Year.
Geo. T. Barnes	\$1,800
Wm. Hutt	1,800
W. J. Glancy	2,496

BOSTON FIRE-ALARM TELEGRAPH.

Special Notice.

The fact that an alarm-box is located near their residence, and where the key is kept, should be known to all persons; also the simple manner of giving an alarm in case of fire. The Fire Commissioner recommends to all persons who may see this notice that they make the necessary inquiries to enable them in case of need either to get the key and give an alarm or to direct others to do so. Time saved in this way may sometimes prevent a conflagration.

In case of fire follow these

Directions.

Go to the nearest box to the fire.

A sign over each box gives location of keys.

Open the box—pull the hook all the way down *once* and let go.

Wait *one full minute* for the sound of the bells.

Listen for the working of the machinery in box. If you do not hear it, pull again.

If then you hear no sound, go to the next nearest box.

Repeat the same there; but do not touch any other box if the nearest one gives the alarm. If it be a keyless door, turn handle to right and open door; *when open*, pull hook as in other boxes.

After giving the alarm remain a while, *if possible*, by the box, so as to direct the firemen to the fire.

SECOND ALARMS.—No person will give alarms for the same fire (after the first alarm has been given), *without an order from the Chief*, or the officer in command, and the person so ordered will be *sure* to go to the *same box* from which the first alarm was given, and report the same to the Chief. *If, however*, a fire breaks out while another is burning, in a different section of the city, a *second* alarm can be given by a Police Officer without waiting for an order from a Department Official.

Cautions to Persons Holding Signal Keys.

1. Never open the box or touch the hook except in case of fire.
2. Never give an alarm for a fire seen at a distance.
3. Be *reasonably* sure there is a fire before giving an alarm.
4. Be sure your box is locked before leaving it.
5. Never let the key go out of your possession, except to some responsible person to give an alarm of fire, and be sure the key is returned.

If you remove from your house or place of business return the key to the Fire Commissioner's Office without delay.

List of the Numbers and Localities of the Boxes.

9. Commercial, opposite Foster Street (Lamp Post).
9. (Duplicate.) Hanover, corner Clark Street (Lamp Post).
12. Corner Cooper and Endicott Streets (Lamp Post).
13. Corner Hanover and Parmenter Streets (Lamp Post).
14. Corner Commercial Street and Union Wharf (Lamp Post).
15. Corner Richmond and Commercial Streets (Lamp Post).
16. Corner North Market Street and Merchants Row (Lamp Post).
17. Corner Hanover and Endicott Streets (Lamp Post).
18. Brattle Street, opposite Quincy House (Lamp Post).
19. Corner Charlestown and Cross Streets (Lamp Post).
21. Cor. Sudbury and Hawkins Streets (Lamp Post).
21. Bowdoin Square (Lamp Post).
24. Cor. Cambridge and North Russell Sts. (Lamp Post).
25. Chem. Eng. House No. 11, North Grove Street.

26. Cor. Cambridge and Charles Streets (Lamp Post).
27. River Street (Engine House No. 10.)
28. Clinton, opposite Blackstone Street (Lamp Post).
29. Beacon, opposite Spruce Street (Lamp Post).
31. Corner Beacon and Beaver Streets (Lamp Post).
32. Cor. Pinckney and Anderson Streets (Lamp Post).
33. Mt. Vernon, opposite Hancock Street (Lamp Post).
34. Corner Joy and Myrtle Streets (Lamp Post).
35. Corner School and Tremont Streets (Lamp Post).
36. Northwest corner Old State House (Lamp Post).
37. Corner India St. and Central Wharf (Lamp Post).
38. Corner Atlantic Avenue and Long Wharf (Lamp Post).
38. (Duplicate.) Metropolitan S.S. Co., India Wharf.
39. Mason Street (Engine House No. 26).
41. Corner Washington and Milk Streets (Lamp Post).
42. Corner Tremont and Winter Streets (Lamp Post).
43. Corner Washington and West Streets (Lamp Post).
44. High Street and High Street Place (Lamp Post).
45. Corner Federal and Franklin Streets (Lamp Post).
46. Corner Milk and Oliver Streets (Lamp Post).
47. Engine House No. 25, Fort Hill Square.
48. Junction Atlantic Ave. and Federal St. (Lamp Post).
49. Summer Street, opposite Hawley (Lamp Post).
51. Corner Purchase and Pearl Streets (Lamp Post).
52. Corner Summer and Lincoln Streets (Lamp Post).
53. Washington, opposite Boylston Street (Lamp Post).
54. Beach, opp. Oxford Street (Lamp Post).
55. Cor. Tremont St. and Van Rensselaer Pl. (Lamp Post).
56. Corner Kneeland and South Streets.
57. Cor. Hudson and Oak Streets (Lamp Post).
58. Federal Street, near bridge (Lamp Post).
59. Cor. East and South Streets (Lamp Post).
61. Tremont, near Warrenton Street (Lamp Post).
62. Corner Providence Street and Park Square (Lamp Post).
63. Cor. Berkeley and Marlboro Streets (Lamp Post).
64. Cor. Washington St. and Orange Lane (Lamp Post).
65. Corner Albany and Way Streets (Lamp Post).
66. Corner Compton and Emerald Streets (Lamp Post).
67. Corner Washington and Hollis Streets (Lamp Post).
68. Corner Harrison Avenue and Wareham Street.
69. Corner Dover and Albany Streets (Lamp Post).
69. (Duplicate.) Eng. House No. 3, Harrison Ave., cor. Bristol Street.
71. Corner Tremont and Berkeley Streets (Lamp Post).
72. Corner Washington and Compton Sts. (Lamp Post).
73. Cor. Shawmut Avenue and Waltham Street (Lamp Post).
74. Dedham Street, opposite Police Station No. 5.
75. Shawmut Avenue (Chemical Eng. House No. 4).
76. Cor. Tremont St. and Rutland Square (Lamp Post).
77. Corner Albany and Dedham Streets.
78. South City Stables, Albany Street.
79. Corner Exeter Street and Commonwealth Ave.
81. Corner West Canton and Appleton Streets.
82. Northampton Street (Engine House No. 23).
83. Cor. Tremont and Northampton Sts. (Lamp Post).
84. Corner Beacon Street and Massachusetts Avenue.
85. Castle Square, near R.R. bridge (Lamp Post).
86. West Concord, corner Washington Street.
87. Lenox Street, corner Shawmut Avenue.
88. Cor. Columbus Ave. and W. Newton St. (Lamp Post)
89. Corner Boylston and Clarendon Streets.
91. Corner Huntington and Massachusetts Avenues.
92. Huntington Ave., opp. Mechanic's Fair Building.
93. Corner Tremont and Dartmouth Sts. (Lamp Post).
94. Dartmouth Street (Engine House No. 22).
95. Corner Arlington and Boylston Streets.
96. Cor. Columbus Ave. and Berkeley St. (Lamp Post).
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98. Corner Columbus and Massachusetts Avenues.
99. Corner Hereford and Newbury Streets.
112. Dorchester Avenue, opp. Swan Street.
113. Corner B and First Streets.
114. D Street, corner Second.
115. Office Old Colony Machine Shop.
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118. Burnham's Wharf, Congress Street.
119. N.E.R.R., Pier 4, Shed 4, east of Grain Elevator.
121. Corner First and A Streets.
122. Corner Dorchester and Jenkins Streets.
123. Corner Broadway and Dorchester Av. (Eng. House No. 15).
124. Broadway (Police Station No. 6).
125. Dorchester Avenue, opp. Dorr Street.
126. E Street, near Broadway.

127. Cor. Ninth and E Streets.
128. Dorchester Avenue, near junction Boston Street.
129. Corner Sixth and B Streets.
131. Corner Eighth and G Streets.
132. Cor. Dorchester and Fourth Sts. (Eng. House No. 1).
133. Corner Mercer and Ninth Streets.
134. Corner Fifth and D Streets.
135. Corner Eighth and K Streets.
136. Corner First and K Streets.
137. Fourth, between K and L Sts. (Comb. Wagon No. 2).
138. House of Correction (Gate).
139. Corner H and Second Streets.
141. Cor. Mt. Washington Ave. and Granite Street.
142. West First, between E and F Streets.
143. Corner Dorchester and Seventh Streets.
144. Corner Broadway and P Street.
145. Corner Fourth and O Streets (Engine House No. 2).
146. East Sixth, near N Street.
147. G Street, opposite Sixth.
148. Corner Congress and A Streets.
149. East End N.E. R.R. Freight Sheds, near Docks.
151. Corner East Fourth and H Streets.
152. Standard Sugar Refinery, Granite Street.
153. Corner First and P Streets.
154. Eighth, near M Street.
155. Corner Broadway and Emerson street.
156. Independence Square.
157. Corner F and W. Fifth Streets.
158. Telegraph, near Gates Street.
159. East Sixth, near Q Street.
161. Carney Hospital.
162. A Street, near office Boston Wharf Co.
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165. Head House, Marine Park.
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168. Lincoln School, E. Broadway, n'r K St. (So. Boston).
169. Norcross School, cor. Fifth and D Sts. "
171. Lawrence School, cor. B and W. Third Sts. "
172. Drake School, cor. C and Third Streets, "
173. Parkman School, Silver Street, "
174. Bigelow School, cor. W. Fourth and E Sts. "
175. Hawes School, W. Broadway, n'r Dor. St. "
176. Shurtleff School, Dor., n'r Seventh Street, "
177. J.A. Andrew School, c. Dor. and Rogers Sts. "
178. Tuckerman School, East Fourth Street, "
179. Ticknor School, Dorchester Street, "
181. Capen School, cor. E. Sixth and I Streets. "
182. Gaston School, cor. E. Fifth and L Sts. (So. Boston).
183. Thos. N. Hart School, c. E. Fifth and H Sts. "
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185. Pumping Station, Old Harbor Point.
186. Corner Dorchester Avenue and Locust Street.
187. Corner Rawson and Boston Streets.
188. Corner Boston and Mt. Vernon Streets.
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191. Corner Dorchester and Crescent Avenues.
192. Corner Dorchester and Savin Hill Avenues.
193. Corner Belfort and Sagamore Streets.
194. Savin Hill Ave., near Railroad Bridge.
195. Corner Savin Hill Ave. and Gramplan Way.
196. Junc. Mass. Ave., Boston and Cottage Streets.
197. Corner Pleasant and Stoughton Streets.
198. Edward Everett School, Summer St. (Dorchester).
199. Upham's Corner.
211. Williams Street, opp. Williams Terrace.
212. Corner Albany and Hampden Streets.
213. Corner Hampden Street and Norfolk Avenue.
214. Corner Washington and Thorndike Streets.
215. Corner Tremont and Cabot Streets.
216. Corner Ruggles and Parker Streets.
217. Corner Ruggles and Tremont Streets.
218. Corner Washington and Palmer Streets.
219. Junction Longwood and Huntington Avenues.
221. Linden Park, opp. Hampshire Street.
223. Heath Street, near American Brewing Co.
224. Corner Albany and Hunneman Streets.
225. Corner Norfolk Avenue and Magazine Streets.
226. Corner Dennis and Stafford Streets.
227. New England Piano Company, George Street.
228. N. E. Hospital for Women and Children, Dimock St.
229. Tremont Street, opposite Mission Church.
231. Eustis, near Washington St. (Chem. Eng. No. 10).
232. Corner Eustis and Dearborn Streets.
233. Corner George and Langdon Streets.
234. Engine House No. 12, Dudley Street.
235. Ladder House No. 4, Dudley Street.
236. Cor. Cabot and Whittier Sts. (Eng. House No. 13.)

237. Corner Dudley and Kenilworth Sts., n'r Gas Office.
 238. Sweet Street, near Old Hospital.
 239. Shawmut Avenue, near Roxbury Street.
 241. Corner Warren Street and Rockville Park.
 242. Corner Clifford Street and Blue Hill Avenue.
 243. Engine House No. 14, Centre Street.
 244. Boston Elevated Ry. Co. Car House, Bartlett St.
 245. Columbus Avenue, front Police Station No. 10.
 246. Longwood Avenue (Engine House No. 37).
 247. Corner Huntington Ave. and Francis Street.
 248. Rogers Avenue, opposite Bay View Place.
 249. Burkhardt's Brewery, Parker Street.
 251. Corner Highland and Cedar Streets.
 252. Washington, opposite Dale Street.
 253. Cedar, opposite Hawthorn Street.
 254. Corner Columbus Avenue and New Heath Streets.
 255. Parker Hill Avenue, opp. Cushing Sanitarium.
 256. Heath Street, near School-house.
 257. Cor. Warren and Quincy Sts. (Eng. House No. 24).
 258. Corner Huntington Avenue and Heath Street.
 260. Centre, near Parker Street.
 261. Washington, opposite Dimock Street.
 262. Lodge, Marcella-Street Home.
 263. Corner Centre and Day Streets.
 264. Corner Walnut Avenue and Munroe Street.
 265. Corner Warren and Dale Streets.
 266. Corner Walnut Avenue and Dale Street.
 267. Corner Parker and Alleghany Streets.
 268. Fairland, near Moreland Street.
 269. Corner Alpine and Regent Streets.
 271. (Private.) Dennison Tag Factory, Vale Street.
 272. Corner Crawford Street and Elm Hill Avenue.
 273. Corner Blue Hill Avenue and Columbia Street.
 274. Corner Quincy and Dacia Streets.
 275. Corner Columbia and Richfield Streets.
 276. Washington, Corner Dudley Street.
 277. City Stables, Highland Street.
 278. Corner Walnut Avenue and Walnut Park.
 279. Home for Children and Aged Women, Burton Avenue, near Copeland Street.
 281. Howard Watch Factory, Hampden Street.
 282. Corner Lawrence Avenue and Mascoma Street.
 283. Highland Spring Brewery, Terrace, n'r Heath St.
 284. House of Good Shepherd, Huntington Avenue.
 285. Calumet, near Hillside Street.
 286. Wayne, near Maple Street.
 287. Corner Humboldt Avenue and Townsend Street.
 288. Corner Gay Head and Round Hill Streets.
 289. Corner Humboldt Avenue and Homestead Streets.
 291. Dearborn School, Dearborn Place. (Roxbury).
 292. Dillaway School, Kenilworth Street, "
 293. Dudley Sch'l. cor. Dudley and Putnam Sts., "
 294. George Street School, George Street, "
 295. Lewis School, cor. Dale and Sherman Sts., "
 296. Geo. Putnam School, Seaver Street, "
 297. Hugh O'Brien Sch. c. Dudley & Langdon Sts., "
 298. Rox. High School, cor. Warren and Montrose Sts.
 299. Boston Belting Co., Linden Park Street.
 311. Kemble, between Gerard and Reading Streets.
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 314. Corner Blue Hill Ave. and Intervale Street.
 315. Corner Dudley and Cottage Streets.
 316. Blue Hill Avenue, Car Station.
 317. Corner Bird and Ceylon Streets.
 318. Corner Dudley and Clifton Streets.
 319. Norfolk Avenue, near Railroad Bridge.
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 322. Corner Winthrop and Greenville Streets.
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 324. Corner Olney and Bowdoin Streets.
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 331. Corner Hancock and Trull Streets.
 332. Corner Cushing Avenue and Salcombe Street.
 334. Junction Quincy and Bellevue Streets.
 335. Christopher Gibson School, Mt. Bowdoin Station.
 336. Washington Street, near Mt. Bowdoin Station.
 337. Corner Howard Avenue and Sargent Street.
 338. Everett Avenue, opp. St. Mary's Infant Asylum.
 339. Corner Geneva Avenue and Olney Street.
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 348. Corner Lauriat Avenue and Carlos Street.
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 352. Corner Oakland and Rosewood Streets.
 353. Engine House No. 19, Norfolk Street.
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 357. Corner Harvard and Washington Streets.
 358. Asylum, Pierce Farm, Walk Hill Street.
 359. Austin Farm, near Austin Street.
 361. Corner Harvard Street and Blue Hill Avenue.
 362. Corner Walk Hill and Back Streets.
 363. Corner Wheatland Avenue and Kilton Street.
 364. Washington Street, near Coffee Court.
 365. Canterbury Street, Small-pox Hospital.
 366. Corner Blue Hill Avenue and Oakland Street.
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 368. Corner Walk Hill Street and Blue Hill Avenue.
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 374. Corner Glenway and Harvard Streets.
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 387. Corner Virginia Street and Cedar Place.
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 397. Tileston School, Norfolk Street, Mattapan (Dorchester).
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 411. Corner Merrimac and Market Sts. (Lamp Post).
 412. Corner Causeway and Lowell Sts. (Lamp Post).
 413. Corner Causeway and Haverhill Sts. (Lamp Post).
 414. Corner Leverett and Willard Streets (Lamp Post).
 415. Corner Poplar and Spring Streets (Lamp Post).
 416. Corner Prince and Salem Streets (Lamp Post).
 417. Charter, opposite Salem Street (Lamp Post).
 418. Junction Endicott and Charlestown Streets (Lamp Post).
 419. Corner Rutherford Avenue and Dunstable Street.
 421. City Square, foot of Main Street.
 422. Waverley House, Charlestown.
 423. Corner Chelsea Street and Henley Place.
 424. Corner Tufts, Bunker Hill and Vine Streets.
 425. Corner Concord and Bunker Hill Streets.
 426. Corner Monument Court and Monument Square.
 427. Corner Chelsea and Prospect Streets.
 428. Chelsea, opposite Bainbridge Street.
 429. Pier, Chelsea Bridge, near Grain Elevator.
 431. Corner Bunker Hill and Sackville Streets.
 432. Corner Walker and Russell Streets.
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 435. Medford Street, Waterman's Mills (Charlestown).
 436. Corner Bunker Hill and Auburn Streets.
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 441. Elm Street (Engine House No. 27).
 442. Navy Yard, Commodore's Office.
 443. Hoosac Tunnel Dock Elevator, Water St. (Charlestown).
 445. Union Station, cor. Causeway and Nashua Streets.
 446. " " cor. Lowell and Brighton Streets.
 447. " " Outward Baggage Room.
 448. Navy Yard, Water St. Gate.
 449. " " Yard Captain's House.
 451. Medford, corner Tufts Street.
 452. 305 Medford Street (Charlestown).

453. Corner Medford and Bunker Hill Streets.
 454. Alford Street, near Arlington Avenue.
 455. Corner Dorrance St. and Arlington Avenue.
 456. Charlestown Almshouse.
 457. Perkins, opposite Parker Street.
 458. Rutherford Ave., near R.R. Crossing.
 459. Junction Rutherford Ave., Middlesex and Essex Streets.
 461. Main, opposite Gardner Street.
 462. Main Street, Ladder House No. 9.
 463. Main, near Baldwin Street.
 464. Corner Cambridge and Spice Streets.
 465. Corner Cambridge and Parker Streets (Charlestown).
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 469. Old City Hall (Charlestown).
 471. Bunker Hill School, Baldwin Street (Charlestown).
 472. Warren School, Summer Street "
 473. Prescott School, Elm Street "
 474. Bunker Hill Prim. School, Bunker Hill St. "
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 477. Harvard School, Devens Street (Charlestown).
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 479. Common School, Winthrop Square, "
 481. Warren Avenue, Fitchburg R.R. Yard.
 482. Corner Chapman Street and Rutherford Avenue.
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 484. Corner Harvard and Main Streets.
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 486. Corner Lynde and Union Streets.
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 488. Corner Main and Miller Streets.
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 491. Fitchburg Freight House, Front Street.
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 493. Austin Street, near R.R. Crossing.
 494.
 495. Old Prison Yard.
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 511. Sturtevant Blower Works (West Roxbury).
 512. Centre Street, opposite Spring Park Avenue.
 513. Boylston Street Railroad Station.
 514. Engine House No. 42, Egleston Square.
 515. Corner Brookside Avenue and Cornwell Street.
 516. Washington, near Burnett Street.
 517. Corner Harris Avenue and Alveston Street.
 518. Corner Chestnut Avenue and Chestnut Square.
 519. Washington, near Green Street.
 521. Jamaica Plain Railroad Station.
 522. Chestnut Avenue, opposite Forbes Street.
 523. Centre Street (Engine House No. 28).
 524. Corner Prince and Perkins Streets.
 525. Pond, near Orchard Street.
 526. Corner May and Centre Streets.
 527. Corner South and Keyes Streets.
 528. Washington Street, opp. Forest Hill Station.
 529. Corner Forest Hill Street and Glen Way.
 531. Corner Morton and Forest Hill Streets.
 532. Canterbury Street (School-house).
 533. Forest Hills Cemetery.
 534. Hyde Park Ave., near Mt. Hope Railroad Station.
 535. Corner Beech and Poplar Streets.
 536. Corner Ashland and Sheldon Streets.
 537. Engine House No. 45, Roslindale.
 538. Corner Beech and Washington Sts. (W. Roxbury).
 539. Corner Hyde Park Ave. and Canterbury Street.
 541. Corner Canterbury and Berry Streets.
 542. Centre Street, near Central Railroad Station.
 543. Corner Centre and La Grange Streets.
 544. Centre, near Allandale Street.
 545. Centre, opposite Elliot Street.
 546. Corner Spring and Gardner Streets.
 547. Corner Washington and Grove Sts. (Germantown).
 548. Corner Lamartine Street and Clark Place.
 549. Corner Call Street and Carolina Avenue.
 551. Corner Park and Oriole Streets.
 552. Corner Fairview and South Streets.
 553. Centre Street, opposite Nervine Hospital.
 554. Corner Walter and Ashfield Streets.
 556. Corner Pond and Rockwood Streets.
 557. Corner Rockview Street and Parley Avenue.
 558. Perkins Street, near Jamaica Way.
 559. Lamartine, near Hoffman Street.

561. Corner Corey and Pomfret Streets.
 562. Centre, near Corey Street.
 563. Corner Ivory and Temple Streets.
 564. Corner Amory and Dimock Streets.
 565. Corner Spring and Gould Streets.
 566. Corner Baker Street and Baker Place.
 567. Baker Street, near Railroad Bridge.
 568. Corner Brandon Street and Belgrade Avenue.
 569. Lucretia Crocker School, Bickford Street.
 571. Lowell School, cor. Centre and Mozart Streets.
 572. Hillside School, cor. Elm and Everett Streets.
 573. Agassiz School, Brewer, near Burroughs Street.
 574. Charles Sumner Sch., Ashland, n'r Washington St.
 575. Mt. Vernon School, Mt. Vernon, near Centre St.
 576. Bowditch School, Green Street.
 577. Corner Poplar and Canterbury Streets.
 578. Corner Washington and Norfolk Streets.
 579. La Grange, near Swallow Street.
 581. Corner Metropolitan Avenue and Summit Street.
 582. Corner Walk Hill Street and Hyde Park Avenue.
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 587. Centre, near Farquhar Street.
 588. Corner Belgrade Avenue and Beech Street.
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 612. Corner Everett and Jeffries Streets.
 613. Marginal Street, opposite Simpson's Dock.
 614. Maverick Street (Smith's Forge Works).
 615. Corner Sumner and Lamson Streets.
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 617. Grand Junction Yard, near Elevator.
 618. Corner Marginal and Cottage Streets.
 619. Pier 1, Grand Junction Yard.
 621. Corner Cottage and Everett Streets.
 622. Cor. Sumner & Orleans Sts. (Engine House No. 40).
 623. B. & M. Railroad Freight House, Marginal Street.
 624. (Private.) Cunard Wharf.
 625. Ferry House (South). (East Boston.)
 626. Corner Webster and Lewis Streets.
 627. Meridian Street, near Maverick Square.
 628. Sumner, near Paris Street.
 629. Atlantic Works, Border Street.
 631. Corner Sumner and Border Streets.
 632. Corner Decatur and Liverpool Streets.
 633. Corner Gove and Paris Streets.
 634. Corner Bennington Street and Central Square.
 635. Corner Chelsea and Marion Streets.
 636. Corner Porter and Paris Streets.
 637. Corner Meridian and Princeton Streets.
 638. Dyewood Co.'s Wharf, Border Street.
 639. Corner Marion and Bennington Streets.
 641. Marion Street (Engine House No. 5).
 642. Corner Brooks and Saratoga Streets.
 643. Corner Putnam and Lexington Streets.
 644. Corner White and Eutaw Streets.
 645. Corner Meridian and Falcon Streets.
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 647. Pottery Works, 146 Condor Street.
 648. Corner Eagle and Glendon Streets.
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 651. Chelsea Street (Chemical House No. 7).
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 654. Corner Chelsea and Curtis Streets.
 655. Chelsea Street, opposite Maverick Oil Works.
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 657. Corner Saratoga and Swift Streets.
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 661. Saratoga Street (Engine No. 11).
 662. Corner Cowper and Byron Streets.
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 677. Corner Leyden and Breed Streets.
 678. Corner Leyden and Walley Streets.
 679. Winthrop Junction.
 681. Adams School, Sumner Street. (E. Boston).
 682. Cudworth School, cor. Paris & Gove Sts. "
 683. Chapman School, Eutaw, near Marion St. "
 684. Emerson School, Prescott, n'r Saratoga St. "
 685. High School, cor. Meridian and Paris Sts. "
 686. Lyman School, cor. Gove and Paris Sts. "
 687. Noble School, Princeton Street. "
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 689. Deer Island.
 691. Tappan School, Lexington Street. "
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 698. Chelsea.
 699. Call on Chelsea.
 711. Boston Elevated Railway Yard, Harrison Avenue.
 712. City Hospital.
 713. South Department, City Hospital.
 714. Mass. Homeopathic Hospital, East Concord St.
 715. Mechanic's Fair Building, Huntington Avenue.
 716. Boston Globe.
 717. Pemberton Square (Lamp Post).
 718. Young's Hotel, Court Avenue.
 719. Faneuil Hall.
 721. City Hall.
 722. Hotel Touraine.
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 724. Massachusetts General Hospital.
 725. Home for Aged Women, Revere Street.
 726. Goodyear Shoe Machinery, 443 Albany Street.
 727. W. M. Lowney's, Commercial, opp. Henchman St.
 728. A. Shuman's, Washington Street.
 729. Parker House.
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 733. Tremont Theatre.
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 735. Keith's New Theatre.
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 737. Hollis Street Theatre.
 738. Grand Opera House.
 739. Columbia Theatre.
 741. Boston Theatre.
 742. Boston Music Hall.
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 744. Clark's Hotel.
 745. R. H. White & Co. (store).
 746. Jordan, Marsh & Co. (store).
 747. Sharp School, cor. Anderson and Pinckney Sts.
 748. Phillips School, Anderson Street.
 749. Bowdoin School, Myrtle Street.
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 753. Hancock School, Parmenter Street.
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 756. Emerson School, Poplar Street.
 757. Winchell School, cor. Parkman and Blossom Sts.
 757. (Duplicate.) Wells School, Blossom Street.
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 761. Dwight School, W. Springfield Street.
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 764. Horace Mann School, Newbury, near Exeter St.
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 768. Cook School, Groton Street.
 769. N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R., Freight Yard, Prov. Div.
 771. Franklin School, Waltham Street.
 772. Rice School, Dartmouth Street.
 773. N. E. Conservatory of Music.
 774. Girls' High School, West Newton Street.
 775. Rice Primary School, Concord Street.
 776.
 778. Storage Warehouse, Massachusetts Avenue.

779. Children's Hospital, Huntington Avenue.
 781. Everett School, Northampton Street.
 782. Hyde School, Hammond Street.
 783. Sherwin School, Madison Square.
 784. Yeoman Street School.
 785. Kindergarten, Kenilworth Street.
 786. Phillips Street School.
 787. Martin School, Huntington Avenue.
 788. Comins School, corner Tremont and Terrace Sts.
 789. Savannah S.S. Co., Lewis Wharf.
 791. Battery Wharf, No. Ferry.
 792.
 793. Thompson's Spa, Washington Street.
 794. Electric Light Station, Gilbert Pl., off Congress St.
 795.
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 797. Fobes, Hayward & Co., Chardon Street.
 798.
 799. Boston Herald.
 811. Beacon, near Mountfort Street.
 812. Corner Commonwealth Ave. and Deerfield Street.
 813. Parker Street, near New Riding Club.
 814. Corner Brighton Avenue and Chester Street.
 815. Corner Cambridge Street and Harvard Avenue.
 816. Boston & Albany R.R. Repair Shop (Brighton).
 817. Cambridge, near North Harvard Street.
 818. Commonwealth Ave., Cottage Farm Station.
 819. Western Avenue, opposite Babcock's Works.
 821. Cambridge Street, near Brookline Gas Works.
 822. North Harvard Street, near Cambridge Bridge.
 823. Barry's Corner, junction North Harvard and Franklin Streets.
 824. Corner Franklin and Aldie Streets.
 825. Corner Everett and Holton Streets.
 826.
 827. Corner North Beacon Street and Union Square.
 828.
 829. Corner Allston Street and Allston Square.
 831.
 832. Washington, opposite Shannon Street.
 833. Washington St., near Commonwealth Avenue.
 834. Murdock, near Elmira Street.
 835. Corner Cambridge and Sparhawk Streets.
 836. High School, Cambridge Street.
 837. Corner Hichborn and Herrick Streets.
 838. Sewall & Day Cordage Co., Western Avenue.
 839. Western Avenue (Engine No. 34).
 841. Brighton Abattoir.
 842. Boston & Albany R.R. Stock Yard.
 843. Market, corner North Beacon.
 844. Lincoln, near Market Street.
 845. North Beacon Street, near B. & A. R.R. Bridge.
 846.
 847. Corner Parsons and Arlington Streets.
 848.
 849. Brooks, opposite Newton Street.
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 852. Opposite No. 172 Foster Street.
 853. Washington, opposite Oakland Street.
 854. Chestnut Hill Avenue (Engine House No. 29).
 855.
 856. Corner Sutherland and Argyle Roads.
 857. Corner Commonwealth and Chestnut Hill Avenues.
 858.
 859.
 861. Corner Lake and Kenrick Streets.
 862. Kenrick Street, opp. Downing's Ice House.
 863. Corner Lake Street and Appleton Road.
 864. St. John's Seminary, Lake Street, North Building.
 865. " " " South "
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 871. Oak Square.
 872. Allston School, Cambridge Street, Allston.
 873. Bennett School, Chestnut Hill Avenue.
 874. Bennett Branch School, Winship Place.
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914. Old Mather School, Meeting House Hill.
915. Meeting House Hill (Engine House No. 17).
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917. Glover's Corner.
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919. McNeill's Mills, Freeport Street.
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922. Field's Corner.
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925. Corner Westville Street and Geneva Avenue.
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927. Beacon Lith. Works, Clayton Street, Harrison Sq.
928. Corner Mill and Ashland Streets.
929. Corner Freeport and Preston Streets.
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933. Adams Street (junction Neponset Avenue).
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936. Corner Dorchester Avenue and Lonsdale Street.
937. Dorchester Avenue, near Park Street.
938. Park Street, at Railroad Crossing.
939. Old High Scho'l, c. Dor. Ave. and Gibson St. (Dor.)
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943. Harris School, cor. Adams and Mill Streets. "
944. Corner Adams and Rosemont Streets.
945. Corner Ashmont and Adams Streets.
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948. Corner Neponset and Boutwell Avenues.
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953. Dor. High School, c. Dor. Ave. and Centre St. "
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956. Corner Dorchester Avenue and Centre Street.
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961. Corner Mather and Allston Streets.
962. Combination Wagon House No. 1, Ashmont.
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964. Corner Carruth and New Minot Sts., Ashmont.
965. Corner Dorchester Avenue and Codman Street.
966. Washington Street, near Ruggles Place.
967. Home for Incurables, c. Dor. Ave., and Codman St.
968. Corner Richmond and Adams Streets.
969. Convalescents' Home, Dor. Ave., n'r Richmond St.
971. Boston Elevated Railway Car Sheds, Washington, near Ashmont Street.
972. Corner Washington Street and Dorchester Ave.
973. Corner Medway and Branch Streets.
974. Baker's Chocolate Works, Milton.
975. Corner Morton and Sanford Streets.
976. Stoughton Sch., River, near Washington St. (Dor.)
977.
978. Engine House No. 16, Temple Street.
979. River Street, near residence of J. Conness.
981. Putnam's Nail Works (Port Norfolk).
982. Corner Taylor and Water Sts., opp. Stearns' Mill.
983. Old Minot School, Walnut Street, (Dorchester).
984. Neponset Avenue, near Walnut Street.
985. Neponset Avenue, opposite Tolman Street.
986. Minot Gram'r Sch., Nep. Av., n. Minot St. "
987. Corner Chickatawbut and Plain Streets.
988. Corner Washington and Roslin Streets.
989. Corner Adams Street and Granite Avenue.
991. Corner Norfolk and Whitman Streets.
992. Corner Washington and Norfolk Streets.
993. Corner Washington and Fuller Streets.
994. Corner Rockwell Street and Milton Avenue.
995. Corner Norfolk Street and Thetford Avenue.

996. Corner Norfolk and Morton Streets.
997. Corner Evans and Corbet Streets.
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Regulations Concerning Fire-Alarms.

FIRST ALARM to be given by striking three rounds of the box number on all the box gongs, repeated on the bells and gongs, two rounds.

SECOND ALARM to be given by striking two blows, followed by box number.

THIRD ALARM to be given by striking three blows, followed by box number.

FOURTH ALARM to be given by striking four blows, followed by box number.

FIFTH ALARM to be given by striking five blows, followed by box number.

GENERAL ALARM to be given by striking six blows, followed by box number.

First alarms from boxes *North* of Essex, Boylston and Arlington streets will be struck on all the box-gong circuits and on the bell and gong circuits in city proper, Charlestown and East Boston only, and from boxes *South* of the same on all the box-gong circuits and bell and gong circuits in city proper, South Boston, Dorchester, Roxbury, West Roxbury and Brighton.

Second, third, fourth, fifth and general alarms will be struck on all the circuits.

Signal for no school, 1-1-1, struck on all the bell and gong circuits.

HENRY S. RUSSELL,
Fire Commissioner.

BROWN S. FLANDERS,
Superintendent.

March 15, 1898.

Board Meetings.

Library Department.

Friday, March 11, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln, Prince and the Librarian.

Received: The Librarian's report.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation, amounting to \$7,155.39; to trust funds, \$765.83; to special appropriation Station, "P," \$129.85.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$321.67; to trust funds, \$154.36; to Station "P," \$23.49; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$10.53; miscellaneous articles, \$396.19.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, March 21, 1898.

The regular meeting of the Pauper Institution Trustees was held on March 7, 1898.

The resignation of Dr. Hutchinson, first medical assistant at Long Island, was accepted, to take effect March 15, with thanks for his valuable services rendered during his term of office at Long Island.

The following appointments were confirmed:

A. T. Hopkins, temporary assistant to the Superintendent, at the rate of \$150 a

month; Sidney J. Horner, assistant cook, \$25; Annie J. Cugin, probationer, Training School for Nurses, \$10; Frank Hatch, overseer on farm, \$25; Abbie J. Baxter, assistant superintendent of nurses, \$30.

A letter of acceptance from the members of the City Government was received, in reply to the invitation extended to them to visit Long Island on March 8.

The proposals for beef were referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to reject, on behalf of the Board, any or all bids, and also to issue proposals for mutton and fish.

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending March 19, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	17.7
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	24.9
Number of deaths:	
Males	92
Females	88
Total	180
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	248
Decrease	68

Of 180 decedents, 178 were white and 2 colored; 103 were born in the United States, 74 in foreign countries and 3 unknown; 36 were of American parentage and 125 of foreign parentage; parentage unknown, 19.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	22	2
Scarlatina	14	0
Typhoid fever	6	4
Measles	27	0
Totals	69	6

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	21
Pneumonia	22
Heart disease	16
Bronchitis	7
Marasmus	9
Violent causes	5

Total from principal causes	80
Total from infectious diseases	6
Total from other causes	94

Total from all causes	180
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Deaths of children under 1 year	38
Deaths of children under 5 years	49
Deaths of persons over 60 years	43
Deaths in public institutions	53

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, March 23, 1898.

The Committee on Licenses will give a public hearing in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Saturday, March 26, 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the petition of Anna M. Bennett and others, for a modification of the regulation of the Board of Aldermen relating to the covering of the head in places of public amusement.

SALEM D. CHARLES, Chairman.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

Boston, March 22, 1898.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed bids for building three stations for the subway, two in Scollay square, and one in Adams square, in accordance with the form of contract and specifications to be furnished by the Commission, will be received at its office, 20 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., until 12 o'clock M. of Tuesday, April 5, 1898. Plans can be seen and specifications and the form of contract can be obtained at the office of Charles Brigham, architect, 7 Mt. Vernon street. A bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in the sum of 20 per cent. of the amount, and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$2,000. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and reserves the right to award the contract as it deems for the best interests of the City of Boston.

GEORGE G. CROCKER, Chairman.
CHARLES H. DALTON,
THOMAS J. GARGAN,
GEORGE F. SWAIN,
HORACE G. ALLEN,
Boston Transit Commission.
CHARLES BRIGHAM, Architect.
B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, March 17, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use an additional curve at the corner of Washington street and Columbus avenue, connecting the company's tracks there situate, as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated March 1, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

Also to construct, maintain and use additional curves at the corner of Warren and Dudley streets, as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated March 1, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company.
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 21, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eleventh day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Roxbury Gazette, Boston Journal and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, March 8, 1898.

The Fire Commissioner petitions for permission to erect and maintain sixteen (16) poles for fire-alarm service on the following-named streets in the Dorchester District, at such points as are indicated by white dots upon a plan drawn by the construction force of the Fire Alarm Branch, dated March 8, 1898, poles to be 35 feet high and 12 inches in diameter at the base.

Bernard street, seven poles; Elmo street, seven poles; Waterlow street, one pole; Clinton street, one pole.

Respectfully submitted,
B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 21, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

March 17, 1898.

The Water Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing composition castings according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the City Engineer of said city, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to the Water Commissioner of said city in the sum of \$2,500 for faithfully carrying out the work and leave at the office of said Commissioner, City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 o'clock M. of Monday, March 28, 1898, his proposal and a certified check for the sum of \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

JOHN R. MURPHY,
Water Commissioner.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 8, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 196, 198 and 200 Hampden street, Ward 17, one bay window of copper of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Hampden street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 12 feet wide and 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

A. F. McDERMOTT,
204 Hampden street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in THE CITY RECORD and Roxbury Gazette, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 18, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a new channel for the stream or water-course in Brighton, known as Faneuil Valley Brook be located between Cephas street and Faneuil street, near Brooks street, and that said water-course be diverted from the present channel thereof, and that the parts of the original channel from which said water-course is so diverted be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purposes, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the first day of April, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 17, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Leeds street, at South Boston, be laid out and extended as a highway, from Woodward street to Dorchester avenue, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of the general law relating to the laying-out of highways, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the thirty-first day of March, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, March 21, 1898.

A public hearing will be given at the office of the Board of Street Commissioners, City Hall, at 3 P.M. of Monday, March 28, 1898, on a petition for the extension of the market limits, "to include all that section bounded by both sides of Atlantic avenue, Commercial street, Causeway street, Merrimac street, Portland street, Hanover street, Washington street, and Dock square to Faneuil Hall."

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners.
JOHN P. DORE, Chairman.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 17, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 154 Bennington street, Ward 1, one bay window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Bennington street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 10 feet wide and 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

JOHANNA DOLAN,
154 Bennington street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 21, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the fourth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in THE CITY RECORD and East Boston Free Press, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

Boston, March 9, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Rutherford avenue, near Essex street, Ward 4 (one pole); Columbus avenue, at Washington street, Ward 22 (one pole); Columbus avenue, at West Walnut park, Ward 22 (one pole). Also to remove poles from Rutherford avenue, near Essex street (one pole); Columbus avenue, at Washington street (one pole); Columbus avenue, at West Walnut park (one pole).

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 21, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



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BOSTON, THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1898.

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EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale at the Old Corner Book Store, 283 Washington street.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held on March 28, the Chairman, Alderman Dyar, announced the appointment of the following committees:

Russell Eulogy — Aldermen Conry, Prescho, Norton and Paige.

Pierce Eulogy — Aldermen Codman, Charles, Lott and Dixon.

Playground, Wards 18 and 19 — Aldermen O'Toole, Cleary, Lott and Prescho.

Grade Crossings — Aldermen Berwin, Dixon, Codman and Cleary.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held on March 28, the appointment of Thomas J. Lane, to be a member of the Board in charge of the Department of Public Baths, to serve until May 1, 1898, and for the term of one year, beginning on that day, was confirmed unanimously.

HOMES AND CLUBS FOR WORKING WOMEN.

The Bulletin of the Department of Labor of the United States, No. 15 — March, 1898 — contains a comprehensive and suggestive article by Mary S. Fergusson, on "Boarding Homes and Clubs for Working Women." The article sets forth, by means of descriptive text and statistical tables, the results of a recent special study of the characteristics of ninety homes in forty-six cities of the United States. Forty-one of the ninety homes reported upon are in the cities of Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, New York, Philadelphia and St. Louis. The majority of the homes have been established since 1880.

"As far as known, the first organized effort in this country to offer a comfortable and attractive home to self-supporting women for permanent residence, at rates coming within the reach of those earning small wages, was made during the year 1856 by the Ladies' Christian Union in New York city. Baltimore came next, with its Female Christian Home, established in 1865.

"Boston is credited with five homes, having accommodations for 537 boarders. In the year covered by the report, the number of different boarders using the homes was 3,990.

"From the table showing the receipts from boarders and total cost of maintenance of each home for the last fiscal year, the following statement regarding the homes in Boston is of interest:

NAME OF HOME.	Receipts from boarders.	Total cost of maintaining Home.	Excess of cost of maintenance over receipts from boarders.
Boston Young Women's Christian Association: Berkeley-street Home	\$30,705	\$26,673	(a.) \$5,959
Warrenton-street Home	32,820	32,677	(b.) 143
Boarding House for Working Girls	7,992	10,892	2,902
New England Helping-Hand Home	2,201	4,121	1,920
Working-Girls' Home, or Home of the Grey Nuns	17,220	(c.) 17,219	(d.) 1
Totals	\$90,938	\$101,582	\$10,925

(a.) Including expenditures for training school for domestics and for religious work.

(b.) Excess of receipts from boarders over cost of maintenance.

(c.) Including \$2,000, paid on mortgage.

(d.) Excess of receipts from boarders over cost of maintenance, which included \$2,000 paid on mortgage.

As the following extracts show, the Boston homes made a very favorable impression upon the representative of the Department of Labor:

"The Boston Young Woman's Christian Association maintains two homes, both of which are permanent ones. It offers the advantages of educational classes, of a well-equipped gymnasium, of a library and reading-room, of an employment bureau and of a travellers' aid to the boarders within its homes. In addition to the usual classes, including stenography and typewriting, there is a training-school for domestics, in which young girls of good character are given a home and instruction for six months without charge. After the six months' training a girl must render satisfactory service in a family for three months or more, in order to obtain her certificate. The free course of instruction in this school includes cooking and serving, general housework, home nursing, sewing and mending, reading, spelling, penmanship, letter-writing, arithmetic, geography and daily Scripture lessons.

"The Warrenton-street home of this association is entirely given up to boarders, accommodating 180, while the Berkeley-street home had a resident family of 142 members at the date of report, being the association headquarters for its various departments of work. About twenty are accommodated in the school of domestic science, which occupies a building near the Berkeley-street home known as the 'annex.' During the past year 2,140 boarders were received in the two homes. Permanent boarders pay an average of \$4 per week. The restaurant is an important feature in the domestic economy of the Berkeley-street home.

"Both of these homes are self-supporting, paying, according to the financial report for the year ending January 1, 1897, not only all current expenses, including salaries, but repairs and furnishings as well. But it must be borne in mind that this includes neither rent nor taxes, nor any rent equivalent in the form of interest.

"The New England Helping-Hand Society has a home for young girls at 124 Pembroke street, Boston. The home is established especially for working-girls who receive less than \$6 a week. None are received who earn over that amount.

"The house accommodates twenty-one, and many are turned away every winter for want of room. All boarders pay \$3 a week. The house is attractive and homelike, and social intercourse is encouraged. Students are received as well as those already at work. It is estimated that the cost per week for supporting each girl is about \$5, including laundry work. This society also carries on as a department of its work a vacation home,

for invalid and tired-out working women, at Hanson, Mass.

"The Temporary Home for Working Women, at 453 Shawmut avenue, Boston, is one of the best examples of its class. The home was opened in 1878, in order that any poor and respectable woman able and willing to work might receive food and shelter in return for her work for the space of one month.

"The home is controlled by a board of twelve lady managers, who own the property. It is expected that the home will pay one-half of its expenses, this being accomplished through the receipts from laundry and sewing-room, where the women who are in the home are expected to work from 7.30 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon. In the sewing-room, nurses' dresses are made, and any kind of family sewing and mending done.

"Though no effort is made to make the home profitable, yet the primary object in its founding is kept constantly in view, which is to enable women to become independent and self-supporting, and to help self-respecting women over 'hard places' without making them objects of charity. There is no limit as to age and no question as to religion.

"There are accommodations for twelve. The house is nearly always full.

"Since 1878 there have been 6,665 women admitted. There have been 540 lodgings paid for in money and 7,280 in work, and 1,643 meals paid for in money and 22,298 in work. During 1896 there were 442 women admitted. For the year ending December 31, 1896, the total receipts from all sources for the home, including a balance on hand December 31, 1895, of \$1,103.95, were \$6,460.31. Of this amount, \$2,200.87 was received through the home, \$1,721.60 coming from the laundry alone. The expenses at the home were \$3,993.10.

"Among the agencies for the comfort and help of working women in Boston is the Working-Girls' Home of the Young Woman's Catholic Association, under the charge of the Grey Nuns, at 89 Union Park street. The home is a large, imposing building, 132 feet long and five stories high, heated by steam, and with approved sanitary equipments and all modern household conveniences.

"The home was begun in one house at first; then two houses were taken, and as the work outgrew these, the present building was erected, accommodating 155 persons. The accommodations by no means meet the demand, 580 being refused admission during the past year. During that year 1,695 girls were received in the home, and during the previous year there were 1,694 enrolled. The charge for board is from \$3 to \$5 a week, except to those learning to sew, when it is \$2.50 a week. The average charge is \$2.60. Girls are taken care of in slight illness, and there is a thoroughly equipped dispensary in the house. Women are often temporarily kept free of charge until employment is obtained for them, but every effort is made to help such women to become independent and self-sustaining. The home is in no sense a charity. The cost for supporting each girl is estimated to be thirty-seven cents a day, or \$2.59 a week. There are two bath-rooms on each flat, with porcelain-lined tubs. Four flats are used by

domestics. There are thirty single bedrooms, twenty-six bedrooms for two persons only, and twenty-one in which there are three or more.

"This home is both a permanent and a temporary one. Some women make their home here for years. Among the boarders are typewriters, stenographers, compositors, milliners, dressmakers, girls employed in piano, and in shoe and rubber goods manufacturing establishments, store girls in all departments, domestics, students and teachers. As a rule, the home is open only to those from outside the city, but in special cases a resident of Boston may be taken. The 10 o'clock rule prevails, with all reasonable exceptions. There is a noticeable absence of rule and restriction, and a home-like atmosphere pervades the beautiful building. Hospitality is encouraged. Girls are urged to receive their male friends in the parlors of the home. There are eight Sisters in charge. The employment bureau is a valuable adjunct to the work of the home.

"Another home in Boston, which is of special interest, because of its seven years' success and because of the simplicity of its management, is the Boarding House for Working Girls, at 115 and 117 Berkeley street.

"For the seven years all running expenses of the house have been paid by the Superintendent from receipts for board and lodging, and a surplus each year of from \$600 to \$700 handed over to the treasurer toward the guaranty fund for rent and salary of Superintendent. One factor that makes such a financial showing possible is the serving of extra meals to table boarders."

EXPENDITURES BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following extracts are taken from School Document No. 2, 1898, which is the Thirtieth Annual Report of the Committee on Accounts:

Under date of December 22, 1896, this committee presented to the School Board the amount that in their judgment would be needed to carry on the schools for the financial year 1897-98.

The estimates submitted, after receiving the unanimous approval of the School Board, were forwarded to His Honor the Mayor. The amount requested, exclusive of repairs, was \$2,250,000.

The City Council made a reduction of \$110,000, granting on account of the above request the sum of \$2,140,000.

This amount proved insufficient to meet the actual expenses of the schools, and it became necessary to prepare a further communication on the subject, which was presented to the Board, and sent to His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 23, 1897, said communication stating that a sum equal to the reduction, viz., \$110,000, would be needed to carry on the schools to the end of the financial year, it having been proved that the original amount estimated was not excessive.

In addition to the request for \$2,250,000, the sum of \$250,000 was asked for under the

head of repairs and alterations of school-houses.

For this purpose the City Council granted \$175,000, a reduction of \$75,000 from the estimates submitted, which amount the School Committee asked to have made good under date of December 14, 1897. The experience of several years clearly indicated that \$175,000 would not provide for the constantly increasing needs in the way of repairs and alterations; and as these expenditures are restricted to the appropriation granted, the City Council must accept the responsibility for the forced neglect of the School Committee in keeping the school-houses in a suitable condition for the health and comfort of their occupants. The only alternative is for the School Committee to authorize the expenditures contrary to law.

The ordinary expenses for the past year were as follows:

Salaries of instructors	\$1,817,218 00
Salaries of officers	69,385 00
Salaries of janitors	139,220 29
Fuel, gas and water	96,016 29
Supplies and incidentals:	
Books	\$50,509 73
Printing	7,350 37
Stationery and drawing materials	21,883 63
Miscellaneous items,	51,017 89
	130,761 62
School-house repairs, etc.	229,941 27
Expended from the appropriation	\$2,482,542 47
From income of Gibson and other funds	1,904 30
Total expenditure	\$2,484,446 77
Total income	42,287 16
Net expenditure, School Committee	\$2,442,159 61

The gross expenses for the past year, compared with those for 1896-97, show a variation in the different items of the appropriation as follows:

Salaries of instructors, increased	\$153,425 26
Salaries of officers, increased	3,094 16
Salaries of janitors, increased	7,659 79
Fuel, gas and water, increased	13,212 20
School-house repairs, etc., increased	3,967 51
Total	\$181,358 92
Supplies and incidentals, decreased	976 39
Total increase, gross	\$180,382 53

The total expenditure for the public schools, including new school-houses, for the past year, was as follows:

School Committee	\$2,252,601 20
School Committee, Gibson and other funds	1,904 30
School Committee, repairs, etc., Public Buildings and School Departments, New School-houses (special)	229,941 27
	930,716 40
Total gross expenditure	\$3,415,163 17
Less income for the year	42,287 16
Total net expenditure	\$3,372,876 01

The following shows the variation in the number of pupils and in salaries in the different grades for the past year, compared with those for 1896-97:

High Schools, pupils increased 372, salaries increased	\$29,696 94
Grammar Schools, pupils increased 1,323, salaries increased	59,993 73
Primary Schools, pupils increased 1,250, salaries increased	38,183 25
Horace Mann School, pupils increased 1, salaries increased	624 30
Kindergartens, pupils increased 510, salaries increased	9,506 62
Evening Schools, pupils increased 138, salaries increased	9,217 00
Evening Drawing Schools, pupils decreased 121, salaries decreased, Manual Training Schools, salaries increased	404 00
Special teachers, salaries increased	6,336 15
Spectacle Island, pupils decreased 2	271 27

Total increase in pupils, 3,471; in salaries, \$153,425.26.

The number of regular instructors on the pay-rolls, January 1, 1898, was 1,684, divided among the several grades of schools, as follows: High schools, 174; grammar schools, 791; primary schools, 540; Horace Mann School, 12; kindergartens, 127; manual training, including cookery, 40; an increase of 71 regular instructors since January 1, 1897.

In addition there have been 122 temporary teachers and 67 special assistants employed in the day schools, an average of 202 instructors in the evening and evening drawing schools, and 66 special instructors, including 39 teachers of sewing, making a total of 2,141 instructors on the pay-rolls during the year.

The amount paid for salaries of instructors for the past year was \$1,817,218, an increase over 1896-97 of \$153,425.26, and the largest increase ever recorded in any one year.

As an illustration of the remarkable growth of education in the City of Boston, it may be stated that the total expenditure for the public schools, including the purchase of sites and the erection of new school-houses, for the financial year 1842-43, only amounted to \$138,771.91, considerably less than the increase, as above mentioned, in that single item.

Of the increase of the past year, about \$100,000 resulted from the schedule of salaries which went into operation September 1, 1896, and the balance to the natural increase following the yearly growth of the schools.

In 1875 the School Board, consisting of 116 members, was reorganized and superseded by a new Board, consisting of twenty-four members, and the Mayor as chairman ex officio, who remained as such until 1886. At the end of their first financial year they found that the net cost for salaries of instructors amounted to \$1,190,570.10. By a rearrangement of salaries, and dismissing superfluous teachers, they were able at the end of five years, in 1881-82, to reduce the cost to \$1,085,459.28. In 1886-87 it increased again to \$1,182,092.18, which was still less, however, than the cost in 1876-77; and from 1886-87 to 1894-95 the cost rose some \$35,000 each year, which about kept pace with the increased number of pupils.

In 1894 a change was made in the rules, whereby certain credits were allowed for previous service when teachers were appointed. The application of this rule about doubled the annual increase in salaries of instructors, and the first full year of its opera-

tion resulted in an increase of \$62,991.40. In September, 1896, a new schedule of salaries went into effect, and the rule allowing credit for previous service was amended, thereby restricting the credits allowed newly-appointed teachers to assistants in grammar and primary schools.

This new schedule, by its operation, will be the means of increasing the cost for salaries of instructors about \$100,000 each year until the close of 1900, in addition to the expected increase occasioned by the natural addition in the number of pupils, which will bring up the amount to about \$150,000.

It is safe to estimate that \$150,000 will represent the average annual increase in salaries of instructors, from the date the new schedule went into effect, September 1, 1896, for four years, or until the teachers, who were on the maximum of the old rates, shall have reached the maximum of the new rates. After that time, if no change is made in the present schedule, the natural increase will require about \$50,000 per annum, judging from previous experience.

The number of buildings used for school purposes and in charge of a janitor appointed by the city was, January 1, 1898, 215. The number of janitors employed was 173.

The total amount paid for the care of the school-buildings during the year was \$139,220.29, an increase of \$7,659.79 over the cost for 1896-97.

Civil service requirements, and recent legislation concerning steam-boilers and engines, limit this committee in filling vacancies to a superior grade of employees, who command a higher compensation than was paid prior to these restrictions.

During the summer vacation the floors of all the school-houses were thoroughly washed, under the direction of the janitors; and in December the windows in a number of the buildings were given an extra washing.

The cost of the extra work performed during the year amounted to about \$2,000.

Beginning with the school year in September, 1897, the janitors were requested to take special pains for the disinfection of their buildings, and to prevent as far as possible the spread of contagious disease, in accordance with the following order, passed by the School Board June 22, 1897:

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts require the janitors of school-buildings, every two weeks during school sessions, to cover all floors with sawdust, wet with a suitable solution, and sweep the sawdust up before it becomes dry. Also to properly disinfect the chairs and desks of all pupils who may have contracted a contagious disease, or who are obliged to be away from school on account of contagious disease, by thoroughly wiping such chairs and desks with a cloth wet with a suitable solution.

Formaldehyde was selected as the best disinfectant to be used, and the buildings throughout the city were furnished with a sufficient quantity, and also with sawdust. A circular was issued to the janitors, under date of September 10, 1897, containing explicit directions for carrying out the provisions of the order, and it is believed that the matter has been faithfully attended to.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7.30 P.M., March 22, President Huggan in the chair, and all the members present except Mrs. Ames, Mr. Hubbard and Mrs. Keller.

The Chair read the following, which were placed on file:

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

City Hall, March 11, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Edgar F. Power upon the sum of \$3,500 for his estate, No. 76, on Saratoga street, East Boston, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston December 17, 1897 (taking recorded December 18, 1897), upon said Power giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

City Hall, March 21, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with B. H. Hatch upon the sum of \$7,100 and the taxes for the year 1897, as payment for his estate, No. 70, on Saratoga street, East Boston, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston December 17, 1897 (taking recorded December 18, 1897), upon said Hatch giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 10, 1898.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the School Committee, informing that body that this Board concurs in its proposition for a convention to be held on Tuesday, March 22, at 7.30 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edward H. Dunn as a member of the School Committee, and that notice of the same be given, according to law.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Passed.

A true copy. Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

The Board of Aldermen having been summoned by messenger entered the room.

Alderman Dyar was unanimously elected chairman of the convention.

Mr. Bateman, for the Committee on Elections, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, submitted the following nomination of a candidate to fill the vacancy in the School Board, caused by the resignation of Edward H. Dunn: J. Carlton Nichols.

Accepted.

The convention proceeded to ballot for a member of the School Board, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edward H. Dunn.

The vote resulted as follows:

Whole number of ballots	29
Necessary for choice	18
J. Carlton Nichols had	28
Henry D. Forbes had	1

J. Carlton Nichols was declared elected.

The Boards then separated, the Aldermen leaving the chamber, and President Huggan resuming the chair.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Nominations, presented for nomination the names of seven teachers on probation, four kindergarten teachers, nine temporary teachers and four permanent teachers. The nominations were confirmed by the Board.

The resignations of four teachers were accepted, and leave of absence to eight teachers was granted on the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School-houses, reported that plans and specifications for an addition to the West Roxbury High School house, prepared by Andrews, Jaques & Rantoul, architects, have been completed, and are now submitted for the approval of the Board. The addition is to contain six single and one triple class room, which will accommodate 378 pupils, but the entrance, corridors, halls, gymnasium, laboratories, staircases, toilet rooms, boiler room, etc., are planned on a basis of 600 pupils, which will be the total capacity of the building when completed. These plans and specifications have been carefully figured by a firm of contractors, who estimate the cost of the addition, exclusive of commissions and furniture, at \$180,000. Your Committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for the addition to the West Roxbury High School house, Jamaica Plain, prepared by Andrews, Jaques & Rantoul, architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Andrews, Jaques & Rantoul are hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of the addition to said school-house, in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School-houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same, in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

The report was accepted and the order was passed.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order requesting them to appropriate from the amount available for the year 1898, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, not less than \$40,000, to be expended upon the Bigelow School-house for increased accommodations and needed improvements, reported that the estimates of expenditures for the current financial year, which were approved by the Board on December 28, 1897, contained items aggregating \$23,300 in connection with repairs on this building. The appropriation

bill has not yet been passed by the City Council, and your Committee therefore recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary at the present time.

Accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred (March 8) an order requesting them to fit up a room for a class in wood-working in the Marcella-street Home, reported that when a public school was established in the Marcella-street Home last year, it was with the distinct understanding that no expense for fitting up or furnishing this school should devolve upon the School Committee. Your committee are therefore of the opinion that any expense of the character referred to should be borne by the Children's Institutions Department, and not by the School Committee.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Strange for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriations be made:

New Grammar School-house, Harris District, additional, \$6,000.

East Boston High School house, site, additional, \$5,152.74.

New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury, additional, \$2,000.

Recommitted, on motion of Mr. Anderson, with instructions to report amount of previous appropriations in relation to these school-houses and sites.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the Mayor to investigate the construction of the Paul Revere School-house in Ward 6, and report the result to the Common Council, as, in the opinion of the Council, the school is not to the entire satisfaction of citizens of Boston, reported that your Committee are not aware that any investigation of the construction of this school-house is necessary on their part. They recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the plans and specifications for the building were very carefully prepared, the work is proceeding under competent and thorough supervision, and they believe that upon its completion the school-house will meet with the entire approbation of the citizens of Boston.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order requesting them to investigate the entrances of the different schools in the city, reported that they have caused a very careful examination to be made with regard to the means of exit from all the school-buildings, and recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred (February 8) a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to include in their appropriation

a sum sufficient to place the Chapman School-house in thorough repair, and to make additions to said school-house, according to plans held by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, reported that the needs of this school-house were considered when the estimates for the current financial year were being prepared, and of the amount asked for under "Special Appropriation for Extraordinary Repairs," approximately \$12,000 was specified to be expended upon this building. Your Committee therefore recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the work will be undertaken as soon as an appropriation therefor is provided.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to B. H. Hatch the sum of seven thousand one hundred (7,100) dollars and the taxes for the year 1897, as payment for his estate, No. 70, on Saratoga street, East Boston, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston December 17, 1897 (taking recorded December 18, 1897), upon said Hatch giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to Edgar F. Power the sum of three thousand five hundred (3,500) dollars, as payment for his estate, No. 76, on Saratoga street, East Boston, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston December 17, 1897 (taking recorded December 18, 1897), upon said Power giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred (February 23) an order that the rules and regulations be amended by striking out all after the first section, and substituting therefor the various sections presented with said order (see minutes of February 23, pages 54 to 109, inclusive; see also THE CITY RECORD, page 136), submitted the following:

Ordered, That the rules and regulations be amended by striking out everything after the first section, and substituting therefor the following:

(The proposed revision was submitted in print, and is a document of fifty-seven closely printed pages. An abstract of the leading changes was made in the report of the last meeting of the Board.)

The order was passed to a second reading.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, offered a report concerning the proposed limitation of expenditures by the School Board (for the report in full see THE CITY RECORD, page 182), and introduced the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the proper committee of the Legislature, and advocate the passage of a bill embodying the foregoing provisions and amounts.

The motion to lay on the table was defeated, and the order was passed.

Adjourned to April 12, at 7.30 P.M.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1898.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	191	19	210	105	85	20	105	34	35	210	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	48	—	48	17	31	—	15	12	25	48	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	203	29	232	101	115	16	85	52	66	230	2
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	9	1	10	7	2	1	5	3	5	10	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	5	—	5	3	2	—	3	1	1	5	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	21	7	28	6	20	2	21	1	4	28	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	23	22	45	19	25	1	18	12	7	45	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,209	262	2,471	134	2,285	52	1,152	967	214	2,314	157
Totals	2,709	340	3,049	392	2,565	92	1,404	1,082	357	2,890	159

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10		10 and under 15		15 and under 20		20 and under 25		25 and under 30		30 and under 35		35 and under 40		40 and under 45		45 and under 50		50 and under 55		55 and under 60		Over 60	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1	—	—	4	2	26	1	37	5	43	4	28	1	23	2	13	2	8	1	2	1	3	—	4	—
No. 2	1	—	4	—	19	—	12	—	6	—	3	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3	—	—	25	—	34	3	42	8	32	5	23	5	22	5	13	—	4	1	6	1	1	—	1	1
No. 4	—	—	1	—	4	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6	—	—	—	—	3	1	2	1	1	1	4	—	5	3	2	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	1	—
No. 7	—	—	3	—	1	3	4	8	4	4	8	4	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 8	3	5	45	4	110	9	305	36	360	69	368	42	300	35	224	22	205	18	113	11	96	5	80	6
Totals	4	5	82	6	198	17	403	58	450	84	435	52	355	46	254	26	220	20	122	14	100	5	86	7

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	10	Lodgers at station :	
Witnesses detained	11	Males	24
Missing persons reported	23	Females	2
Missing persons found	7	Americans	14
Lost children restored	64	Foreigners	12
Sick and injured persons assisted	275	Non-residents	20

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,645	15	<i>Brought forward</i>	3,031	25
British Provinces	273	3	Denmark	3	1
Ireland	708	3	Holland	1	—
England	92	3	Wales	6	—
France	12	—	East Indies	—	—
Germany	34	—	West Indies	3	—
Italy	57	—	Turkey	2	—
Russia	52	—	South America	—	—
China	43	—	Switzerland	1	—
Greece	7	—	Belgium	—	—
Sweden	28	—	Africa	—	—
Scotland	38	1	Hungary	—	—
Spain	1	—	Asia	—	—
Norway	18	—	Arabia	—	—
Poland	8	—	Mexico	—	—
Austria	9	—	Japan	2	—
Portugal	5	—	Armenia	—	—
Finland	1	—	Alaska	—	—
<i>Carried forward</i>	3,031	25	Totals	3,049	26

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, March 28, 1898, at 3 P.M., Chairman Dyar presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages were received:

Bell Ringing at Sunrise — Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 22, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith, without my approval, an order passed by your Board, requesting the Board of Police to cause the bells to be rung at sunrise, noon and sunset on certain holidays, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Council Incidental Expenses.

I have no objection to the ringing of bells at noon and sunset, but it seems to me that the ringing of bells at sunrise is a relic of barbarism, and that there cannot be any sufficient public demand for it to justify the disturbance of slumber which it causes. I am willing to approve the order, if the provision for ringing the bells at sunrise is omitted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The previous vote of the Board, passing the order, was reconsidered, and the question came on the passage of the order, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The Committee on Public Improvements reported, recommending that the veto of His Honor the Mayor be not sustained.

The report was accepted and the order passed, the veto of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding — Yeas, 11; nay, 1.

Heath-Street Widening and Engine House.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 28, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a petition sent to me by a large number of corporations and individuals holding property in the vicinity of Heath street, in the Roxbury district, petitioning that Heath street be widened to a width of eighty feet, and that an engine house be located in that vicinity. I am not prepared to make any recommendation as to the widening of Heath street, until further plans and estimates have been prepared by the Street Commissioners, but I am ready to

recommend an appropriation for the engine house requested, and the Fire Commissioner informs me that he believes there is need of this engine house, and that it should be the next one to be provided for.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

We, the undersigned, citizens, residents and property owners in the vicinity of Heath street, Roxbury, respectfully petition the City Council of Boston that Heath street be widened to a width of eighty feet, and that an engine house be located in that vicinity.

(Signed by the American Brewing Company of Boston, and many other firms and individuals.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Salt Water Fire Service.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 28, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order, providing for an additional loan appropriation of \$7,500 to complete the work of installing the salt water pipes for fire service. An appropriation of \$15,000 was made for this purpose by the City Government of 1896, but owing to unexpected difficulties and changes in the plans, the work has proved more expensive than originally estimated by the City Engineer. As the weather now permits the continuance of the work of installing this service, and as it will add materially, within the district which it covers, to existing means of protection from fire, I trust that the order may be passed by itself, without delaying the matter until the general loan order is prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be authorized to expend the further sum of \$7,500 in completing the system of salt water fire service; and that to meet the appropriation aforesaid, the City Treasurer issue and sell, as may be required, either coupon bonds or registered certificates of the City of Boston for the sum of seven thousand five hundred (7,500) dollars, said bonds or certificates to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer of the City of Boston twenty years from their date, and to bear interest at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of January and July of each year.

Ordered, That any premium obtained in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Thursday, March 24, 1898, at 7.45 P.M., President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received:

List of Licensed Plumbers.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 24, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Building Commissioner, in reply to your order requesting him to "cause to be printed as a city document a list of all licensed plumbers in the City of Boston."

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT,

Old Court House, March 18, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Relative to the order of the Common Council, "That the Building Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause to be printed as a city document a list of all licensed plumbers in the City of Boston," I respectfully state that in the Annual Report of the Building Department for the year 1897, which will soon be published, is included a list of all the master and journeyman licensed plumbers of the City of Boston; also a list of masters and journeymen who are licensed in other cities or towns, but have registered in the City of Boston for the purpose of performing work. In addition to this will be included a full and complete list of the licensed master and journeyman gasfitters.

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Christopher Gibson Playground.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, in reply to your order requesting that the name of Gibson Park be given to the piece of land recently purchased at the corner of Dorchester avenue and Park street.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

Jamaica Park, March 22, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: We have received from your hands the order which was passed by the City Council, requesting this Board "to name the piece of land recently purchased at the corner of Dorchester avenue and Park street for a park and playground, 'Gibson Park,' in honor of Christopher Gibson, who bequeathed this land for the good of the Dorchester schools," and we beg to report that

the land referred to, generally known as the "Town Field," was taken under the Playground Act, Chapter 225 of the Acts of 1893, and as its use will be that of a playground, we think it more appropriate to give it the name "Christopher Gibson Playground," which the Board has voted to do.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Sent up.

Street Improvements.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 24, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to orders requesting estimates of the cost of laying edgestones on H street, from Third street to First street, and on First street, from H street to Q street; also of macadamizing Quincy street, from Blue Hill avenue to Columbia road.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 21, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with requests contained in enclosed orders of the Common Council, I respectfully submit the following estimates of the cost of construction:

H street, Ward 14, East First to East Third streets:	
Furnishing and setting edgestones .	\$900
Furnishing and laying brick sidewalks	1,100
Furnishing and laying three-foot block gutters	1,000
East First street, Ward 14, H street to Q street:	
Furnishing and setting edgestones .	8,100
Furnishing and laying gravel sidewalks	3,800
Furnishing and laying three-foot block gutters	7,000
Quincy street, Ward 16, Blue Hill avenue to Columbia road:	
Macadamizing and regulating . . .	18,700

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Storing of Explosives.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 24, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order requesting information as to "what amount of dynamite or other explosives is kept or stored at the City Yard, called Division 4 of the Paving Department, on Chestnut Hill avenue, in the Brighton District, and also whether the safety of the citizens and their property is endangered by said keeping or storing."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 22, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the request contained in the enclosed order of the Common Council, I beg to state that in my opinion the safety of the citizens and their property is not endangered by the amount of dynamite kept in storage at the City Yard, Paving District 4, Brighton, the amount being in the neighborhood of 100 pounds, in the winter months in a frozen condition. It is placed in a building specially prepared for that purpose, and situated a thousand feet from the nearest residence, and a considerable distance from a public thoroughfare. There is no record in this Department of any accident ever occurring from such cause.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

Branch Library, Roxbury.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 24, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Trustees of the Public Library, in reply to your order requesting them "to include in their estimates of appropriation for the Library Department for the current year the sum of \$1,500, for the purpose of establishing a reading room and delivery station of the Public Library in the vicinity of the junction of Hampden and Dudley streets, Roxbury."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

PUBLIC LIBRARY,

Copley Square, March 19, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: We have received notification of the following order passed in the City Council March 10, 1898:

"Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library be requested to include in their estimates of appropriation for the Library Department for the current year the sum of \$1,500, for the purpose of establishing a reading room and delivery station of the Public Library in the vicinity of the junction of Hampden and Dudley streets, Roxbury."

With reference to the above, we beg respectfully to report to the City Government as follows:

This Department has already, under date of December 20, 1897, submitted to your Honor an estimate of the expenditures required for its operation during the coming fiscal year. This estimate was itemized, and it was further explained in a communication, a copy of which has no doubt been transmitted to the City Council.

This estimate did not provide for additional reading rooms or delivery stations. It provided simply for the proper maintenance of existing departments.

The estimate for the year 1898 exceeds by

6 per cent. the actual expenditure for 1897. But the work of existing departments has increased at least 20 per cent. since February 1, 1897.

The Trustees are not now in a position, therefore, to comply with the request contained in the order.

In connection with this request, however, they deem it their duty to call attention to the fact, that while the estimate submitted by them was \$263,401, the appropriation for this Department recommended by your Honor to the City Council was but \$250,000.

If limited to this latter sum, so far from undertaking additional departments, the Trustees may be obliged to curtail the work of existing departments.

The order of March 10 was received by us direct from the City Council. We deem it proper, however, to communicate our response through you.

Very respectfully,

The Trustees of the Public Library,

By FREDERICK O. PRINCE, President.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Council Picture — Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 21, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my signature an order passed by your body providing for a large picture of the members of the Common Council, at an expense not exceeding \$500, to be charged to the appropriation for Common Council Contingent Expenses.

I regret not to feel able to give my approval to this order, but I find that there is only one precedent for this expenditure, and it seems to me that the expense is hardly a warrantable one, and that it would be a bad precedent for the future to have the appropriation made. The appropriation for contingent expenses will be exhausted by other demands upon it, and the authorizing of any expenditure of this amount would doubtless cause a deficiency in this item, which it seems to me very necessary to avoid this year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Assigned to the next meeting.

Current Expenses of Library.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 24, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication which explains itself, and I recommend the passage of the order suggested, which merely places the Public Library upon the same basis in respect to petty current expenses as a number of other departments have already been placed upon by vote of the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

PUBLIC LIBRARY,

Copley Square, March 18, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: It has been the custom in this Department to make disbursements for current expenses required, to be paid in cash by the Library Auditor, out of current income (receipts from fines, etc.). An accounting is had each month and the income reimbursed, so that it may be turned in entire to the City Collector.

It seems better practice, however, that such current expenses be met out of a sum specifically provided for the purpose out of the regular Department appropriation.

We are advised by the City Auditor that the passage by the City Government of the following order will enable him to arrange this:

"Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library be authorized to draw from the City Treasury the sum of fifteen hundred (1,500) dollars, to be placed in the hands of the Library Auditor for meeting petty current expenses, to be accounted for before the close of the fiscal year, the same to be charged to the appropriation for the Public Library."

We respectfully recommend the passage of the above order.

Very respectfully,

The Trustees of the Public Library,

By FREDERICK O. PRINCE, President.

The message was sent up.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

The following was approved by the Mayor March 22, 1898:

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of four members of the Board of Aldermen, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to make arrangements for an eulogy in honor of the late William E. Russell.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following having been passed by the Board of Aldermen were approved by the Mayor March 22, 1898:

Permit to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to attach its wires to a tree on School street, corner of High street, Ward 5.

List of persons liable to serve as jurors in the several courts of the County of Suffolk. (See Document 53, 1898.)

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.: Baker & Perkins, 7 Hayward place, Ward 7; A. Shain, 447 Tremont street, Ward 9; Max Wurtz, 111½ West Brookline street, Ward 12; Tony Souza, 142 Broadway, Ward 13; John Keenan, 41 Charles street, Ward 11; Harry Sampson, 13 Leverett street, Ward 8; Mark L. Hobart, 122 Broad street, Ward 7; Moses L. Lipson, 375 Broadway, Ward 15; Yee Chung, 6 Blossom street, Ward 8; M. S.

Jenanyan, 1663 Washington street, Ward 12; Margaret A. Hennessey, to project two bay windows, a cornice and a door-cap over Crescent avenue, Ward 16.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to construct sidewalks in front of estates as follows:

Albion P. Rich, 101-103 Melville avenue, Ward 20, of gravel.

Sarah W. Porter, 74 Centre street, Ward 24, of gravel.

Charles K. Amidon, 90-94 Centre street, Ward 24, of gravel.

David McIntosh, Edson street, Ward 24, of gravel.

Olof A. Flugt, 16 Edson street, Ward 24, of gravel.

C. W. Perkins, 42 Edson street, Ward 24, of gravel.

Catherine McQuaid, administratrix, 54-58 Edson street, Ward 24, of gravel.

Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, Stoughton street, Ward 12, of brick.

Stoughton Street Baptist Church, Stoughton street, Ward 20, of brick.

Solomon Anselwich, 10-12 Cunard street, Ward 18, of brick.

John W. Bowers, 1285-1291 Commonwealth avenue, Ward 25, of artificial stone.

J. J. Johnston, 80 Munroe street, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Timothy McCarthy to stretch, maintain and use two guy-ropes over and across St. Alphonsus street, Ward 19, for use in building construction, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. S. Angus to move a wooden building, pitch roof, forty feet in length, by twenty-six feet in width, by thirty-four feet in height, from Louisiana place, through Saratoga, Marion and Paris streets, to Paris court, Ward 1, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. S. Angus to move a wooden building, pitch roof, forty feet in length, by nineteen feet in width, by twenty-four feet in height, from the rear of 72 Saratoga street, along said street and through Marion, Chelsea, Prescott, Bremen, Bennington and Swift streets, to Lubec street, a private way, Ward 1, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be authorized to close to public travel on Monday, September 5, 1898, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 1 P.M., the following-named streets, to be used for the annual parade of the labor organizations of Boston and vicinity, viz.:

For the Formation—Dartmouth street, from Beacon street to the bridge; Copley square; Boylston street, from Dartmouth to Gloucester street; Huntington avenue, from Dartmouth to West Newton street; Newbury street, from Dartmouth to Gloucester street.

For the Parade—Copley square to Boylston, to Berkeley, to Columbus avenue, to Dartmouth, to Dedham, to Washington, to Eliot, to Park square, to Charles, to Beacon, to School, to Washington, to Milk, to Post Office square.

And the City Messenger is hereby requested to cause the necessary roping-off of said streets at the principal points where it may be required, under the direction of the Board of Police; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

The following were approved March 23, 1898:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:

Palmer street, Ward 17, three poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, width of sidewalk, five feet; Eliot square, Ward 18, five poles, same size, width of sidewalk, eight feet; Columbus avenue, Ward 22, one pole, forty-five feet by fifteen inches, width of sidewalk, thirteen feet; East Newton street, Ward 12, one pole, forty feet by fourteen inches, width of sidewalk, eight feet; date of plans March 7, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles is to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:

Columbus avenue, Ward 22, two poles, forty feet by thirteen inches, width of sidewalk, thirteen feet; Hazel street, Ward 22, two poles, same size, width of sidewalk, six feet; Belden street, Ward 16, three poles, thirty-five feet by ten inches, width of sidewalk, five feet; West Eighth street, Ward 15, three poles, forty feet by 13 inches, width of sidewalk, seven feet; Byron street, Ward 1, six poles, forty feet by thirteen inches, width of sidewalk, eight feet; date of plans December 23, 1897.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles is to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:

Carruth street, Ward 24, one pole, thirty-five feet by twelve inches, sidewalk seven feet wide; date of plan September 18, 1897.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from Carruth street, said pole being shown by a red dot marked "removed" on

a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated September 18, 1897, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said pole is to be completed within thirty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red and blue dots on plans deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser and C. A. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:

Norfolk street, Ward 24, three poles, thirty-five feet by twelve inches, width of sidewalk, seven feet, plan dated January 21, 1898; Evelyn street, Ward 24, one pole, thirty-five feet by twelve inches, width of sidewalk, seven feet, date of plan January 21, 1898; Dorchester avenue, Ward 24, one pole, forty-five feet by fifteen inches, width of sidewalk, ten feet, date of plan November, 1889.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from Dorchester avenue, Ward 24; said pole being shown by a blue dot marked "removed" on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated November, 1889, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892; the work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by the red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Chiswick road, fourteen poles, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, width of sidewalk, seven feet, date of plan January 20, 1898; Selkirk road, three poles, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, width of sidewalk, seven feet, plan same date; Strathmore road, twenty-one poles, thirty-five feet by twelve inches, width of sidewalk, seven feet, plan same date.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

The following was approved March 25, 1898:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Mary H. Vaughn, widow of Charles J. Vaughn, recently and for many years in the Treasury Department of Boston, the sum of

twenty-five hundred and five (2,505) dollars, being the balance of salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until December 31, 1897, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 111 of the Acts of 1898; said sum to be charged to the Reserved Fund.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The four following were presented to the Mayor March 15, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be hereby requested to remove two trees in front of premises No. 1 Cheshire street, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Common and Public Grounds be and is hereby requested to remove two trees standing in the sidewalk in front of Nos. 326 and 328 Broadway, Ward 13, said trees being an obstruction to public travel.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the trees in front of the premises of Louis McCarthy, corner of K and Sixth streets, South Boston, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Permit to Aaron Albert to maintain a bootblack stand in front of the Old Court House on Court street.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments was issued by His Honor the Mayor on March 25:

Circular No. 38.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: It seems desirable that the annual reports of the different departments should be briefly summarized or abstracted for THE CITY RECORD, and also for use in the daily press. Proofs of the annual department reports will therefore be furnished to the Statistics Department, and abstracts will be prepared by that Department before the report is given to the public in print.

If you desire to make any suggestions as to points which should be covered in this abstract, or to have the abstract submitted to you before it is used, please communicate with the Secretary of the Board of Statistics.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

March 25, 1898.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Treasury Department for the financial year 1897-98 has recently been issued, and constitutes City Document 36.

The report is a document of forty-eight pages, and contains a review of the transactions of the Treasury Department, including the receipts and payments of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk for the financial year ending January 31, 1898, with a statement of the debt of the city and the sinking-funds for the redemption of the same, an exhibit of the yearly receipts and payments of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk, the aggregate of the receipts and payments of the sinking-funds, for a period of sixteen years; also an appendix showing the trust funds in the custody of the City Treasurer.

RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO LODGING-HOUSES.

The following rules and regulations relating to lodging-houses in the City of Boston have been promulgated by the Board of Health:

1. The means for light and ventilation must be satisfactory to the Board of Health and beyond the control of lodgers.

2. All floors and stairways must be sound, smooth, and either painted or shel-laced.

3. There shall be allowed not less than 300 cubic feet of space to each lodger in sleeping rooms.

4. Open and spacious dormitories will be preferred.

5. Single or small rooms will be allowed only in exceptional cases, and then only with fireproof partitions.

6. No carpeting will be allowed on floors or stairways.

7. There shall not be less than two horizontal feet between the sides of any two beds.

8. All bedsteads must be single and of iron.

9. Blankets will be required and "comforters" will be prohibited.

10. Mattresses must be covered with a waterproof covering.

11. No person will be allowed to retire or sleep in his day clothing.

12. No person who is not clean will be allowed to retire without a bath.

13. Water closets (one to every 20 lodgers), lavatories and shower bath, with hot and cold water, all with open plumbing, must be furnished on each floor, and the floors to same shall be of marble, slate or concrete.

14. All movable receptacles for excretions are prohibited.

15. Smoking in sleeping rooms is prohibited.

16. All stairways, fire escapes and other means of exit in case of fire must be in accordance with the statutes and ordinances on that subject and to the satisfaction of the Building Commissioner.

17. Stoves for heating will be allowed only under the most favorable conditions for safety.

18. The use of portable kerosene lamps is prohibited.

19. A reliable person or persons must be in attendance at all hours of the night.

Canvass of Bids.

Pauper Institutions Department.

Proposals for furnishing beef, mutton and fish to the Pauper Institutions of the City of Boston were opened on Monday, March 21, 1898, as follows:

BEEF.

	S. S. Learn- ard.	Sturtevant & Haley.	James D. Frindle.	J. V. Fletcher & Son.
	100 lbs.	100 lbs.	100 lbs.	
Item 1.				
(a) 2,000 lbs. soup beef .	\$4.25	\$4.15	\$4.30	\$4.10, 100 lbs.
(b) 350 lbs. soup beef . .	4.25	4.15	4.30	4.10, 100 lbs.
Item 2.				
(a) 350 lbs. rump	12.50	12.50	12.50	.12½ per lb.
(b) 10 lbs. rump	15.00	12.50	12.50	.15 per lb.
10 lbs. Chicago butt,	—	12.00	—	—
Item 3.				
(a) 350 lbs. corned beef,	6.00	5.90	6.00	.05½ per lb.
(b) 10 lbs. corned beef .	10.00	10.00	6.00	.10 per lb.
Item 4.				
(a) 10 lbs. tip sirloin . .	21.00	20.00	21.00	.20 per lb.
(b) 10 lbs. tip sirloin . .	21.00	20.00	21.00	.20 per lb.

MUTTON.

	I. E. Noyes.	Joshua Thorndike.	Wm. H. Prior.
	Per lb. Cents.	Per lb. Cents.	Per lb. Cents.
Item 1.			
(a) 250 lbs. fore-quarter . .	5	4½	5
(b) 75 lbs. fore-quarter . .	8	4½	5
Item 2.			
(a) 60 lbs. hind-quarter . .	8	10	9½
(b) 15 lbs. hind-quarter . .	8	10	9½
Item 3.			
10 whole carcasses	7	7½	7½

FISH.

	Caswell, Liver- more & Co.	Haskins Fish Co.	Prior Bros.	J. Burns & Co.
	Per 100 lbs.	Per lb. Cents.	Per lb. Cents.	Per lb. Cents.
Item 1.				
For inmates.				
(a) About 400 lbs. . . .	—	—	—	—
(b) About 125 lbs. . . .	—	—	—	—
Large fresh cod, } Haddock. . . . } Cusk } Cod }	—	2½	3½	2
Item 2.				
For inmates.				
(a) About 325 lbs. . . .	\$5 00	—	—	5
(b) About 75 lbs. . . .	—	—	—	—
Large salt cod	2 12½	—	3½	2
Pollock	2 50	—	—	3
Cusk	2 50	—	—	3
Hake	2 12½	—	—	3
Medium Cod	—	—	—	—
Item 3.				
For officers.				
(a) About 45 lbs. . . .	—	10	—	10
(b) About 10 lbs. . . .	—	—	—	—
Halibut	—	6	—	8
Bluefish	—	17	14	18
Salmon	—	9	—	8
Trout	—	—	—	—

Awards of Contracts.

Street Department.

Proposals for the collection and removal of store dirt, house dirt and ashes in the Meeting House Hill District were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Tuesday, March 22, 1898, as follows:

Bidder.	Bid per Year.
P. J. Lyons	\$3,645 00
J. A. Corcoran	3,995 00
D. Flynn	4,637 00
M. Fay & Son	5,000 00
J. W. Cahalan	5,187 50
P. McKeon	5,625 00
J. E. Gill	6,160 00
J. Bradley	6,250 00
J. McShane	7,000 00

The contract was awarded to P. J. Lyons.

Proposals for the collection and removal of house offal from the West Roxbury District were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Monday, March 21, 1898, as follows:

Bidder.	Bid per Year.
Geo. T. Barnes	\$1,800
Wm. Hutt	1,800
W. J. Glancy	2,496

The contract was awarded to George T. Barnes.

Water Department.

City Hall, March 29, 1898.

Proposals for furnishing such composition castings as may be needed by the Water Department for the year ending March 15, 1899, were opened at the Water Commissioner's office on Monday, March 28, as follows:

	1. 9,500 lbs. Cents per lb.	2. 33,000 lbs. Cents per lb.	3. 5,500 lbs. Cents per lb.
William Curley, East Boston	19	17½	14
John H. McCafferty & Co., East Boston	17½	16	13

The bids were taken under advisement.

JOHN R. MURPHY,
Water Commissioner.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

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H. B. 751, relative to Caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 89.
H. B. 752, relative to the Registration of Voters in the City of Boston, p. 89.
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H. B. 442, to Regulate the Issuing of Liquor Licenses in the City of Boston, p. 83.
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H. B. 508, relative to Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 85.

H. B. 509, to Authorize the City of Boston to Borrow Money outside the Debt Limit to meet the Expense of Asphalted Streets, p. 85.

H. B. 591, relative to the Sinking-Funds of the City of Boston, p. 86.

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**BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON, IN PROGRESS OF PASSAGE, BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS
LEGISLATURE, 1898.**

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
1. S. B. 20, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.						
2. S. B. 27, relative to the Charter of the City of Boston, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 31.	Feb. 7. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.						
3. S. B. 34, to Authorize the Sale of Certain Land taken for Public Park Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 16. H. (B.)	Feb. 17.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 3. S. Mch. 7.	Approved. March 8.
4. S. B. 43, relative to the Holding of Caucuses, p. 77.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Mch. 10, 15. Closed.	March 18. S. (B.)	March 21.						
5. S. B. 44, relative to the Wires and Electrical Appliances in the Streets of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 3.	March 9. S. (B.)	March 10.	March 11.	March 15. H.	March 16.	March 18.	H. Mch. 24.	
6. S. B. 47, to Require Construction of a Tunnel or Tunnels between Boston and East Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 14, 28. March 4. Closed.								
7. S. B. 50, relative to the Construction of Belvidere Street in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 22. Closed.	March 2. H. (B.)	March 24.	March 25.					
8. S. B. 56, relative to the Board of Aldermen and to the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	Feb. 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.						
9. S. B. 62, relative to the Finances of the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	March 2. Closed.	March 16. H. (B.)	March 21.						
10. S. B. 70, relative to Stony Brook in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 1. Closed.	March 14. S. (B.)	March 15.	March 16.	March 18. H.	March 21.	March 22.	H. Mch. 29.	
11. S. B. 71, to Payment of Assessments for the Laying-out and Construction of Highways in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 8. S. (B.)	March 10.	March 15. Am.	March 17. H.	March 18.	March 21.	H. Mch. 28.	
12. S. B. 81, relative to the Charles River Embankment, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
13. S. B. 93, relative to Malden Bridge, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 10.	March 10. Closed.								
14. S. B. 110, to Provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 63.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)							
15. S. B. 118, relative to the Support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston, p. 65.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, 28. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)							
16. S. B. 153, relative to Grounds for the Parade, Drill and Target Practice of the Militia of the City of Boston, p. 166.	Military Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 28. S. (B.)	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28.	March 1. H.	March 1.	March 1.	H. Mch. 3. S. Mch. 7.	Approved. March 8.
17. H. B. 80, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 29.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 3, 7. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.						
18. H. B. 82, as to Change of Harbor Lines and Improvements in South Bay, p. 29.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 13.	Jan. 28. Closed.	March 2. H. (B.)	March 8.	March 9.	March 11. S.	March 23.	March 24.		
19. H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Cities. Jan. 14.	Jan. 21. Feb. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)							
20. H. B. 125, for more Boston Aldermen, and choice of Chairman by Popular Vote, p. 43.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Feb. 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.						
21. H. B. 195, for widening Rutherford Avenue, Devens and Bow Streets, p. 43.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 21.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 18. Am.	March 21.		
22. H. B. 204, for Reorganization of the Boston City Government, p. 44.	Election Laws. Jan. 21.	Feb. 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.						
23. H. B. 233, as to Choice of President of Boston Common Council by Popular Vote, p. 60.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.						
24. H. B. 253, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 61.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.						
25. H. B. 255, as to Change in Method of Electing Boston Aldermen, p. 62.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.						
26. H. B. 348, as to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 14.	March 15. Am.	March 17. S.	March 18.	March 21.	H. Mch. 28.	
27. H. B. 356, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Children of Charles A. Lambert, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (B.)	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. S.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
28. H. B. 358, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to Family of Edward C. Cadigan, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 11. Closed.	Feb. 11. H. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. S.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	H. Feb. 25. S. Mch. 1.	Approved. March 2.
29. H. B. 359, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Father of James W. McCabe, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 4. Closed.	Feb. 9. H. (B.)	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 11. S.	Feb. 14. Am.	Feb. 15.	H. Feb. 21. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.

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LEGISLATURE, 1898.—Continued.**

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
30. H. B. 363, to Amend an Act Limiting the Number of Places which may be Licensed for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, p. 122.	Liquor Law. Jan. 25.	Feb. 18. Closed.	March 9. H. (B.)							
31. H. B. 374, as to the Election of the Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.						
32. H. B. 376, as to Election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.						
33. H. B. 377, as to the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.						
34. H. B. 395, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Family of John Kelley, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (B.)	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. S.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	II. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
35. H. B. 410, as to the Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 9. Closed.	Feb. 9. H. (B.)	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. Am.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 17.	March 9. Am.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 18.	Approved. March 23.
36. H. B. 416, resolve to Provide for an Addition to the Normal Art School Building in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Education.	Feb. 17. Closed.	March 22. H. (R.)							
37. H. B. 452, to Provide for the Appointment of One Additional Court Officer for Attendance upon the Several Sessions of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston for Civil Business, p. 83.	Public Service. Jan. 31.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 18. H. (B.)	March 10.	March 11.	March 15. S.	March 17.	March 21.	H. Mch. 28.	
38. H. B. 489, to Enable the City of Boston to Complete Blue Hill Avenue and Other Avenues, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10. Am.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.	H. Mch. 22. S. Mch. 28.	Approved. March 29.
39. H. B. 491, relative to Bennington Street in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 4.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.	H. Mch. 22. S. Mch. 24.	Approved. March 25.
40. H. B. 503, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Widow of Charles J. Vaughn, p. 84.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 11. Closed.	Feb. 11. H. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. S.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	H. Feb. 25. S. Mch. 1.	Approved. March 2.
41. H. B. 505, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 84.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.						
42. H. B. 506, to Facilitate the Inspection of Wires in Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 8. Closed.	March 16. H. (B.)	March 17.	March 18.	March 22. S.	March 23.	March 24.	H. Mch. 29.	
43. H. B. 529, relative to the Construction of a Boulevard from Morton Street to Washington Street in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21. Closed.								
44. H. B. 588, relative to Appointment of Special Police Officers in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
45. H. B. 589, to Enable the City of Boston to Finish the Construction of Its Public Parks, p. 122.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 8. S.	March 9. Am.	March 10.	March 14. H.	March 18. Am.	March 21.		
46. H. B. 645, relative to the Taking of Land for School Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 16. S. (B.)	Feb. 17.	March 1.	March 3. H.	March 4.	March 7.	H. Mch. 10. S. Mch. 14.	Approved. March 15.
47. H. B. 668, relative to the Pensioning of War Veterans who are Members of the Police Force of Boston, p. 123.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 18. H. (B.)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 25. S.	March 1. Am.	March 2.	H. Mch. 9. S. Mch. 11.	Approved. March 14.
48. H. B. 670, to Establish an Art Department in the City of Boston, p. 62.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Mch. 4, 15. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)							
49. H. B. 671, relative to Children in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.								
50. H. B. 673, to Authorize the Treasurer of the City of Boston to Issue Bonds for Taking of Land for School Purposes, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (B.)	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 8. S. Mch. 7.	Approved. March 8.
51. H. B. 675, relative to the Extension of the Subway in the City of Boston, p. 122.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
52. H. B. 676, relative to the Time of Appointment and Assignment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.	H. Mch. 22. S. Mch. 24.	Approved. March 25.
53. H. B. 685, to Authorize the School Committee of the City of Boston to Erect Buildings for School Purposes not Fire-proof, p. 124.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.	H. Mch. 22. S. Mch. 24.	Approved. March 25.
54. H. B. 686, to Exempt School-houses from Certain Provisions of the Act Relative to the Erection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 17. H. (B.)	March 18.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 24.	March 25.		
55. H. B. 749, to Change the Method of Electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 89.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.						
56. H. B. 753, relative to Ferries, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.						

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON, IN PROGRESS OF PASSAGE, BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.—Concluded.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
57. H. B. 762, relative to the Construction, Maintenance and Inspection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 92.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 17. S. (B.)	March 18.	March 23. Am.	March 25. H.	March 28.			
58. H. B. 764, relative to the Construction of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 93.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)	March 2.	March 3.	March 7. S.	March 10.	March 11.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 18.	Approved. March 23.
59. H. B. 768, relative to Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. March 14. Closed.								
60. H. B. 825, to Further Provide for a Union Station for Passengers on Railroads Entering the Southerly Part of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 1. Closed.	March 10. H. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. S.	March 17.	March 18.	H. Mch. 24.	
61. H. B. 887, to Change Boundary Line Between Boston and Cambridge, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. H.	March 17.	March 18.	H. Mch. 23. S. Mch. 28.	Approved. March 29.
62. H. B. 888, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line Between the Cities of Boston and Newton, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. S.	March 17.	March 18.	H. Mch. 24. S. Mch. 28.	Approved. March 29.
63. H. B. 889, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line Between the City of Boston and the Town of Hyde Park, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. S.	March 17.	March 18.	H. Mch. 28.	
64. H. B. 910, to Provide for the Reconstruction of the Municipal Government of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws, Feb. 11.	Feb. 11. Closed.								
65. H. B. 932, relative to Disabled Firemen in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 17.	Mch. 4, 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. H.	March 17.	March 18.	H. Mch. 23.	
UNNUMBERED BILLS.										
Petition that the City of Boston may pay Sum of Money to Sister of Denis H. Morrissey.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 11. S. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. H.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 18.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 18.	Approved. March 2.
Petition of Mayor Quincy for Provisions for Laying-out Alleys in the City of Boston, p. 64.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 4. Closed.	March 17. H. (B.)	March 18.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 25.			

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following General Orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

General Order No. 498.

March 24, 1898.

The following-named persons are hereby appointed reserve police officers of the City of Boston, under the provisions of Chapter 177 of the Acts of 1887, and temporarily assigned for duty as follows:

Edwin H. Fitts to Division 1, Howard J. West to Division 1, Martin Brock to Division 3, Edward V. Doe to Division 3, James Hanlon to Division 4, Asa G. Howland to Division 4, Edward A. Ryan to Division 5, Henry C. Wadleigh to Division 5.

General Order No. 499.

March 29, 1898.

I. Department Medals are hereby awarded to the following-named police officers for having performed hazardous or dangerous service as herein stated:

Patrolman Edward H. Lewey of Division 2, for stopping a runaway horse in Scollay square on the second of February, current.

Patrolman George A. Armstrong of Division 9, for courage shown in arresting a dangerous criminal on the thirteenth of February, current.

Patrolman Walter G. Horton of Division 11, for courage shown in pursuing and attempting to arrest a dangerous criminal who had shot and wounded him, on the thirteenth of February, current.

Patrolman Edward H. Mullen of Division 15, for stopping a runaway horse on Rutherford avenue, on the eighteenth of February, current.

II. The following-named police officers are hereby commended for having performed meritorious service as herein stated:

Patrolmen Thomas J. Dillon, William S. Cumings, James E. Halligan and John S. Donahue of Division 11, for promptness and good judgment shown in pursuing and arresting a house-breaker on the eighteenth of February, current.

Sergeant Frank G. Hurlburt and Reserve Officer George A. Whitney of Division 4, for prompt action in forcing open a door and arousing the inmates of a burning building on Oxford street, on the morning of January 9, current.

Reserve Officer Daniel Thompson of Division 10, for courage and good judgment in rescuing a child from a burning building on Tremont street, on the sixth of February, current.

Patrolman Patrick V. Kenney of Division 2, for promptly discovering and extinguishing a fire at 123 Hanover street, on the night of February 1, current.

Patrolman Bernard Doherty and Reserve Officer Patrick J. McDonough of Division 3, for prompt action in arresting two store breakers and recovering property stolen by them on the morning of the twenty-first of January, current.

III. Reserve Officer Bertrand F. Webb of Division 16, having been commended by his captain for performing meritorious service in stopping a runaway horse on Commonwealth avenue on the ninth of March, current, he is hereby appointed a patrolman in the police force and assigned to duty in the same division. He will report at the clerk's office at 9.30 o'clock A.M. Thursday, 31st inst., to be sworn.

Board Meetings.

Health Department.

Old Court House, March 25, 1898.

It was voted to allow and pay to Ellen M. Dorey, administratrix of the estate of George McBride, the sum of \$50, caused by the destruction of building 73 North Margin street, in pursuance of an order issued by the Board of Health dated January 29, 1898.

Applications for the occupancy of stables were granted March 24, 1898, as follows:

Susan P. Stoddard, 122 Neponset avenue, for three horses.

Mary Roach, rear 13 Roach street, for two horses.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Alice A. Bullock, 24 John A. Andrew street, Ward 22, two horses; hearing called for April 7, at 11 o'clock. Arthur C. Hall, Hutchins street, Ward 21, one horse; hearing called for April 7, at 11 o'clock. Richard C. Fallon, Franklin place, Ward 23, five horses; hearing April 14, at 11 o'clock. H. A. Cook, Gardner street, Ward 25, two horses; hearing April 7, at 11 o'clock. Boston Industrial Home, Randolph street, Ward 9, 41 horses; hearing April 7, at 11 o'clock.

On March 21, 1898, it was voted to employ Dr. Hibbert Hill as bacteriologist and director of the laboratory of this Department at a compensation of \$2,500 per annum, the appointment to take effect on March 28.

The Board of Health reports the following work of the Inspectors of Provisions and the Inspector at the Abattoir for the week ending March 26, 1898:

Seized by the Inspector of Provisions, 415 pounds of diseased meat, 361 pounds immature veal.

Examined and condemned at the Abattoir:

Examined:	
Cattle	388
Sheep	232
Calves	377
Hogs	46
Total	1,043

Condemned:

One cow, as being affected with tuberculosis.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street March 10, 1898. Dr. Baldwin in the chair.

Present: Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Connelly, Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The Visiting Committee reported the need of better drainage in the grounds at Pierce Farm, and the purchase of new horses and an express wagon.

The Superintendents reported the purchase of new furniture, and the transfer of eighteen patients to Medfield; and that the ice crop had proved inadequate.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$4,616.88, and the pay-rolls, amounting to \$3,622.73, and a bill for the board of insane in other hospitals, amounting to \$7,823.05, were approved.

It was voted that the Street Department be requested to lay a plank walk on Canterbury street, from Austin street to the rear entrance of Pierce Farm.

It was voted that 500 copies of the Annual Report be printed for circulation.

Drs. Baldwin and Knapp were appointed delegates to the next Institutions Conference.

The number of patients in the two Institutions on March 9, 1898, was as follows:

AUSTIN FARM.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	171	157	328
On visit	—	3	3
Total	171	160	331

PIERCE FARM.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	97	62	159
On visit	1	6	7
Total	98	68	166

AUSTIN AND PIERCE FARMS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	268	219	487
On visit	1	9	10
Total	269	228	497

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, March 21, 1898.

Abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners March 21, 1898:

Voted, That the Protective Coin Lock Company be authorized to place their patent bicycle locks in the public parks, for the season of 1898, in accordance with their proposal and under the direction of the Superintendent.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to secure proposals for constructing the boundary wall at Morton street, Forest Hills, the stone to be furnished by the Department.

Voted, That the land known as the "Town Field," taken under the Playground Act, be named "Christopher Gibson Playground."

Voted, That the plan for entrance gates and fence, to be erected on the grounds leased to the Boston Yacht Club, submitted by the club, be approved.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

The Board of Overseers of the Poor met at its rooms in the Charity Building, March 2, 1898, at 3 P.M.

Present: Mr. Fowler, Miss Rogers, Mr. Sproules, Mrs. Wolcott, Mrs. Thorndike, Mr. Parker, Mr. Mullen and Dr. Stuart.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasury for \$2,000.

The Chairman nominated Mr. Parker to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Finance and Accounts, and the nomination was confirmed.

A communication was received from His Honor the Mayor, approving the appointment and salary of John F. O'Brien as visitor.

A communication from Penal Institutions Commissioner Marshall, asking for information "as to the number of families of inmates of our penal institutions that apply for aid to the Overseers of the Poor," was referred to the secretary.

Dr. Stuart, for the Finance Committee, reported that the committee had examined the accounts for the months of January and February, and found them to be correct.

The Chairman and Mrs. Thorndike were elected delegates to the Quarterly Conference, to be held in accordance with the provisions of Section 7, Chapter 395, of the Acts of 1897.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read by Miss Rogers, who also stated that arrangements had been made for a woman to meet the Institution boat whenever it seemed desirable.

Voted, That the Committee on the Home be authorized to comply with a request of the Trustees of the Children's Department, that children may be kept in the Home pending decision as to the disposition to be made of them.

The monthly report of the Lodge and Woodyard was read and approved.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending March 26, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.2
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	24.4
Number of deaths:	
Males	97
Females	119
Total	216
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	243
Decrease	27

Of 216 decedents, 212 were white and 4 colored; 121 were born in the United States, 92 in foreign countries and 3 unknown; 44 were of American parentage and 150 of foreign parentage; parentage unknown, 22.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	33	0
Scarlatina	21	0
Typhoid fever	3	3
Measles	24	2
Totals	81	5

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	31
Pneumonia	34
Whooping Cough	2
Heart disease	18
Bronchitis	11
Marasmus	2
Violent causes	7
Total from principal causes	105
Total from infectious diseases	5
Total from other causes	106
Total from all causes	216

Deaths of children under 1 year	42
Deaths of children under 5 years	57
Deaths of persons over 60 years	47
Deaths in public institutions	51

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Boston, March 24, 1898.

Sealed bids for building an additional platform (including roof and walls) on easterly side of Scollay square station of the subway will be received at the office of the Boston Transit Commission, 20 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., till 12 o'clock M. of Tuesday, April 5, 1898. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for the sum of \$1,000. Some of the items are estimated to be as follows: 3,200 cubic yards earth excavation; remove 130 cubic yards of old masonry and 16 tons of old steel; 170 tons of iron and steel, furnished by Commission, to be set in place; furnish and put in place 320 cubic yards concrete, brick and stone masonry. Plans can be seen and specifications and forms of contract can be obtained at 20 Beacon street, fifth floor. A bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum of 20 per cent. of the amount. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and reserves the right to award the contract as it deems for the best interest of the City of Boston.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

Sealed bids for painting, wooden flooring and paving for the Charlestown Bridge, will be received by the Boston Transit Commission, at its office, 20 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., until 12 o'clock M. of Tuesday, April 5, 1898, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read. No bid will be received and deposited unless accompanied by a properly certified check for the sum of \$1,000, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the City of Boston, which check will be returned to the bidder unless he fails to execute the contract should it be awarded to him. Notice to contractors, bid, contract, specifications and bond can be obtained, and plan can be seen, at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids. GEORGE G. CROCKER, Chairman. CHARLES H. DALTON, THOMAS J. GARGAN, GEORGE F. SWAIN, HORACE G. ALLEN, Boston Transit Commission. B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, March 28, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use curved tracks at and near the intersection of Park street and Dorchester avenue, and connecting with the existing tracks on said street and avenue, and likewise the company's car-house there situate, all as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated March 23, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney.
By WM. A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 28, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eighteenth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The West End Street Railway Company, being about to rebuild its tracks on Tremont street, between Roxbury Crossing and Huntington avenue, which rebuilding may involve slight changes in existing locations, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use a double track from a point near Roxbury Crossing, so called, there connecting with the existing tracks of the Company on Columbus avenue, thence through said Tremont street to Huntington avenue, there connecting with the company's tracks on said avenue, with all necessary cross-overs, switches and connections, and curves connecting with the car-house of said Company at Roxbury Crossing, all as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated March 22, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company.
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 28, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eighteenth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use tracks on or near Eliot square, connecting with tracks there situate on Dudley and Roxbury streets, and thence extending on and through Centre street to a point near Linwood street, there connecting with the existing tracks of said Company, all substantially as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated March 22, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company.
By Boston Elevated Railway Company,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 28, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eighteenth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

Boston, March 22, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed.

Said Company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Rockland street, from Chestnut Hill avenue, Ward 25, easterly (five poles); Seattle street, from Cambridge street, Ward 25, westerly (four poles); Blakemore street, Ward 23, between Hyde Park avenue and Florence street (four poles); Florence street, between Blakemore and Sherwood streets, Ward 23 (four poles); Geneva avenue, corner Columbia road, Ward 20 (one pole). Also to remove one pole from Geneva avenue, corner Columbia road.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 28, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the fourth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 23, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 835 Dorchester avenue, Ward 16, three bay windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Dorchester avenue. Dimensions: Each 24 feet high, 13 feet wide and 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

HUGH GIBLIN,
17 Mt. Vernon street.
Per THOS. R. HUGHES, Architect.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 28, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eleventh day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the South Boston Inquirer and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 19, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 1 Forest Hills street, corner Washington street, Ward 22, one bay window, circular in plan, of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Washington and Forest Hills streets. Dimensions: Twenty-two feet high, 12 feet wide and 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

J. SCHEFFREEN,
42 Court street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 21, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, April 4, at 3 P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in THE CITY RECORD and Jamaica Plain News, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 28, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Main street, corner Furber court, Ward 4, two bay windows of wood, of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Main street; also to project a cornice 24 inches over Main street. Dimensions of windows: Each 24 feet high, 14 feet wide and 3 feet over line of street.

WILLIAM L. HENRY,
5 Albion place, Charlestown.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 28, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eleventh day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
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Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held on Monday, April 4, Alderman Dyar resigned the office of Permanent Chairman of the Board, and his resignation was accepted. Alderman Joseph A. Conry was then elected by the Board, eleven ballots being cast in his favor as Permanent Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman Dyar.

JOHN P. BRAWLEY.

John P. Brawley, for the past twelve years Assistant Clerk of Committees, died at his home in Dorchester, on Sunday, March 27, 1898.

Mr. Brawley was born in Roxbury August 29, 1849. He was a member of the Common Council in 1878 and 1879, and served in various departments of the City Government until 1886, when he was appointed Assistant Clerk of Committees. Both branches of the City Council adopted resolutions upon the death of Mr. Brawley.

RESIGNATION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT.

On April 4, the House of Representatives accepted the resignation of Osgood Blaney, Representative from the Sixteenth Suffolk District.

SPECIAL PUBLICATION, NO. 1, OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS.

The Department of Municipal Statistics has issued the first number of a series of publications, analyzing the finances of the city. The entire series will, when completed, give a complete view of the income and expenditure of the city for the five years ending January 31, 1897.

For the sake of clearness in presentation, the accounts of the city have been divided into four parts — (1), Ordinary Receipts and Expenditures; (2), Extraordinary Receipts and Expenditures; (3), Trust Funds; (4), Book-keeping Items. The Ordinary Receipts and Expenditures account includes the receipts of current income from all sources, such as taxes, rents, interest, fees, licenses and receipts of water-works, and on the other side of the account the ordinary departmental expenditures. The Extraordinary Receipts and Expenditures account includes receipts from sales of bonds and real estate, and expenditures authorized from special appropriations. The Trust Funds account includes all income from trust funds not credited to Department appropriations and gifts to the city; and, on the other hand, expenditures of income and investment of capital. The Book-keeping Items account includes all items which pass through the Treasury as through a conduit, and have no permanent effect on the city finances.

Special Publication, No. 1, is an analysis of a portion of the first above-named account, namely, the ordinary expenditures of the city. The ordinary receipts of the city will be analyzed in a later publication.

The publication begins with a financial statement for the five fiscal years, 1892-93 to 1896-97, inclusive, showing the division of the city income and expenditure as between the four above-mentioned accounts. A series

of five tables follow, summarizing by departments the ordinary expenditures of the city. The rest of the work is devoted to a consideration in further detail of the expenditures of the several departments, each of which is treated in a separate table. The annual estimate of expenditure made by the Department is given; the appropriations made by the City Council at the beginning of the year; all income credited to the appropriation during the year; the actual expenditure of the Department, and the surplus or deficit of this expenditure as compared with the Department appropriation. Whenever the accounts admitted of it, the actual expenditure and the expenditure as estimated by the Department has been further analyzed by principal items of expenditure, so that the estimate and expenditure of each item may be readily compared. This analysis also makes it very easy to follow the annual increase or decrease of expenditure, with respect to each item of expenditure. In cases in which the Department earned an income for the city, this fact is also noted, and the nature of the income stated.

APPROPRIATION BILL FOR 1898-99.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held on Monday, March 28, 1898, Alderman Charles, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

The Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the message of His Honor the Mayor, transmitting the estimates of the several departments for the financial year 1898, having considered the same, respectfully submit the following appropriation bill for the city and county for the present financial year, and recommend its passage, together with the accompanying orders.

APPROPRIATION AND TAX ORDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1898-99.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses of performing the duties and exercising the powers of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk, payable during the financial year 1898-99, beginning with the first day of February, 1898, and ending with the last day of January, 1899, and to meet their respective obligations, for interest on debt, sinking-fund requirements and maturing debt not provided for by sinking-fund, the

respective sums of money hereinafter specified be, and the same are hereby, appropriated for the several departments, and for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated.

That all sums of money which form no part of the income of the city, but shall be contributed to promote the objects of any appropriation, or paid for services rendered or work done by any department for any other department, or for any person or corporation other than the City of Boston, be paid into the general treasury and credited to such appropriation, or to the appropriation of the department or division of a department rendering such service or performing such work; and that the respective executive departments of said city, under the general supervision and control of the Mayor and the other public authorities designated in the several appropriations, or having by law the expenditure of the same, expend the said appropriations according to law for the objects and purposes specified, and expend said contributions for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

Ordered, That the appropriations hereinafter specified, except those for the Water Department, be met out of the money remaining as a general balance in the treasury at the close of the thirty-first day of January, 1898, not including any money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and out of the income of the current year, other than that from the Water Works, and out of taxes to the amount of \$13,253,790.

Ordered, That the incomes received from the Water Works be applied, so far as required, toward meeting the appropriation hereinafter specified for the Water Department.

Ordered, That to provide the said amount of taxes, the sum of \$13,253,790 be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston; that all such taxes, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1898, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1898; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1898, bear interest from and including said day until paid at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum up to the first day of January, 1899, and at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum after and including said first day of January, except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, from and including said first day of November until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and become a part of such taxes.

Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations aforesaid, the City Treasurer issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston, not exceeding \$7,000,000 in the total, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year; that all such bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness be dated the day the money for the same is received, be made payable with the interest thereon at the office of the City Treasurer within the current municipal year, from taxes of said year, and bear interest, at such rate as said Treasurer shall deem proper,

from their date until the day the same are made payable.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, may sell, in the manner provided by the ordinances, any lands or buildings not in use by any department, nor held under the requirements of any statute, and that the proceeds thereof be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds.

Ordered, That the premiums realized in the negotiation or sale of any notes, bonds or scrip be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds, to be by them applied to the sinking-funds for the payment of such notes, bonds or scrip.

Ordered, That the City Auditor, from time to time during the year, with the approval of the Mayor, may return to the general treasury any part of an appropriation for current expenses not needed to meet such expenses, and at the end of the year shall return to the general treasury all unused balances of appropriations for current expenses; and may with such approval, credit to the appropriation for any division of a department any sums which may have been previously returned to the general treasury from any other division of the same department; and may, with such approval and with the further approval of the Committee on Finance, return any unused portion of the reserved fund to the general treasury, and credit any portion so returned to any appropriation for current expenses; and that said Auditor, with the approval of the Mayor, may, between December 1, 1898, and February 1, 1899, credit any part of the income and taxes not disposed of to any appropriation for current expenses, and at the end of the year shall apply any of the income and taxes not disposed of in the closing of the accounts for the financial year.

Ordered, That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to charge to the reserved fund the amounts of all executions of courts for damages suffered by the act or neglect of any department, damages settled by any department after the approval of the Committee on Claims and the Mayor, and all court expenses of the Law Department incurred in the prosecution or defence of any case to which the city is a party.

Ordered, That the authority to issue bonds for the additional supply of water, under an order approved April 26, 1893, so far as the same has not been exercised at the date of the passage of this order, be, and hereby is, revoked; provided, however, that nothing contained in this order shall be construed to affect in any way the bonds which have already been issued under the authority of said order.

Ordered, That the income received for work done or services rendered by any department or division for any other department be credited to the appropriation for the department or division doing such work or rendering such services.

Ordered, That the amounts received from rents of the Old Public Library Building be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds.

Ordered, That all receipts from the sales of THE CITY RECORD be placed to the credit of the appropriation for THE CITY RECORD.

Current Expenses.

Assessing Department	\$145,000
Auditing Department	42,000

Board of Aldermen:		
Salaries of Aldermen	\$18,000	
Contingent expenses	5,500	23,500
Building Department		85,000
Board of Appeal		1,300
Cemetery Department		45,000
City Clerk Department		45,000
City Council:		
Incidental expenses	\$10,000	
City Council proceedings	18,750	28,750
City Messenger Department:		
Current expenses	\$29,000	
Free concerts	7,000	36,000
Clerk of Committees Department	\$13,000	
Reference Library	150	13,150
Collecting-Department		105,000
Common Council:		
Salaries of Councilmen	\$22,500	
Contingent expenses	2,000	
Salaries of clerks and assistants	5,000	29,500
Election Department		137,000
Engineering Department		75,000
Fire Department:		
Current expenses	\$1,129,000	
Pensions	42,000	1,171,000
Health Department		150,000
Hospital Department		375,000
Institutions:		
Children's Institutions Department:		
Placing-out and office department	\$73,000	
Marcella-street Home	31,000	
Parental Home	27,000	
House of Reformation, Rainsford Island	31,000	
Infant Hospital, Rainsford Island	7,000	169,000
Insane Hospital Department:		
Austin Farm	\$74,000	
Pierce Farm	51,000	
Insane in State Institutions	165,000	290,000
Pauper Institutions Department:		
Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island	\$90,000	
Charlestown Almshouse	17,000	
Pauper expenses	3,500	
Office expenses	2,500	113,000
Institutions Registration Department		18,000
Steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee"		17,000
Steamer "John Howard"		5,000
Lamp Department		645,000
Law Department		42,000
Library Department		245,000
Market Department		8,200
Mayor:		
Office		33,000
Public Celebrations:		
Patriots' Day, April 19	\$1,400	
Memorial Day, May 30	8,600	
Veteran Firemen's Memorial Day, June 12	500	
June Seventeenth	5,500	
Farragut Day, June 28	1,200	
July Fourth	12,500	
Labor's Holiday, September 5	2,000	31,700

Municipal Statistics Department	\$9,000	
"City Record"	7,500	
		16,500
Overseeing of the Poor Department		132,000
Park Department		135,000
Police Department:		
Current expenses	\$1,599,500	
Pensions	83,000	
		1,682,500
Printing Department		28,800
Public Baths Department		35,000
Public Buildings Department:		
General expenses	\$105,000	
Electrical Construction Division	20,000	
Repair Division	25,000	
		150,000
Public Grounds		90,000
Registry Department		30,000
Reserved Fund		74,461
School Committee:		
Alteration and repairs on school-buildings, to be expended by the Public Buildings Department, and temporary accommodations for school purposes	\$170,000	
Other current expenses	2,300,000	
		2,470,000
Sinking-Funds Department		2,500
Soldiers' Relief		225,000
Street Department:		
Central office	\$20,000	
Bridge Division	130,000	
Cambridge-bridge Division	15,000	
Ferry Division	220,000	
Paving Division	725,000	
Sanitary Division	500,000	
Street-cleaning Division	315,000	
Watering Division	10,000	
		1,935,000
Street Laying-Out Department		23,000
Treasury Department		43,900
Weights and Measures Department		24,634
Total appropriations for current expenses of city	\$11,222,395	

CITY DEBT REQUIREMENTS.

Sinking-funds	\$1,844,230	
Interest	2,223,243	
		4,067,473
Total appropriation for current expenses and debt requirements of city	\$15,289,868	

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

General expenses	\$695,000	
House of Correction, Deer Island	\$150,000	
Machinery and materials for manufacturing,	48,000	
		198,000
House of Correction, South Boston	\$85,000	
Machinery and materials and manufacturing	25,000	
		110,000
Office expenses, Penal Institutions		22,000
Total	\$1,025,000	

COUNTY DEBT REQUIREMENTS.

Sinking-fund and principal	\$66,287	
Interest	130,280	
		196,567
Total	\$1,221,567	
Total for city and county	\$16,511,435	

WATER DEPARTMENT.

Current expenses, extension of mains, etc.,	\$931,000	
Debt requirements:		
Sinking-funds	193,395	
Interest	844,877	
		\$1,969,272

At the regular meeting of the Common Council, held Thursday, March 31, 1898, the report and orders set forth above, and in report of Joint Committee on Appropriations (Document 61—1898) were considered. The report was accepted, the bill was given a second reading and passed by a unanimous vote—Yeas, 67; nays, 0.

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

The report was accepted.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The bill, and accompanying orders, was subsequently reported back by the Committee on Public Improvements—the report recommending its passage was accepted; the bill was read a second time, unanimously passed, and sent down.

RESOLUTIONS BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following resolution, proposed by Alderman Lott, was unanimously passed by the Board of Aldermen at its meeting on Monday, April 4; and the City Clerk was directed to transmit a copy of the same to each member of the General Court:

Whereas, The Committee on Metropolitan Affairs of the Massachusetts House of Representatives have reported a bill (House Bill No. 1,089), providing for a Board of Apportionment, to pass appropriation orders, which may, within thirty days after their submission to the City Council, be reduced by that body, but not increased, nor new items be inserted, and

Whereas, The Committee on Cities of the same honorable body have reported a bill (House Bill No. 1,149), which is now in the orders of the day on the calendar of the House, providing for a comprehensive system of playgrounds, through the purchase of such locations, not exceeding twenty, as the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, with the approval of the Mayor, may deem best adapted, and

Whereas, The Committee on Metropolitan Affairs of the same honorable body have reported a bill (House Bill No. 1,157), now in the orders of the day on the calendar of

the House, providing that the City Treasurer of the City of Boston shall, on the request of the Mayor, issue notes and bonds for divers purposes, and these issues are to be within the debt limit, and thus limit the ordinary financial resources of the city, and

Whereas, The Committee on Metropolitan Affairs of the same honorable body have reported a bill (House Bill No. 1,158), now in the orders of the day on the calendar of the House, providing for the establishment of an art department by the appointing of five art commissioners by the Mayor, without confirmation, and

Whereas, All the above-mentioned bills deprive the City Council of the City of Boston of important parts of their powers, which have long been recognized as among the prerogatives of these branches of the City Government, and

Whereas, It is apparent that these bills are but a part of the realization of the plan of His Honor the Mayor to deprive the City Council of all power and importance, and to centralize all power in the hands of one man, the Mayor,

Be it resolved, That we, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, in regular session assembled, do hereby protest against the passage of these bills, and any others which lessen the power of the City Council, and at its expense increase that of the Mayor.

WILLIAM BERWIN,
FRANKLIN L. CODMAN,
PERLIE A. DYAR,
WILLIAM H. LOTT,
MILTON C. PAIGE,
EDWARD W. PRESKO,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
MICHAEL H. CLEARY,
JOSEPH A. CONRY,
EDWARD W. DIXON,
JOSEPH J. NORTON,
FRANK J. O'TOOLE.

The following resolutions, introduced by Alderman Presko, were adopted unanimously, under a suspension of the rules, by the Board of Aldermen at its meeting on April 4:

Whereas, William McKinley, President of these United States, by his patriotic, wise and conciliatory attitude in the crisis and difficulties impending between two Christian nations has endeared himself to a large majority of his countrymen, and

Whereas, All of his noble efforts are being used to avert the terrible results of war, and

Whereas, In this nineteenth century, all peaceful and diplomatic measures should be used before a resort to arms, and

Whereas, A declaration of war would entail upon our beloved country sad and distressing consequences; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston send to the President of these United States its earnest, unqualified support for the lofty and magnificent course he has chosen to follow in this great emergency.

Resolved, That the City Clerk transmit a copy of these resolutions to the President.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS CONFERENCE.

A regular quarterly meeting of the Public Institutions Conference was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P.M., on Wednesday, March 30, 1898.

Present: Penal Institutions Commissioner and Acting Institutions Registrar, Ernest C. Marshall; Representing Trustees for Children, Charles V. Dasey, Mrs. Wm. J. Quinn; Pauper Institutions Trustees, Prof. Wm. T. Sedgwick, Mrs. Alice N. Lincoln; Insane Hospital Trustees, Dr. Henry C. Baldwin, Dr. Philip C. Knapp; Overseers of the Poor, Wm. P. Fowler, Thomas Sproules.

His Honor the Mayor being unable to be present at the first of the Conference, on motion of Mr. Marshall, it was

Voted, That Prof. Wm. T. Sedgwick act as temporary chairman.

Mr. Marshall, as Acting Institutions Registrar, reported that the work of the office was going along very satisfactorily. The reports of admissions and discharges for all of the institutions were coming in now, with the exception of those from the Children's Department, which he was sure would be forwarded at an early date. The system of cards had been very practical in use, no difficulty having been found in filling in all the blanks by the machine, and in every way it was working satisfactorily. He stated that it might be found necessary to have another assistant in the office to conduct the work as planned, but that at present it was being satisfactorily performed by assistance from the Penal Department.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Dasey, for the Trustees for Children, reported that the Marcella-street Home is now in better condition than ever before, not only as regards the education of the children, but as regards the general care and the attention paid to cleanliness, food and clothing. The total number of inmates at present is one hundred and forty-two — ninety-two boys and fifty girls. The Trustees are very anxious to receive authority to sell the institution and buy elsewhere, where more modern methods of taking care of the children can be introduced. At the House of Reformation there are one hundred and fifty-four boys. The condition of the institution is as good as it can be made in its cramped and overcrowded condition. There is need of more land and of new buildings of modern construction, and it would be much better if the institution were on the mainland. The Parental School is also very much overcrowded. There are one hundred and eighty-seven boys and three girls in the institution, while the normal capacity of the institution is only one hundred and forty. When the Parental School was instituted, there was probably no idea that the number of persons committed to it would exceed its capacity, and its crowded condition sometimes gives rise to the suspicion that the condition of the school is so excellent in regard to food, discipline, school training and general surroundings, as to make it a temptation to some people to have their boys play truant for the purpose of getting rid of the expense of caring for them. The Trustees had asked

for legislation which would enable them to compel the parents to pay the expense where there is any reasonable ground to suppose that they connive at anything of this kind. The Trustees are considering plans for two new dormitories, and will probably soon ask for an appropriation for that purpose. Mr. Dasey said that one matter in which the Insane Hospital Trustees might be particularly interested, was that they were transferring a number of the feeble-minded, for whom they could not care properly in the Marcella-street Home, to the Home of the Feeble-Minded, and spoke of it as a very desirable arrangement, as the Marcella-street Home was not a proper place for the care of these unfortunates.

The report was accepted.

Mrs. Lincoln, for the Pauper Institutions Trustees, submitted the following report:

"The most important matter which has been brought to the attention of the Pauper Institutions Trustees during the last three months, has been the suggestion of His Honor the Mayor that it might be advisable to remove the Pauper Institutions from Long Island to the mainland. This suggestion was made to the Trustees on February 16, 1898, and on February 21, the following vote was passed:

"Voted, That the Pauper Institutions Trustees, in accordance with the request of His Honor the Mayor, have carefully considered the advisability of a possible removal of the almshouse and hospital from Long Island to the mainland, and are unanimously of the opinion that in case a suitable provision can be made, such a change would be eminently desirable.

"On December 28, 1897, Mayor Quincy came before the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees, and formally requested the use of Long Island for the children's excursions, to be held under the terms of the Randidge bequest for the ensuing year. The Mayor said that he asked for this use with the understanding that fences should be built, and a proper shelter should be provided for the children. The Chairman expressed for the Board of Trustees their willingness that, under these conditions, the use of Long Island should be granted for the purpose of children's excursions, under the terms of the Randidge bequest, for the ensuing summer.

"In accordance with a vote of the Board, the nurses from Long Island are no longer sent either to the Deer Island Hospital or to the Marcella-street Home, as it is impossible for the Superintendent of Nurses to exercise direct supervision over them when they are absent from the Long Island Institution.

"The usual spring exodus from the Pauper Institutions has begun. On March 28 the Superintendent reported that 107 men had applied for discharge from Long Island.

"On request of Captain J. McE. Hyde, Assistant Quartermaster, U.S.A., permission was given by the Pauper Institutions Trustees for the use of the Long Island wharf for the landing of United States troops.

"The other transactions of the Trustees have been recorded regularly in THE CITY RECORD, and therefore it does not seem necessary to bring them before this meeting."

Professor Sedgwick stated that it was their intention to further classify the inmates by

separating the comfortable, able-bodied persons, such as are represented by this spring exodus, from the really worthy poor. It was the desire of the Trustees to make it a little less comfortable place for the able-bodied poor, principally by making them do more work, and to keep them from resorting to the institution in such large numbers.

The report was accepted.

Dr. Baldwin, for the Insane Hospital Trustees, submitted the following report:

"The number of patients in the Boston Insane Hospital is 496. The proposed change of making Austin Farm a department for women, and Pierce Farm a department for men, has been carried into effect. In compliance with the request of the Trustees the Fire Commissioner has visited the hospital, and has made certain recommendations in order to secure better protection of the institution in case of fire. The Water Department has been requested to estimate the cost of the proposed improved water supply.

"The present Pierce Farm is an arid waste, without shade of any description. A special committee, under the direction and advice of the City Engineer, are making arrangements to lay the grounds out properly and plant trees.

"The Trustees feel that the most urgent need for the future welfare of the hospital is to secure additional land, and that at once. The Trustees have definite plans that they wish to carry out, in order properly to provide for all of the insane of Boston."

In connection with the above, Dr. Baldwin submitted plans, showing the tracts of land desired by the Board for addition to their grounds.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Fowler, for the Overseers of the Poor, said that they had already felt the exodus of the paupers from Long Island, there having been an increase in the last few days of from 30 per cent. to 40 per cent. in the number of applicants at the Wayfarers' Lodge. At the request of the Mayor, the Overseers had agreed to take convalescent women at the Home, and convalescent men at the Lodge, for a longer or shorter time, when so requested by the Pauper Institutions Trustees, without requiring them to do the usual amount of work. The rule observed in the past, that three days was the longest time any one was to be allowed to stay at the Lodge, had been abolished. A fire-escape had recently been put upon the Lodge.

The report was accepted.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Dasey, at 5.42 P.M., to meet on Wednesday, June 29, 1898, at 4 P.M.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN BOSTON, MARCH, 1898.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate, and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of March, 1898, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 764; total number of mortgages, 706; total amount of mortgages, \$4,877,324.

	Number of Transfers.
Boston	198
South Boston	58
East Boston	60
Roxbury	91
Dorchester	198
West Roxbury	84
Brighton	37
Charlestown	38
Total	764

Building Department.

Old Court House, March 19, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending March 19, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	1	5	-	2	2	3	1	4	7	
2...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	8	
3...	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
4...	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
5...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	
6...	1	7	-	-	-	1	5	-	6	29	
7...	-	4	-	1	-	-	1	1	5	39	
8...	1	5	-	3	-	-	2	-	4	14	
9...	-	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	8	23	
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	41	
11...	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	24	
12...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	15	
13...	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	2	13	
14...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	
15...	4	2	-	-	-	6	1	-	1	8	
16...	4	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	15	
17...	7	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	10	
18...	-	4	4	-	-	-	2	-	-	13	
19...	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	7	
20...	14	-	19	-	2	26	1	2	17	32	
21...	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	2	23	
22...	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	11	
23...	2	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	3	11	
24...	3	2	4	-	-	9	-	-	6	13	
25...	1	2	3	-	-	1	-	3	-	8	
T'ls..	44	41	38	12	3	56	14	8	67	380	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

LEGAL ACTIONS IN 1897.

The Annual Report of the Law Department for the year 1897 constitutes Document 20, 1898. The business of the year is summarized in the following table, which gives a classification of the cases pending at beginning of the year, and those brought and disposed of during the year, excepting, as usual, the numerous trustee cases:

CAUSE OF ACTION.	Pending February 1, 1897.	Brought since Feb- ruary 1, 1897.	Disposed of during year.	Pending February 1, 1898.
Betterments, taxes, etc.....	89	9	20	78
Building laws.....	55	38	15	78
Damages for land, taking, grad- ing, etc.....	217	102	92	227
Personal injuries.....	412	155	134	433
Water pollution.....	20	-	20	-
Miscellaneous.....	104	55	43	116
Totals.....	897	359	324	932

PUBLIC WATERING TROUGHS.

Boston, March, 7, 1898.

The following correspondence has taken place between the Board of Health and the Water Commissioner respecting public watering troughs:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

Old Court House, March 17, 1898.

HON. JOHN R. MURPHY,

Water Commissioner.

SIR: Owing to the continued prevalence of glanders amongst the horses in this city, the liability of our public watering troughs being amongst the agencies by which the infection of glanders may be spread, and desiring to see every preventive measure against the disease utilized, the Board of Health hereby respectfully recommends that the public drinking troughs be cleansed at least once a week throughout the year. The Board would suggest, as an easy and useful method, that the cleansing could be done by emptying the troughs and scorching their whole interior and rim surfaces with a painter's blast lamp.

Very respectfully,

SAMUEL H. DURGIN, Chairman.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER,

City Hall, March 14, 1898.

DR. SAMUEL H. DURGIN,

Chairman Board of Health.

SIR: Your recommendation in reference to our watering troughs, sent under date of March 7, has been received. Orders have been issued to attend to the matter at once.

Yours very truly,

JOHN R. MURPHY,

Water Commissioner.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments was issued by His Honor the Mayor on April 1:

Circular No. 39.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance of the City Council is about to enter upon the work of preparing a general loan order, and will hold its first meeting for the purpose

on Tuesday, April 5, at 4 P.M. Last year the heads of departments were invited by me to prepare requests for loan appropriations deemed necessary by them, and these were subsequently published together as City Document No. 87 of 1897. I now desire to invite heads of departments to furnish me as soon as possible, and not later than April 9, their requests for loans for the current year, giving such explanation as may seem proper of the purposes of the different loans requested and of the need therefor. In cases where it seems desirable, heads of departments or chairmen of boards will be asked to appear in person, with me, before the Committee on Finance, to make fuller explanations in regard to the loans requested, and to answer any inquiries of the committee.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

April 1, 1898.

EXAMINATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

Boston Public Schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Mason Street, February, 1898.

An examination of candidates for High School certificates, Classes A and B, and for certificates to teach drawing, penmanship, book-keeping, phonography, typewriting and physical training in the Boston Public Schools, will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, 1898, in the Girls' High School-house, West Newton street.

The examination will begin on Friday, at 9 o'clock A.M. Attendance will be required each day.

Members of senior classes in colleges who are otherwise eligible by having had a year's experience in teaching school, or by being graduates of the Boston Normal School or of a Massachusetts State Normal School, or by having substantially completed a satisfactory course in pedagogy, will be permitted to take the high-school Class A examination.

Circulars containing full information may be obtained either by personal or written application at this office.

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

It is nearly thirty years since Glasgow abolished the contractor in its Cleansing Department. The Department has dust destructors and dust utilizers, machines which burn, and machines which sift the vast mass of ashes, dust, garbage, refuse and street sweepings collected every day. The total quantity thus dealt with amounted in 1896 to 418,331 tons, or an average of 1,337 tons daily.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Monday, April 4, 1898, Chairman Dyar presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages were received:

Transfer of Baths and Gymnasia to the Bath Department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 4, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

It seems to me clearly desirable that some or all of the baths and gymnasia now under the administration of the Park Department should be transferred to the newly-established Bath Department, and such transfer meets with the general approval of both of these departments. Owing to the fact that the authority of the Park Department is prescribed by statute, it is impossible, without action by the Legislature, which cannot be secured at the present session, to fully effect this transfer, but I am advised by the Corporation Counsel that there is nothing to prevent the Park Department from placing the direct administration of the baths and gymnasia under its control in the charge of the Bath Department, under suitable arrangements. It seems to me desirable that this should be done at the outset of the work of the Bath Department, rather than later, and I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order, authorizing such action to be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Bath Department is authorized, with the consent of the Park Department, to take the care and control of such bath-houses and gymnasia as are placed by ordinance or statute under the control of the Park Department or of any of them on such terms as may be agreed upon between said departments with the approval of the Mayor, and to pay the expense connected therewith out of the appropriation for the Bath Department.

Passed under a suspension of the rule. Message and order sent down.

Paving Tufts Street, Ward 7.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 4, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order requesting "an estimate of the cost of paving Tufts street, Ward 7, between Kingston and Lincoln streets, with asphalt."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 5, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the request contained in the enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I respectfully submit the following estimate of cost of construction:

Tufts street, Ward 7, between Kingston and Lincoln streets, paving with asphalt and regulating, \$2,300.

NOTE.—Tufts street, from Kingston street across Essex place, was paved with granite blocks in 1894.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Street Improvements.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 4, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a petition from property owners and residents on Beacon street, west of Massachusetts avenue, asking that this avenue, from Harvard bridge to Beacon street, and that Beacon street, west of Massachusetts avenue, to its intersection with Commonwealth avenue, may be paved with asphalt, together with a letter from the Superintendent of Streets endorsing the request. I recommend that an appropriation to enable the whole or a part of this work to be done be included in the general loan order for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 2, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I enclose a petition signed by certain abutters on Beacon street, requesting that the portion of this street, between Massachusetts avenue and Commonwealth avenue, be paved with asphalt. I should heartily approve of this being done, as the condition of the street is very bad, and it is not possible for this Department to keep it in any condition, owing to the fact that the street is narrow, and as no heavy teaming is allowed through Commonwealth avenue, all the teaming comes over this stretch of road. As a matter of economy, it would be well to asphalt this, as even since I have been in office it has been reconstructed once, and again repaired last year.

The amount necessary for the entire work would be in the neighborhood of \$35,000. If the entire amount could not be secured, a portion of the work might be done this year, and the balance await a further appropriation.

You will note that many good names are signed to this petition, and I would urge that effort be made to secure an item in the loan order covering this work.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

TO HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR OF BOSTON,
AND OTHERS IN AUTHORITY:

The undersigned, residents or householders on Beacon street, west of Massachusetts avenue, respectfully and earnestly petition that Massachusetts avenue, from Harvard bridge to Beacon street, and Beacon street, west of Massachusetts avenue, extending to or beyond the intersection of Commonwealth avenue, may be paved with asphalt or concrete (not stone or brick). This section is the only outlet for heavy teams from the Back Bay District to Brighton and Brookline, and is more exposed to the force of the high winds from the river than any other residential district. The constant passage of heavy teams not only renders the present macadam pavement usually unfit for driving, but is the cause of intolerable clouds of dust to the residents of this region; a detriment to the comfort and health of the whole community. Relief from these conditions by the substitution of a proper pavement as soon as possible is earnestly requested.

(Signed by O. F. Wadsworth and thirty-five others.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., Thursday, March 31, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received:

Lauriat Avenue Grade Crossing.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 31, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a memorial, with accompanying petition, requesting an appropriation for abolishing the grade crossing of the New England Railroad at Lauriat avenue, in the Dorchester District. I have already referred to this matter in my last inaugural address, and have pointed out the economy of doing this work at the present time, and I commend this petition to the early and favorable consideration of the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Accompanying the message was a memorial signed by Charles E. Little, William E. Harvey, William J. Hayward, John W. Abbott, Frank H. Sewell, Edgar L. Venus, and a petition signed by Curtis & Pope Lumber Company and many others, asking for the abolition of said grade crossing.

Referred to the Special Committee on Grade Crossings.

Engine House, Heath Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 31, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner, in reply to your order

requesting "an estimate of the cost of establishing a fire-engine house and apparatus on Heath street, Ward 19."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol Street, March 26, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the request of the Common Council, I beg leave to report that, in my opinion, a suitable house, apparatus and maintenance for one year, sufficient for all wants of the Heath-street District, would cost about \$36,900, the apparatus being a combination chemical and ladder truck; and if an engine were required instead, some \$6,000 more would be necessary, independent of the land.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Vacations for Patrolmen.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 31, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police, stating that, in compliance with your request, they have so arranged the vacations of patrolmen as to enable those who are veterans to have their vacations during the Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE.

March 18, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Board of Police has received the order passed by the Common Council, and forwarded by you, requesting that the vacations of patrolmen shall be so arranged this year as to enable veterans on the police force to have their vacations during the Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In reply we desire to say that instructions have been given to arrange the vacations of patrolmen this year, so as to enable veterans on the police force to have their vacations (if they so desire) during the Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT F. CLARK, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

New Bridge, Norfolk Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 31, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I am in receipt of an order, referred to me by your body, requesting the City Engineer to prepare an estimate of the cost of building a new bridge over the tracks of the New England Railroad at Norfolk street, Ward 24. Inasmuch as this bridge does not belong to the city, but is owned and main-

tained by the railroad company, it seems unnecessary for any city official to prepare an estimate of the cost of rebuilding it.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Repairs on Chapman School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 31, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee, in reply to your order requesting them to "include in their appropriation a sum sufficient to place the Chapman school-house in thorough repair," etc.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

March 22, 1898.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, February 8, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to include in their appropriation a sum sufficient to place the Chapman School-house in thorough repair, and to make additions to said school-house, according to plans held by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, report that the needs of this school-house were considered when the estimates of expenditures for the current financial year were being prepared, and of the amount asked for under "Special Appropriation for Extraordinary Repairs," approximately \$12,000, was specified to be expended upon this building. Your Committee therefore recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the work will be undertaken as soon as an appropriation therefor is provided.

For the Committee.

THOMAS F. STRANGE, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

Condition of Paul Revere School-house.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 31, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee, in reply to your order (referred last year) requesting an investigation of the construction of the Paul Revere School-house.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

March 22, 1898.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred from the files of last year a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting

the Mayor to investigate the construction of the Paul Revere School-house in Ward 6, and report the result to the Common Council, as, in the opinion of the Council, the school is not to the entire satisfaction of citizens of Boston, report that your Committee are not aware that any investigation of the construction of this school-house is necessary on their part. They recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the plans and specifications for the building were very carefully prepared, the work is proceeding under competent and thorough supervision, and they believe that upon its completion the school-house will meet with the entire approbation of the citizens of Boston.

For the Committee.

THOMAS F. STRANGE, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

Half-Time in Paving Division.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 31, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order requesting information as to the recent placing of a portion of the Paving Division on half-time.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 28, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the request contained in the enclosed orders of the Common Council, I beg to submit a copy of letter sent to the Paving Department Union on March 25, in relation to this same matter, which I think fully covers the inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Boston, March 25, 1898.

Mr. WILLIAM H. CONDRY, President Paving Department Union 6751, A. F. of L., Boston, Mass.:

SIR: In reply to the inquiry of your Committee in relation to the recent placing of a portion of the Paving Division on half-time, I beg leave to advise as follows.

This Department has advocated for some time that the appropriation for snow removal be made distinct from the regular Paving Division appropriation, as the amount necessary for snow work is so variable that the number of men to be carried and the regular street work to be done for the balance of the year depends to quite an extent on the amount expended in the first two months of the financial year — February and March — for snow. The great storm of February 1, this year, made necessary the expenditure from the Paving Division of almost \$100,000.

No head of a department has the right to anticipate increased appropriations; and, on the basis of the money available last year—which is the only basis which can be taken until such time as the annual appropriation order is passed—it became necessary that such men as could be spared from the work be either suspended or placed on half-time. The latter plan seemed preferable.

This half-time will end March 31, thus causing to a portion of the labor force of the division a loss to each man of two weeks' time.

Every effort has been used to keep the men steadily employed, and I think the results entitle the administration to the thanks of the men, when taking into consideration the difficulties which have been met. During the first 104 weeks of my superintendency, no member of your assembly lost a single day, except by fault or misconduct of his own; and but a portion have in this last lay-off lost the two weeks. This is certainly an excellent showing, and I believe that, if the men will but fairly consider the subject, they must feel that the recent action of the Department was not only necessary, but one which should be received without criticism or fault-finding.

Thanking you for the spirit in which you made your request for this information, I beg to remain,

Yours very respectfully,
(Signed) BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

Cost of Street Improvements.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 31, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to orders requesting estimates of the cost of macadamizing Grampian way, Ward 20, and Fayette, Melrose, Winchester, Piedmont and Shawmut streets, Ward 10, and of paving Church street, Ward 10, with granite blocks.

Respectfully,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 30, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with requests contained in enclosed orders of the Common Council, I beg to submit the following estimates of the cost of construction:

Macadamizing and Regulating.

Ward 20.	
Grampian way	\$13,000
Ward 10.	
Fayette street	5,500
Melrose street	4,700
Winchester street	4,300
Piedmont street	3,400
Shawmut street	2,000

Paving with Granite Blocks and Regulating.

Ward 10.	
Church street, Tremont street to Columbus avenue	11,800

NOTE.—Church street, between Tremont and Melrose streets, was repaved with new granite blocks and regulated in 1897. The estimated cost of repaving Church street with granite blocks and regulating, between Melrose street and Columbus avenue, is \$8,100.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.
Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Veto—Farragut Day Appropriation.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 25, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my approval the order passed by your body providing for the expenditure of \$1,200 for the celebration of June 28, Farragut Day; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Council Incidental Expenses. Since this order was passed, the Committee on Appropriations has voted to approve an item of the same amount in the appropriation for public celebrations, and the expenditure should be provided in this manner, in my opinion, if any is to be made; but I feel that the expense of this appropriation is growing too fast. The amount expended was \$426 in 1896, and \$750 in 1897, and I do not think that the expenditure should be increased as much as proposed this year.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The question came on the passage of the order, the Mayor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding. A motion to indefinitely postpone further consideration was carried.

Street Widening.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 31, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Under an Act which has just been passed by the Legislature, new streets must now be laid out and old streets widened only under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and Acts in amendment or addition thereto, and streets can no longer be laid out or widened under the general law. The additional loan of \$3,000,000, authorized by Chapter 319 of the Acts of 1897, can only be applied to the construction of streets fifty feet or less in width, and therefore all laying-out or widening of streets in excess of fifty feet in width must hereafter be paid for out of the balance available under the original loan, not exceeding \$3,000,000 in excess of sinking-funds, authorized by Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891. The amount now available for expenditure under the last-named Act amounts to \$200,000, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order appropriating this amount, so as to make it available for the purposes specified in said Act, in accordance with action to be taken

from time to time by the Board of Street Commissioners.

As the widening of Boston street, for which an appropriation of \$20,000 has been made, will make this street more than fifty feet wide, the expense of such a widening cannot now be paid for by a loan within the regular borrowing capacity of the city; but this can at once be met out of the \$200,000 balance above-mentioned, as soon as the appropriation of said sum is made, as recommended. I therefore also recommend the passage of the accompanying order, rescinding the order approved February 21, 1898, authorizing a loan of \$20,000 for the widening of Boston street.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred thousand (200,000) dollars be appropriated for the purposes specified in Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto.

Ordered, That the order approved February 21, 1898, authorizing a loan of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars for the widening of Boston street, between Edward Everett square and Mt. Vernon street, is hereby rescinded.

The message was sent up and the orders severally passed. Sent up.

Non-Residents in Street Laying-Out Department.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

City Hall, March 31, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Street Commissioners respectfully report upon the orders of the Common Council of February 3, 1898, and March 10, 1898, of which copies are enclosed herewith, as to the names and residences of and other particulars, concerning the employees in its Department, that the persons employed in the Department who are not residents of Boston are Messrs. H. C. Foster, C. L. Carpenter, H. J. McFarland and L. G. Humphreys. Their residences are respectively at Gloucester, Andover, Everett and Salem. The amounts paid to them are, also respectively, \$4.25, \$3.75, \$3.50 and \$3.25 per day. Their terms of service have been six years and six months, six years and eight months, ten years, and seven years. The only case of leave of absence the Board have to report in reply to your orders is that granted to Mr. H. C. Foster, for five months from January 1, without pay. All persons employed in the Department are citizens of the United States.

The Commissioners desire to state that it is the intention of Messrs. H. C. Foster, C. L. Carpenter and H. J. McFarland to become residents of the city before May 1, now next.

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Assigned to the next meeting.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED — REQUIRING MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

The following were approved on March 28:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Edward J. Eustace the sum of \$22.47, being the expense incurred by him in a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John D. Driscoll the sum of \$96.75, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Dromey avenue, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,408, fol. 91.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to M. Annie E. Clifford the sum of \$37.66, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on easterly side of Hartford street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,407, fol. 173.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the Connecticut River Lumber Company the sum of \$23.03, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on south-westerly side of Jones street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,408, fol. 173.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the Connecticut River Lumber Company the sum of \$86.03, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on south-westerly side of Jones street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,409, fol. 348.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the Franklin Savings Bank of the City of Boston the sum of \$145.85, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Vinton street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,408, fol. 403.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the Franklin Savings Bank of the City of Boston the sum of \$71.36, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Thomson court, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,408, fol. 488.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the Franklin Savings Bank of the City of Boston the sum of \$41.36, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Thomson court, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895,

by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,408, fol. 479.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the Franklin Savings Bank of the City of Boston the sum of \$3.39, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Vinton street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,408, fol. 484.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the Franklin Savings Bank of the City of Boston the sum of \$127.23, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Vinton street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,408, fol. 491.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the Franklin Savings Bank of the City of Boston the sum of \$51.36, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Thomson court, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,408, fol. 481.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to grant the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, to J. B. Kavanagh of Forest Council, Royal Arcanum, on the evenings of April 18 and 19.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Jacob Berwin, Attorney, the sum of \$71.15, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Phipps street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,499, fol. 582.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to B. Rodman Weld and John Parkinson, Trustees, the sum of \$66.48, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Stedman street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,407, fol. 168.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Marie E. Sprague the sum of \$10.68, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Wordsworth and Addison streets, East Boston, for unpaid taxes of the year 1894, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,314, fol. 596-598.

Ordered, That the Committee on Collecting Department be authorized to employ an expert accountant, not in the employ of the city, to examine the books, cash, accounts and vouchers of said Department; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for Collecting Department.

Ordered, That the Committee on Treasury Department be authorized to employ an expert accountant, not in the employ of the city, to examine the books, cash, accounts and vouchers of said Department; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for Treasury Department.

The following were approved March 31, 1898:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library be authorized to draw from the City Treasury the sum of \$1,500, to be

placed in the hands of the Library Auditor for meeting petty current expenses, to be accounted for before the close of the fiscal year; the same to be charged to the appropriation for the Library Department.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the widow of Edward C. Cadigan, for his family, the balance of salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his position as a member of the Common Council of the City of Boston until the end of the year 1897, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 110 of the Acts of 1898, said sum to be charged to the Reserved Fund.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the children of John Kelley, late an employee in the Building Department, the balance of salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until the end of the year 1897.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to grant the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, on the evening of April 28, 1898, to Edmund F. Ward, 56 Bromley street, for Division 29, A. O. H.

The following were approved April 2, 1898:

Ordered, That the Building Inspector be authorized and requested to issue a permit to the Dorchester Woman's Club to erect a club-house on Centre street, Ward 24, according to plans presented by it to the Building Department.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William McKay the sum of \$25.15, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 26 Notre Dame street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,408, fol. 113.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William McKay the sum of \$70.35, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 24 Notre Dame street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,408, fol. 111.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edmund Franklin Folsom the sum of \$159.71, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Jones street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,500, fol. 12.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Sadie Emerson the sum of \$51.97, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Willowood street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,500, fol. 23.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to George W. Brown the sum of \$297.58, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Garden street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,500, fol. 55.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to James G. Pierce the sum of \$30.66, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 153 Bowen street, for unpaid taxes for the

year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,499, fol. 312.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized, in the name and behalf of the city and for a nominal consideration, to release to the Jackson Typewriter Company, all the right, title and interest which the city acquired by virtue of a taking by the Board of Aldermen, by a resolve and order passed March 26, 1872, for the Old Dorchester Brook sewer, in and to a strip of land ten feet wide, extending through the parcel of land now owned by said company, on the easterly side of Clifton street, between Shirley and Pontine streets, said old sewer having been abandoned and a new sewer having been constructed through a new location in said land of said company.

Ordered, That Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1898, being "An Act relative to the Pensioning of War Veterans who are Members of the Police Force of the City of Boston," be and hereby is accepted.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the children of Charles A. Lambert, late clerk of the Street Department, the sum of \$243, being the balance of salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until January 31, 1898, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 1898; the said sum to be charged to the Reserved Fund.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved March 30, 1898:

Licenses to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz.:

Edwin R. Flint, to store, 62 Webster avenue, Brighton.

F. D. Pierce Company, to store and keep for sale, at 14 and 16 Washington street and 106 Union street.

Constable's bonds of Henry Martyn and Parker N. Jenkins.

Permit to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company for the use of Faneuil Hall on Monday evening, April 4, 1898.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Frank Brown, a shoemaker's sign, at 36 Porter street, Ward 2.

Charles A. Horrigan, a transparency, at 25 and 27 Bunker Hill street, Ward 3.

Boston Dental Company, a small show-case, at 681 Washington street, Ward 7.

Everett G. Priest, an illuminated sign, at 1239 Washington street, Ward 9.

Herman Starkowsky, a sign, at 704 Centre street, Ward 22.

William J. Simkins, a watch sign, at 242 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 10.

Alexander Monoko, a sign, at 18 River street, Ward 11.

Archibald G. Rankin, a sign, at 278 Shawmut avenue, Ward 9.

Warren Gowin, two barber poles, at 149 Dover street, Ward 9.

Andrew J. Lloyd & Co., an illuminated sign, at 323 Washington street, Ward 6.

G. O. Fogg, a lantern sign, at 292 Washington street, Ward 6.

Boyd Hamilton, two barber poles over Charles street, and one over Chestnut street, from building 36 Charles street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from five

to twelve feet in width, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Francis C. Creber, 28 Abbot street, Ward 20; gravel.

Mrs. Sarah Eaves, Wabeno street, near Wyoming street, Ward 21; gravel.

J. W. Davis, 52 Rockwell street, Ward 24; gravel.

Pietro di Rocco, Lewis street, corner North street, Ward 6; brick.

Emilie Ochs, 24 Marcella street, Ward 22; brick.

T. L. Connolly, 34-55 Hunneman street, Ward 17; artificial stone.

Mrs. Sarah Aronson, Wabeno street, nearly opposite Wabon street, Ward 21; artificial stone.

Felix Smith, Wabeno street, corner Wabon street, Ward 21; artificial stone.

Mrs. N. P. York, 71 Alban street, Ward 24; artificial stone.

Bennett H. Nash, et al., 144 Boylston street; artificial stone.

The following were approved March 31, 1898:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins and G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Rutherford avenue, Ward 4, one pole, forty-five feet high, fifteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet. Date of plan, November, 1889.

Columbus avenue, Ward 22, two poles, forty-four feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, thirteen feet. Date of plan, November 12, 1897.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove poles as shown by red dots marked "removed" on plans made by C. A. Perkins and G. H. Dresser, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, viz.:

Rutherford avenue, one pole, plan dated November, 1889; Columbus avenue, two poles, plan dated November 12, 1897.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Fire Commissioner to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by white dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by the Fire Department; said poles to be located as follows:

Bernard street, seven poles, thirty-five feet high, twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

Elmo street, seven poles, thirty-five feet high, twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Waterlow street, one pole, thirty-five feet high, twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, five feet.

Clinton street, one pole, thirty-five feet high, twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, five feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove the fifteen poles on Brookline avenue, between Beacon and Boylston streets, shown on plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits (work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto), as follows:

James Smith, to erect, maintain and use guy-posts and the necessary ropes, as follows: One on the north-east corner of Beacon street and Massachusetts avenue; one at Massachusetts avenue, near Beacon street; one at Beacon street, near Massachusetts avenue, Ward 11.

D. Henry Cram, to erect, maintain and use two guy-posts with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over East Fifth street and I street, for use in the construction of the new Church of the Gate of Heaven, Ward 14.

D. F. O'Connell, to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over the following streets: One in City square, at Waverly street; one in City square, fifty feet from Charles River avenue; one in Water street, fifty feet from Charles River avenue; one in Front street, near Warren avenue, for use in the construction of the new bridge, Ward 5.

H. P. Nawn, to erect, maintain and use one guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over Zeigler street, near Warren street, Roxbury, Ward 17, for use in building construction.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to move wooden buildings on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto, on the following petitions, viz.:

John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company, one composition roof, forty-eight feet in length, by twenty-three feet in width, by thirty-four feet in height, from Nos. 137-139 Columbia street to Quincy street, and along said street about one hundred and fifty feet north-westerly, Ward 16.

John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company, one flat-roof, thirty-six feet in length, by twenty-three feet in width, by thirty-four feet in height, from Nos. 133-135 Columbia street to Quincy street, and along said street about one hundred and fifty feet, Ward 16.

John Soley, one pitch-roof, twenty-four feet in length, by twenty-two and one-half feet in width, by twenty-two feet in height, from present location on Spring street, north-easterly about two hundred and forty feet to lot on opposite side of said street, Ward 23.

John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company, one flat-roof, thirty-six feet in length, by twenty-three feet in width, by thirty-four feet in height, from 290 Quincy street along about one hundred and fifty feet to foundation at 280 Quincy street, Ward 16.

Ordered, That a special committee of five members of the Board of Aldermen be appointed to attend the funeral of John P. Brawley, late assistant clerk of committees, and that said committee procure a floral tribute, the expense of the same to be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

The following was approved April 1:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to G. W. Turner to erect, maintain and use a post, with petroleum light thereon, on Adams square, Ward 6, at a point near the subway structure and out of the way of vehicles. The work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—NOT REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That the Committee on Ordinances request the Corporation Council to prepare as soon as possible a table of changes in the proposed Ordinances of 1898, from those of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow a holiday, without loss of pay, and as part compensation for their services, to all employees of the Sanitary and Street-cleaning Division, who are members of Local Union No. 6,064, American Federation of Labor, on Tuesday, August 2, 1898, the day of their annual picnic.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court, at its present session, for authority to pay to the widow of Charles Bulle, lately employed as a draughtsman in the Sewer Division of the Street Department, the amount of his salary for the balance of the financial year had he lived to perform his duty for said time.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be requested to so arrange the vacations of such members of the Police Department as are Knights Templars, and who may desire to attend the twenty-seventh Triennial Conclave of the Knights Templars of the United States at Pittsburg, Pa., on October 10, next, that they may have an opportunity to attend such conclave.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow the employees of the Sewer Division a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on June 28, 1898, the day of their annual picnic.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court at its present session, for authority to pay to the widow of Frank Bowker, lately employed in the Sewer Division of the Street Department, the amount of salary he would have earned if he had lived and performed services for the city until the end of the financial year.

Ordered, That the Committee on Overseeing of the Poor Department be authorized to make the annual examination of the securities for trust funds in charge of the Overseers of the Poor, and report to the City Council as to the condition thereof.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Fire Commissioner to allow the firemen one hour and a quarter for dinner in the future.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be requested to report to this Board an estimate of the cost of widening to a width of fifty feet Union Park street, between Washington street and Harrison avenue, Ward 9.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be hereby requested to report to this Board an estimate of the cost of constructing Moseley avenue, Ward 16.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to report to this Board an estimate of the cost of extending Willow park from Shawmut avenue to Westminster street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to report to this Board an estimate of the cost of paving Tufts street, Ward 7, between Kingston and Lincoln streets, with asphalt.

The following were approved:

Pay-roll of the Register of Deeds, amounting to \$2,278.01.

Minors' licenses to forty newsboys, two bootblacks and one vendor of songs.

Permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement.

T. R. Henry, manager, permit for Gwyn-dolyn Cowper to appear at the Columbia Theatre for one week, commencing March 28, 1898.

A. L. Griffin, manager, permit for Charles Eggleston to appear at Bowdoin Square Theatre for one week, commencing March 28, 1898.

C. H. Plummer, manager, permit for George and Nellie Stokes to appear in cakewalk at Howard Athenæum for one week, commencing March 28, 1898.

A license to Frank V. Dunn & Co., for the Nickelodeon, 51-53 Hanover street, for the season ending August 1, 1898.

ENACTED WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The following order was presented to the Mayor March 22, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to Emery Souther to change the location of the druggist's mortar, now projecting from building 67 Green street, to No. 73 Green street, Ward 8.

Passed Over Mayor's Veto.

The following was passed over the Mayor's veto:

Ordered, That the Board of Police be requested to cause the bells to be rung at sunrise, noon and sunset on February 22, March 17, April 19, June 17 and July 4 of the present year; the expenses attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AND ORDINANCES PASSED.

By City Council.

The following resolutions were adopted by the City Council March 28:

Whereas, The Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, have shown by appropriating \$50,000,000 for national defences that the condition of foreign affairs warrants immediate and positive action; and

Whereas, The United States Navy Yard, in the Charlestown District of Boston, has capacity for accomplishing much more work than is now being handled; be it

Resolved, By the City Council of Boston, that the operation of the Charlestown Navy Yard to its complete capacity would afford substantial assistance to many capable mechanics and laborers now seeking employment.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Secretary of the Navy and the members of Congress from Massachusetts.

Whereas, John P. Brawley, for many years connected officially with our City Government, first as a member of the Common Council, and more recently serving the different departments, has been called to his last reward; therefore

Be it resolved, That we take this occasion to inscribe upon the records sentiments of regard and respect for his memory, and deepest feelings of solicitude and sorrow for his family.

Mr. Brawley was, while a member of the popular branch of our government, an able, fearless and honest official.

He inaugurated many important and intelligent reforms during his legislative career, and his record will stand as one of the brightest and most commendable of the able men who have been connected with our government.

In the many positions which he filled, his perception and intelligence were of the highest and greatest worth to our city.

Resolved, That we bow in submission to the decree of Divine Providence, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to his family.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council, any legislation enacted by the General Court relating to the City Government of Boston should have a provision requiring the same to be submitted to the voters of the city for approval.

Ordered, That a copy of this resolve be transmitted to each branch of the Legislature and to His Excellency Governor Wolcott.

The following ordinances were passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor on March 30 and April 2, respectively:

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 is hereby amended in Section 10 by inserting after the word "therefor" in the fourth line of said section, the following words: "But shall employ none but citizens of the United States in any capacity, and shall give preference in all cases to residents of Boston."

Be it ordained by the City Council, as follows:

Section 38 of Chapter 42 of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 38. Every such wooden building more than twenty-five feet in height and 2,500 feet in horizontal area to be used for any purpose other than that of a dwelling-house, shall, unless otherwise ordered by the City Council, have for every such area an intercepting brick wall not less than twelve inches thick, carried twelve inches above the roof, and covered with metallic covering."

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY, 1898.

Statement of deaths for the month of February, 1898, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Death rate for the month per 1,000 inhabitants 17.81
Death rate for corresponding month, 1897, per 1,000 inhabitants 21.99

Number of deaths:

Males 397
Females 388
— 785

Condition:

Married 226
Single 402
Widows 107
Widowers 44
Unknown 6

Color:

White 764
Colored 21

Deaths of children:

Under 1 year 150
Under 2 years 194
Under 5 years 231

Nativity:

United States 505
Ireland 142
England 16
Scotland 11
Germany 13
British America 56
Italy 6
Russia 6
Other countries 27
Unknown 3

Parentage:

United States 199
Irish 247
English 14
Scotch 13
German 18
British American 47
Italian 20
Russian 17
Other countries 61
Mixed 59
Unknown 90

Causes of Death:**I. ZYMOTICS.**

Alcoholism 4
Croup 3
Cholera infantum 3
Cerebro-spinal meningitis 9
Diarrhoea 3
Dysentery 1
Diphtheria 12
Erysipelas 4
Influenza 1
Measles 1
Puerperal fever 1
Pyæmia 1
Rheumatism 1
Scarlatina 6
Syphilis 1
Septicæmia 5
Typhoid fever 5
Whooping cough 4
— 65

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer 32
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis 7
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica 22
Phthisis pulmonalis 80
Other constitutional diseases 15
— 156

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy 32
Bright's disease 8
Bronchitis 42
Heart disease 76
Meningitis 18
Nephritis 27
Pleurisy 1
Pneumonia 126
Other local diseases 124
— 454

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Inanition 7
Old age 19
Premature birth 27
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever) 5
Other developmental diseases 14
— 72

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental 25
Homicidal 1
Suicidal 3
Other violent causes 3
— 32
Unknown causes 6
— 6

Total from all causes 785

Pauper Institutions Department.

The contracts for furnishing the Pauper Institutions of the City of Boston with mutton and fish (see THE CITY RECORD, page 206) were awarded to Joshua Thorndike and J. Burns & Co., respectively.

The proposals for furnishing the Institutions with beef were rejected by the Trustees.

Water Department.

The contract for composition castings for the Water Department for the year ending March 15, 1899 (see THE CITY RECORD, page 206), was awarded on March 30 to John H. McCafferty & Co., Boston, as the lowest bidder.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following list contains the titles of bills concerning the City of Boston, adversely reported upon by the various committees and sustained by the Legislature, together with the number of page of THE CITY RECORD on which the bills were previously noted or printed:

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H. B. 340, relative to Granting Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the City of Boston, p. 121.

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H. B. 758, relative to Public School Teachers' Retirement Fund, p. 90.

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5. S. B. 44, relative to the Wires and Electrical Appliances in the Streets of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 3.	March 9. S. (B.)	March 10.	March 11.	March 15. H.	March 16.	March 18.	H. Mch. 24.	
6. S. B. 47, to Require Construction of a Tunnel or Tunnels between Boston and East Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 14, 28. March 4. Closed.								
7. S. B. 50, relative to the Construction of Belvidere Street in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 22. Closed.	March 2. H. (B.)	March 24.	April 1.					
8. S. B. 56, relative to the Board of Aldermen and to the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	Feb. 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
9. S. B. 62, relative to the Finances of the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H. (B.)	March 21.						
10. S. B. 70, relative to Stony Brook in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 1. Closed.	March 14. S. (B.)	March 15.	March 16.	March 18. H.	March 21.	March 22.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	Approved. April 1.
11. S. B. 71, to Payment of Assessments for the Laying-out and Construction of Highways in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 8. S. (B.)	March 10.	March 15. Am.	March 17. H.	March 18.	March 21.	H. Mch. 28. S. Mch. 31.	Approved. April 1.
12. S. B. 81, relative to the Charles River Embankment, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
13. S. B. 93, relative to Malden Bridge, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 10.	March 10. Closed.	April 1. S. (B.)							
14. S. B. 110, to Provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 63.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)	March 30.						
15. S. B. 118, relative to the Support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston, p. 65.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, 28. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	March 30.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.			
16. S. B. 153, relative to Grounds for the Parade, Drill and Target Practice of the Militia of the City of Boston, p. 166.	Military Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 28. S. (B.)	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28.	March 1. H.	March 1.	March 1.	H. Mch. 3. S. Mch. 7.	Approved. March 8.
17. H. B. 80, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 29.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8, 7. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
18. H. B. 82, as to Change of Harbor Lines and Improvements in South Bay, p. 29.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 13.	Jan. 28. Closed.	March 2. H. (B.)	March 8.	March 9.	March 11. S.	March 23.	March 24.	H. Mch. 30. S. April 1.	Approved. April 2.
19. H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Cities. Jan. 14.	Jan. 21. Feb. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)							
20. H. B. 125, for more Boston Aldermen, and choice of Chairman by Popular Vote, p. 43.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Feb. 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
21. H. B. 195, for widening Rutherford Avenue, Devens and Bow Streets, p. 43.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 21.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 18. Am.	March 21.	H. Mch. 29. S. April 1.	Approved. April 2.
22. H. B. 204, for Reorganization of the Boston City Government, p. 44.	Election Laws. Jan. 21.	Feb. 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
23. H. B. 233, as to Choice of President of Boston Common Council by Popular Vote, p. 60.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
24. H. B. 253, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 61.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
25. H. B. 255, as to Change in Method of Electing Boston Aldermen, p. 62.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
26. H. B. 348, as to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 14.	March 15. Am.	March 17. S.	March 18.	March 21.	H. Mch. 28. S. Mch. 31.	Approved. April 1.
27. H. B. 356, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Children of Charles A. Lambert, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (B.)	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. S.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
28. H. B. 358, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to Family of Edward C. Cadigan, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 11. Closed.	Feb. 11. H. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. S.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	H. Feb. 25. S. Mch. 1.	Approved. March 2.
29. H. B. 359, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Father of James W. McCabe, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 4. Closed.	Feb. 9. H. (B.)	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 11. S.	Feb. 14. Am.	Feb. 15.	H. Feb. 21. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.

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TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
30. H. B. 363, to Amend an Act Limiting the Number of Places which may be Licensed for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, p. 122.	Liquor Law. Jan. 25.	Feb. 18. Closed.	March 9. H. (B.)	April 4.						
31. H. B. 374, as to the Election of the Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
32. H. B. 376, as to Election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
33. H. B. 377, as to the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
34. H. B. 395, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Family of John Kelley, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (B.)	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. S.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
35. H. B. 410, as to the Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 9. Closed.	Feb. 9. H. (B.)	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. Am.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 17.	March 9. Am.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 18.	Approved. March 23.
36. H. B. 416, resolve to Provide for an Addition to the Normal Art School Building in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Education.	Feb. 17. Closed.	March 22. H. (B.)							
37. H. B. 452, to Provide for the Appointment of One Additional Court Officer for Attendance upon the Several Sessions of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston for Civil Business, p. 83.	Public Service. Jan. 31.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 18. H. (B.)	March 10.	March 11.	March 15. S.	March 17.	March 21.	H. Mch. 28. S. Mch. 31.	Approved. April 1.
38. H. B. 489, to Enable the City of Boston to Complete Blue Hill Avenue and Other Avenues, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10. Am.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.	H. Mch. 22. S. Mch. 28.	Approved. March 29.
39. H. B. 491, relative to Bennington Street in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 4.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.	H. Mch. 22. S. Mch. 24.	Approved. March 25.
40. H. B. 503, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Widow of Charles J. Vaughn, p. 84.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 11. Closed.	Feb. 11. H. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. S.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	H. Feb. 25. S. Mch. 1.	Approved. March 2.
41. H. B. 505, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 84.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
42. H. B. 506, to Facilitate the Inspection of Wires in Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 8. Closed.	March 16. H. (B.)	March 17.	March 18.	March 22. S.	March 23.	March 24.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	Approved. April 1.
43. H. B. 588, relative to Appointment of Special Police Officers in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
44. H. B. 589, to Enable the City of Boston to Finish the Construction of Its Public Parks, p. 122.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 8. S.	March 9. Am.	March 10.	March 14. H.	March 18. Am.	March 21.		
45. H. B. 645, relative to the Taking of Land for School Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 16. S. (B.)	Feb. 17.	March 1.	March 3. H.	March 4.	March 7.	H. Mch. 10. S. Mch. 14.	Approved. March 15.
46. H. B. 668, relative to the Pensioning of War Veterans who are Members of the Police Force of Boston, p. 123.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 18. H. (B.)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 25. S.	March 1. Am.	March 2.	H. Mch. 9. S. Mch. 11.	Approved. March 14.
47. H. B. 670, to Establish an Art Department in the City of Boston, p. 62.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Mch. 4, 15. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	March 30.						
48. H. B. 671, relative to Children in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.								
49. H. B. 673, to Authorize the Treasurer of the City of Boston to Issue Bonds for Taking of Land for School Purposes, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (B.)	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 3. S. Mch. 7.	Approved. March 8.
50. H. B. 675, relative to the Extension of the Subway in the City of Boston, p. 122.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
51. H. B. 676, relative to the Time of Appointment and Assignment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.	H. Mch. 22. S. Mch. 24.	Approved. March 25.
52. H. B. 685, to Authorize the School Committee of the City of Boston to Erect Buildings for School Purposes not Fire-proof, p. 124.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.	H. Mch. 22. S. Mch. 24.	Approved. March 25.
53. H. B. 686, to Exempt School-houses from Certain Provisions of the Act Relative to the Erection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 17. H. (B.)	March 18.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 24.	March 25.	H. Mch. 30. S. April 1.	Approved. April 2.
54. H. B. 749, to Change the Method of Electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 89.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
55. H. B. 753, relative to Ferries, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.						
56. H. B. 762, relative to the Construction, Maintenance and Inspection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 92.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 17. S. (B.)	March 18.	March 23. Am.	March 25. H.	March 28.	March 30.		

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TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
57. H. B. 764, relative to the Construction of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)	March 2.	March 3.	March 7. S.	March 10.	March 11.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 18.	Approved. March 23.
58. H. B. 768, relative to Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. March 14. Closed.								
59. H. B. 825, to Further Provide for a Union Station for Passengers on Railroads Entering the Southerly Part of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 1. Closed.	March 10. H. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. S.	March 17.	March 18.	H. Mch. 24. S. Mch. 28.	Approved. March 29.
60. H. B. 887, to Change Boundary Line Between Boston and Cambridge, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. H.	March 17.	March 18.	H. Mch. 23. S. Mch. 28.	Approved. March 29.
61. H. B. 888, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line Between the Cities of Boston and Newton, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. S.	March 17.	March 18.	H. Mch. 24. S. Mch. 28.	Approved. March 29.
62. H. B. 889, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line Between the City of Boston and the Town of Hyde Park, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. S.	March 17.	March 18.	H. Mch. 28. S. Mch. 31.	Approved. April 1.
63. H. B. 910, to Provide for the Reconstruction of the Municipal Government of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws, Feb. 11.	Feb. 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
64. H. B. 932, relative to Disabled Firemen in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 17.	Mch. 4, 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. H.	March 17.	March 18.	H. Mch. 23.	
UNNUMBERED BILLS.										
Petition that the City of Boston may pay Sum of Money to Sister of Denis H. Morrissey.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 11. S. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. H.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 18.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 18.	Approved. March 2.
Petition of Mayor Quincy for Provisions for Laying-out Alleys in the City of Boston, p. 64.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 4. Closed.	March 17. H. (B.)	March 18.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 25.	March 30.	H. April 4.	

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

City Hospital, March 21, 1898.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on March 16, 1898, at 4.20 o'clock.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Keany and Rueter.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and it was voted that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$27,109.26.

It was voted that there be allowed and paid to the Putnam Company the sum of \$209.03 on account of materials furnished, and that the President sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Lynch & Woodward the sum of \$2,500, on account of contract of September 10, 1894, for heating and ventilating apparatus at the City Hospital, and that the President sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for New Buildings.

It was voted that there be paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$173.12, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$6,925, the amount of third payment to Kerrens Driscoll, on account of his contract of August 14, 1897, for erection of new

laundry building at the Boston City Hospital, and that the President sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for New Buildings, New Laundry Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$6,925, on account of contract of August 14, 1897, for erection of laundry building at the Boston City Hospital, and that the President sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for New Buildings, New Laundry Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to John H. Procter & Co. the sum of \$6,814.36, the same being final payment and in settlement of his contract of September 7, 1897, for erection of coal-pocket at the City Hospital, and that the President sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for coal-pocket, Hospital Department.

The President reported that at the request of the City Auditor, the draft in favor of J. H. Procter & Co. passed at the meeting of March 2, for \$7,500, had been reduced to \$4,000, as Mr. Bogan, Superintendent of Public Buildings of the City of Boston, would sign a certificate for that amount only; and it was voted that the changing of said draft from \$7,500 to \$4,000 be approved.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

First — Concerning changes in the Service and Training School.

Second — Concerning receipts from paying patients. Both communications were ordered placed on file.

A communication was received from His Honor, Mayor Quincy, authorizing the continuation of work on new laundry building, at an estimated cost of \$4,250.

A communication was received from the Consulting Architect, concerning an order for addition to contract of S. Brennan for \$509.30, and concerning blue prints from the Spaulding Print Paper Company, etc. It was voted that the order of addition in favor of S. Brennan for extra plumbing, as stated on the back of said order, amounting to \$509.30, be approved. It was voted that the bill in favor of the Spaulding Print Paper Company, amounting to \$2.70, for blue prints, be approved.

A petition was received from the Medical and Surgical Externes for two months' medical and two months' surgical service. The same was referred to the Medical Committee.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Medical Department, transmitting correspondence in regard to instruments, and requesting that a person be named to take charge of all instruments furnished. The same was referred to the Medical Committee with full powers.

A communication was received from Wheelwright & Haven, respecting orders for deduction from contract of Kerrens Driscoll, dated August 14, 1897, for erection of laundry building, Order No. 154, being for the sum of \$102, for saving in allowance for gas-piping, and Order No. 156 being for the sum of \$88, for saving in allowance for granolithic, and it was voted that there be deducted from the contract of Kerrens Driscoll, dated August 14, 1897, for the erection of laundry building, the sum of \$102, for saving in allowance for gas-piping, as per Order No. 154, by Wheelwright & Haven. It was also voted that there be deducted

from the contract of Kerrens Driscoll, dated August 14, 1897, for erection of laundry building, the sum of \$88, for saving in allowance for granolithic, as per Order No. 156, by Wheelwright & Haven.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, March 25, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln, Prince and the Librarian.

Communications received: From the Mayor, Circulars 36 and 37; from the City Solicitor, dated March 22; from Messrs. Alex. S. Porter and J. M. Meredith; the Librarian's report.

Salaries increased: Beginning at dates mentioned—April 2, 1898, East Boston Branch, Marion W. Brackett, Grade C, \$7.50 to \$8.50; April 4, 1898, Executive Department, Theodore Cellarius, Grade D Special, \$8 to \$9; April 11, 1898, Executive Department, M. M. Bicknell, Grade C Special, \$13 to \$13.50; April 11, 1898, Issue Department, John L. McKiernan, Grade D Runner, \$5 to \$5.50.

Employed: Richard M. Brennan as forwarder in Bindery Department, at a salary of \$15 per week, beginning April 4.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$309.11; to trust funds, \$337.99; to Station "P," \$5.14; miscellaneous articles, \$561.90.

Voted, That it is the sense of the Board that the East Boston Branch Library Building should be an independent building, and not connected with the proposed structure for the East Boston High School, and that the President, in such manner as he may deem advisable, communicate this judgment to the City Government.

Friday, March 18, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln, Prince and the Librarian.

Received: From City Clerk, order passed March 7, 1898.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$427.66; to trust funds, \$203.07; to the Todd Fund, \$12.50; to Station "P," \$3.75; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$5.16; miscellaneous articles, \$224.63.

Application for a special privilege card was received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, March 15, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held March 15, 1898:

Voted, That notice be given to Charles Fottler and Hendrie Bros., to remove the temporary buildings erected by them on Franklin Field.

The Superintendent's recommendation for a change of plan of the entrance to Franklin Park from Walnut avenue, substituting triangular plantations for the circles now existing, was adopted.

The Superintendent was directed to prepare a plan for planting the grounds on the south side of the refectory at Franklin Park, which will preserve the view from the pergola.

A request of Josiah H. Quincy, representing the West Roxbury Citizen's Association, that a roadway be constructed from Bussey Park through land taken for West Roxbury Parkway, was received, and a reply made that it is the intention of the Board to construct the necessary part of such a roadway if the Loan Bill now before the Legislature is passed.

A request of Horace B. Dean, that a private club of boys be allowed to exercise on the cinder walk in the centre of Commonwealth avenue was received, and permission refused.

A hearing was given on the notice of intention to establish a building line on each side of St. James avenue, from Clarendon street to Dartmouth street. Mr. Henry Bigelow Williams and others interested in the Westminster Chambers Trust, with their counsel, Mr. A. E. Pillsbury, appeared in opposition to the proposed action.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, March 25, 1898.

A regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held on Monday, March 21, at 28 Court square.

A letter from Capt. J. McE. Hyde, Assistant-Quartermaster, United States Army, was read, requesting permission to use the wharf at Long Island for landing troops; also reply from the Chairman, granting the requested permission on behalf of the Pauper Institutions Trustees.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Religious Services, it was voted that during the present fiscal year, or until otherwise ordered, payment at the rate of \$30 per month, each, be made for the services of the Protestant and Catholic clergymen at Long Island.

The Board voted to amend rule No. 4 to read as follows:

No tobacco or intoxicating liquors shall be used in the Hospital, except by order of the physicians.

Sealed proposals for beef, mutton and fish were opened at 12.30 A.M., and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following appointments were confirmed:

G. W. Blake, farm hand, \$25 per month; George E. Foss, nurse (hospital), \$20 per month; Nannie Sheehan, matron (dormitory), \$20 per month; Lizzie Patrequin, probationer (training school), \$10 per month; Mabel Gragg, assistant-superintendent of nurses, \$30 per month.

CENSUS OF LONG ISLAND.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Last report, March 5, 1898	499	373	872
In Hospital, March 19, 1898	89	163	252
In Women's Building, March 19, 1898	—	213	213
In Men's Building, March 19, 1898	389	—	389
Total	478	376	854

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

City Hall, March 21, 1898.

Tuesday, March 1, the Board of Street Commissioners passed an order for laying-out and constructing Telford street. Authority was given to open a private way at Dorchester, designated Waldingfield street, leading from Pleasant street to the junction of Sawyer avenue and Peverell street.

On Wednesday, March 2, orders were passed for laying-out and constructing Hewins street, at Dorchester, and constructing a sewer in Seaver street.

Orders were received from the Common Council, one requesting an estimate of the cost of widening Norfolk street to sixty feet, between Nelson and Washington streets; and the other requesting an estimate of the cost of widening Oakland street to a width of seventy feet, from Back street to Mattapan square.

A petition requesting improvement of the water-course from Homes avenue to Westville street was received.

Thursday, March 3, 1898, an order was passed assessing the cost of the laying-out and construction of St. Alphonsus street on the abutters.

Monday, March 7, 1898, the Board ordered the construction of the Canal-street relief sewer in Clinton, Fulton and Cross streets; and a surface drain between Centre and Montview streets.

A petition was received from the Trustees of the Pavilion Association for a sewer in Tremont street, from Beacon street to the further side of the Albion building.

Francis S. Bourke was appointed as boy, with the pay of \$30 a month, in the Surveying Division of the Street Laying-out Department.

Tuesday, March 8, 1898, the Board issued an order of notice of its intention to lay out Park street, at West Roxbury, returnable for a hearing March 23.

It was voted to pay the estate of Rebecca S. Parker \$550, for damages occasioned the estate by the laying-out of the extension of Columbus avenue. This action was taken under an agreement approved by the Mayor.

Wednesday, March 9, a petition was received from George Wheatland, requesting the discontinuance of a part of Lyman street adjoining his estate.

Friday, March 11, a public hearing was given, in accordance with the order of notice of the Board in the matter of relocating Boston street, at Dorchester, between Mt. Vernon street and Columbia road. A number of persons interested appeared and favored the proposed action of the Board.

Petitions were received, requesting the Board to take charge of a brook emptying into the Neponset river, at Mattapan, and to

attend to the improvement of its condition; for a sewer in Harriet street, at Brighton; a sewer in Bowdoin street, at Dorchester; a sewer in Sedgewick street, at West Roxbury, and a sewer in Maxwell street, at Dorchester.

The Board voted to pay Edgar F. Power \$3,500 for his estate numbered 76 on Saratoga street, East Boston, taken for school purposes, an agreement to that effect having been approved by the Mayor.

Tuesday, March 15, an order was received from the Common Council, asking the Board to report whether it intends to submit a list of the non-resident employees in its department.

A petition was received from W. H. Allen and others that Swett street may be widened from Andrews square.

Petitions were received for sewers in Wachusett street, West Roxbury; Colberg avenue, West Roxbury; Benton street, Roxbury; Beech Glen street, and in Williams and New Keyes streets.

Thursday, March 17, the Board ordered a sewer constructed in DeWolf street, and issued an order of notice of their intention to lay out Leeds street, at South Boston, returnable for a hearing March 31.

Orders were received from the Common Council, requesting estimates of the cost of widening Phillips street, from Tremont street to Smith street, Ward 19; of the cost for construction of stone steps on Mead street, Ward 4; of the cost of extending Gurney street to Mindoro street, Ward 19; of the cost of widening Hyde Park avenue, from Forest Hills to the Hyde Park line; of the cost of laying-out and constructing Kirtledge street, from Beech street to Metropolitan avenue, and of the cost of extending Linden avenue, Ward 18, from Linden Park street to Cabot street.

A petition was received for a sewer in Dorchester avenue.

Authority was given to open a private way, designated as Darling street, leading from Hillside street to Calumet street, and a private way, designated as Raven street, leading from Crescent avenue, at Dorchester.

Friday, March 18, the Board issued an order of notice of its intention to locate Faneuil Valley Brook, at Brighton, returnable for a hearing April 1.

Monday, March 21, 1898.

John H. Noyes, Samuel H. Morris and Francis W. Daley, rodmen employed in the Surveying Division of the Street Laying-out Department, were discharged, they having been appointed temporarily pending the provision of a list of persons eligible for appointment in this Department, and notice having been received from the Commission that such list has been created; the discharges to take effect at the close of business Thursday, March 24, 1898.

An award of \$635.60 was made to A. G. and E. B. Frost, for damages occasioned their property by the laying-out of Folsom street. An award of \$208 was made to F. M. and A. G. Frost, for damages occasioned their property by the laying-out of Folsom street. It was voted to agree with B. H. Hatch upon the sum of \$7,100 and the taxes for the year 1897, as payment for his estate, 70 Saratoga street, taken for a High School site in East Boston.

These settlements were made on agreements approved by the Mayor.

Authority was given to open a private way at Dorchester, designated as Ballou avenue, leading, for a distance of about 220 feet south-westwardly, from the part of said private way already opened south-eastwardly from Jones avenue.

The plan sent to the Mayor for his approval.

Petitions were received as follows:

A petition of J. A. McCloskey and others, that Samoset street may be laid out, at Dorchester, from Centre street to Welles avenue.

Petition of Samuel H. Borofsky and others, that the market limits may be extended "to include all that section bounded by both sides of Atlantic avenue, Commercial street, Causeway street, Merrimac street, Portland street, Hanover street, Washington street and Dock square to Faneuil Hall."

Tuesday, March 22, 1898.

The following petitions were received:

Petition of Michael Fallon and others, that a sewer may be laid in River street, at Dorchester, near Idaho street.

Petition of Jeremiah Nelson, that his estate on Commonwealth avenue, at Brighton, may be released from a sewer assessment thereon upon his payment of the amount due for such assessment.

Voted, To appoint, subject to the approval of the Mayor, for employment in the Surveying Division of the Street Laying-out Department, as boy, with the pay of \$30 a month, John H. Noyes of 444 Bremen street, Ward 1.

It was voted to pay Catherine M. Hearn \$9,500 and the taxes for the year 1897, for estate 726 Massachusetts avenue, taken for the purposes of the City Hospital. This settlement was made in accordance with a request of the Law Department, and on the approval of the Mayor.

Wednesday, March 23, 1898.

A public hearing was given on the order of notice of this Board of March 8, 1898, in the matter of laying-out as a highway an extension of Park street, at West Roxbury, from Centre street to Montview street.

An order was passed, laying-out Park street, at West Roxbury, from Centre street to Montview street, and approved by the Mayor.

Thursday, March 24, 1898.

A petition was received from J. W. O'Reilly and others, that the sewer in Lawn street, at Roxbury, for about 150 feet easterly from Hayden street may be lowered and rebuilt with a steeper pitch.

It was voted to pay Helen Mae Nichols the sum of \$1,412.40 for all taken from rights acquired in and damages occasioned her estate on Adams street, by the action of this Board in the improvement of Tenean Creek.

Friday, March 25, 1898.

The following petitions were received:

Petition of J. J. Costello, that Carlisle street may be laid out, at Dorchester, and that Welles avenue, also at Dorchester, may be laid out, from Argyle street to the Shawmut Branch Railroad.

Petition of Alexander Glover and others, that a sewer may be laid in Highland street, at Dorchester.

Petition of Peter Gill and others, that a sewer may be laid in Moseley avenue, at Dorchester.

Authority was given to open the private ways at Dorchester, designated as Mount

Ida road, leading south-eastwardly from Bowdoin street, for a distance of about 715 feet, and Potosi street, leading from Mount Ida road to Percival street. Plans sent to the Mayor for his approval.

Saturday, March 26, 1898.

It was voted, in accordance with request of the Law Department, and the approval of the Mayor, to make the following settlements: Andrew J. Vose, \$5,500 net, for damages occasioned by the taking of his estate on Athelwold street for an addition to the Gibson school estate; Andrew J. Vose, \$2,000 net, for damages occasioned his estate by the laying-out and construction of Athelwold street; Andrew J. Vose, \$1,500 net, for damages occasioned his estate by the laying-out and construction of Athelwold street; David Hickey, \$400, for damages occasioned his estate by the widening of Centre street, at Dorchester.

A petition of Jacob Brodie and others was received, that Waldeck street may be laid out at Dorchester.

Orders were received from the Common Council, requesting estimates of the cost of raising the grade of Albany street and its approaches thereto to a level with Broadway and Dover street, Ward 9, from Broadway Extension to Dover street; the cost of widening Heath street, from the junction of New and Old Heath streets to Huntington avenue; and requesting the Board to lay out Birch street, Ward 24, and Waldeck street, between Melville avenue and Park street, Ward 19.

Monday, March 28, 1898.

A publicly advertised hearing was given on the petition of S. H. Borofsky and others, that the market limits may be extended. A number of persons appeared and favored the extension.

Petitions were received for the laying-out of Shepherd avenue, at Roxbury, and Butler avenue, Bayswater street, a part of Collins street, Austin avenue and Thurston street, at East Boston.

Tuesday, March 29, 1898.

The Board passed orders of notice of their intention to lay out Spring lane, at West Roxbury, with the name of Hubbard street; and Hull street, at Charlestown, with the name of Hunter street.

The following petition was received:

Petition of Edward B. Wilder and others, that Section T-95 of the Board of Survey plans in Plats 13 and 14 may be altered particularly concerning the location of Normandy and Hewins streets in said section.

Wednesday, March 30, 1898.

A petition of E. Luppold and others was received, that a sewer may be laid in Farrington street, at East Boston.

Thursday, March 31, 1898.

A public hearing was given in accordance with the order of notice of this Board of March 17, 1898, in the matter of laying-out Leeds street, at South Boston, from Woodward street.

Orders were received from the Board of Aldermen, requesting estimates of the cost of extending Willow park, from Shawmut avenue to Westminster street; of the cost of constructing Moseley avenue, Ward 16; of the cost of widening Union Park street to a width of fifty feet, between Washington street and Harrison avenue, Ward 9.

Petitions were received for sewers in Selden street, at Dorchester, between Capen

and Nelson streets, and in Waumbek street, between Humboldt avenue and Harold street.

The Board issued an order of notice of its intention to relocate Forest Hills street, between Washington street and Glen road.

It was voted, at the request of the Law Department, and on the approval of the Mayor, to award Bartlett P. Luce \$3,101.35, and interest amounting to \$273.95, for his estate on South street, taken for a school-house site.

It was voted, on the approval of the Mayor, to pay Andreas Blume, agent for the owner of the estate 728 Massachusetts avenue, \$9,500 and the taxes for the year 1897, for said estate taken for the purposes of the City Hospital.

It was voted, on the approval of the Mayor, to pay Caroline E. Buxbaum \$19,000 and the taxes for the year 1897, amounting to \$157.75, for her estates taken for City Hospital purposes.

It was voted to pay Gordon Dexter \$45,000, for damages occasioned his estate by the laying-out and construction of Ipswich street.

On order of the Common Council, it was voted to report to the Common Council a list of certain employees called for in their orders of February 3, 1898, and March 10, 1898.

Friday, April 1, 1898.

A public hearing was given in accordance with the order of notice of this Board of March 18, 1898, in the matter of the location of a new channel for Faneuil Valley Brook, at Brighton; and the Board ordered the construction of the new channel.

An order of notice was issued of its intention to relocate Tenean Creek, between Tremlett and Stratford streets.

Saturday, April 2, 1898.

The Board voted to pay, on the approval of the Mayor, James V. Devine \$13,000, for damages occasioned his estate by the laying-out of Columbia road.

An order was received from the Common Council, requesting an estimate of the cost of widening and resurfacing Tremont street, Ward 25, from Newton line to Oak square, the width to correspond with that of the Newton end of the street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Institutions Registration Department.

Statistics for the week ending March 26, 1898:

Cases pending	2
Number of applications	67
Total	69
Number of Admissions:	
To State Almshouses	32
Long Island	6
Boston Insane Hospital	2
Westboro' Insane Hospital,	4
Foxboro' Asylum	2
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	7
Applications refused	53
Applications withdrawn	7
Cases pending	5
Legal settlements investigated	115

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Election Department.

Votes cast for Senator, Second Suffolk District, at the special election, held March 29, 1898:

WARD 3, CHARLESTOWN.		
	David B. Shaw.	Scattering.
Precinct 1	50	2
Precinct 2	195	2
Precinct 3	118	3
Precinct 4	219	2
Precinct 5	175	0
Precinct 6	174	5
Totals	931	14

WARD 4, CHARLESTOWN.		
Precinct 1	127	4
Precinct 2	45	2
Precinct 3	61	1
Precinct 4	90	4
Precinct 5	137	0
Precinct 6	40	2
Totals	500	13

WARD 5, CHARLESTOWN.		
Precinct 1	45	2
Precinct 2	119	6
Precinct 3	117	3
Precinct 4	62	1
Precinct 5	85	15
Precinct 6	53	1
Totals	481	28

WARD 3, CAMBRIDGE.		
Precinct 1	33	11
Precinct 2	30	3
Precinct 3	41	5
Precinct 4	20	0
Totals	124	19
Grand Totals	2,036	74

M. W. BURLIN, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending April 2, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for week	21.0
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	21.5
Number of deaths:	
Males	106
Females	108
Total	214
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	214

Of 214 decedents, 211 were white and 3 colored; 143 were born in the United States, 70 in foreign countries and one unknown; 48 were of American parentage and 151 of foreign parentage; parentage unknown, 15.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.		
	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	38	6
Scarlatina	19	0
Typhoid fever	9	0
Measles	30	2
Totals	96	8

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	23
Pneumonia	43
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	22
Bronchitis	12
Marasmus	2
Violent causes	10

Total from principal causes	113
Total from infectious diseases	8
Total from other causes	93
Total from all causes	214

Deaths of children under 1 year	48
Deaths of children under 5 years	65
Deaths of persons over 60 years	40
Deaths in public institutions	47

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 29, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Hull street, at Charlestown, be laid out as a highway, from Bunker Hill street to Vine street, with the name of Hunter street, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twelfth day of April, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 29, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Spring lane, at West Roxbury, be laid out, from Chestnut avenue to Lamartine street, as a highway, with the name of Hubbard street, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twelfth day of April, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, April 2, 1898.

The Brookline Gas Light Company respectfully petitions your Honorable Board for permission to erect and maintain five carrying poles for electric wires on the northerly side of Commonwealth avenue, west of Harvard avenue, as shown on accompanying plan, dated April 2, 1898.

Yours respectfully,
Brookline Gas Light Company.
ROBT. AMORY, President and Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 4, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eleventh day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Brighton Item and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 1, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that the stream or water-course, at Dorchester, known as Tenean Creek, or Smelt Brook, from Tremlett street to Stratford street, be located anew in a surface drain, and that any parts of the original channel from which said water-course may be diverted between said points be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the fifteenth day of April, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Boston, March 25, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:
Gleason street, Ward 20, from Harvard street, north-erly, five poles.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 4, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eleventh day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, March 29, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for leave to construct curved tracks at the junction of Shawmut avenue and Dover street, substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated March 28, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney.
By WM. A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 4, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Boston Herald and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDINANCES OF 1898—CHAPTER 4, CONCERNING

THE ERECTION OF WOODEN BUILDINGS OUTSIDE THE BUILDING LIMITS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION THIRTY-EIGHT OF CHAPTER FORTY-TWO OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1892.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 38 of Chapter 42 of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 38. Every such wooden building more than twenty-five feet in height, and 2,500 feet in horizontal area, to be used for any purpose other than that of a dwelling-house, shall, unless otherwise ordered by the City Council, have for every such area an intercepting brick wall not less than twelve inches thick, carried twelve inches above the roof and covered with metallic covering."

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 24, 1898.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 28, 1898.

Concurred.

PERLIE A. DYAR, Chairman.

Approved April 1, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

A true copy. Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 31, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Forest Hills street, at West Roxbury, be located anew between Washington street and Glen road, and constructed by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the fourteenth day of April, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 30, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on south-east corner of Beacon street and Massachusetts avenue, Ward 11, two bay windows of the following description: To project from second to eighth stories over Massachusetts avenue. Dimensions: Seventy-two feet high, 14 feet wide and not over 3 feet over line of street.

W. B. THOMAS,
By W. T. SEAN,
26 Broad street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 4, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eighteenth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

March 31, 1898.

The Water Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing valves according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the City Engineer of said city, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to the Water Commissioner of said city in the sum of \$1,500 for faithfully carrying out the work, and leave at the office of said Commissioner, City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 o'clock M. of Friday, April 8, 1898, his proposal and a certified check for the sum of \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

JOHN R. MURPHY, Water Commissioner.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 10, 1898.

Respectfully represents the Quincy & Boston Street Railway Company, by John R. Graham, its President, hereto duly authorized, that it is a duly incorporated street railway company, whose charter has been duly accepted, and whose tracks have been located and constructed in the cities of Quincy and Boston, that it desires an additional location of tracks within said City of Boston, from the abutments of Neponset bridge in said City of Boston, along and over Neponset avenue, together with cross-over connections with its present tracks on said Neponset avenue; said location prayed for being shown by the red lines on the plan filed herewith. Wherefore your petitioner prays that it may be granted a location of tracks, as shown by the red lines on said plan, and it further prays that it may be granted authority to string all necessary wires and erect all poles necessary for the proper operation of its cars on said location.

Quincy & Boston Street Railway,
By JOHN R. GRAHAM, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 28, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eighteenth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Boston Herald, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDINANCES OF 1898—CHAPTER 3, CONCERNING EMPLOYEES IN CITY DEPARTMENTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION TEN OF CHAPTER THREE OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1892.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 is hereby amended in Section 10 by inserting after the word "thereof" in the fourth line of said section, the following words: "But shall employ none but citizens of the United States in any capacity, and shall give preference in all cases to residents of Boston."

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 24, 1898.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 28, 1898.

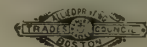
Concurred.

PERLIE A. DYAR, Chairman.

Approved March 30, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

A true copy. Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

MERCHANTS' MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE.

The following public communication has been issued by the Merchants' Municipal Committee with regard to the proposed act establishing a Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Boston, April 6, 1898.

The undersigned, constituting the Merchants' Municipal Committee, chosen by the Boston Associated Board of Trade, desire to call your attention to the proposed act, establishing a Board of Estimate and Apportionment for this city (House Bill No. 1,089), reported by the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, and to ask you to give this measure your favorable consideration. After mature consideration of the matter, this Committee, by the unanimous action of all its members, joined with the Mayor of Boston in petitioning for the passage of such an act, in the belief that the proposed change was one which strongly commended itself from a business standpoint, as the preparation of the financial budget of the city by such a Board would result in a wiser application of its pecuniary resources, with more regard to its broadest and most important interests.

While the composition of the Board of Apportionment, as reported by the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, five members

being provided for—consisting of the Mayor, the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Common Council, ex officio, and two members elected by the voters of the city at large—differs somewhat from the Board as originally proposed by us (which consisted of seven members, and included several appointive officials), and while we regret the change, we heartily support the bill in its present form, and we believe that if passed it will prove of much value, not only to the business interests of Boston, but to its citizens and taxpayers generally.

The bill comes up for engrossment in the House of Representatives on Thursday, April 7, and we trust that it may receive your support. A number of the leading business organizations of Boston, including the Associated Board of Trade and the Merchants' Association, have endorsed the principle of the bill, and we believe that the sentiment of the business men of the community is substantially unanimous in its favor. A Board of Apportionment, as you are doubtless aware, has been in operation in the City of New York for a long time, with such satisfactory results that the distinguished commission which drew the charter of the present City of New York, including such men as Gen. Benjamin F. Tracy, Mayor Strong, Seth Low, Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, Judge Dillon and ex-Mayor Gilroy, unanimously stated in its report that "the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has worked well and given general satisfaction, and the commission has retained it, and enlarged rather than lessened its powers."

We are fully convinced that the establishment of such a Board in Boston would be one of the most important and far-reaching measures for the improvement of our municipal government which has been passed within recent years. A list of some of the representative firms and merchants who have signed a petition for the passage of this bill is enclosed herewith. We are unanimously of the opinion that the referendum to the people is entirely inappropriate and uncalled for in connection with this measure, and we earnestly hope that no such amendment will be considered or proposed.

Yours respectfully,

ALPHEUS H. HARDY.

Chairman.

GEORGE H. LEONARD,

HORATIO G. CURTIS.

FREEMAN J. DOE,

J. RICHARD CARTER,

WILLIAM O. BLANEY,

Members of the Merchants' Municipal Committee.

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

The first Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Statistics has been issued recently. The report gives an account of the work accomplished from the organization of the Department in May, 1897, to the end of the financial year.

Immediately upon organization, the commission entered into an investigation of existing conditions, in order to discover what statistical material might be already available. Realizing that the general public were interested rather in knowing what work had been done for their safety and convenience, and what it had cost, rather than in knowing to what appropriation it had been charged, an investigation was made of the functions of City Government, based on the comparison of the government of various American cities and of cities of Europe. Their results are presented in the form of an outline of classification.

An investigation of the areas of the various divisions of the city, revealed the fact that "no information exists as to areas in the City of Boston sufficiently accurate to be worth publishing." To supply this information the Department joined with some of the other departments, which were aware of the present deficiencies in this respect, in requesting the City Engineer to prepare a series of maps, drawn to a scale of fifty feet to the inch, covering the entire area of the city. These maps, when completed, will be of great service to the city departments in keeping track of work done in various parts of the city.

An examination of the city accounts, from the year 1822 to the present time, has been undertaken in order to determine the cost of city property; its value as a going plant for municipal purposes; and the allowances which have been made for depreciation by payment for the debt incurred therefor. Considerable difficulty was encountered on account of lack of uniformity in the classification of expenditures. Each department had adopted its own system of classification, which was often at great variance with that of other departments or of the Auditor. To

remedy this in part a uniform classification of accounts has been prepared for the public institutions of the city. A similar classification may in time be extended to the other departments of the city.

The Department recommends the division of the city receipts and expenditures into four parts, so as to show—(1), money expended from current income and taxes; (2), money expended from receipts from sale of plant or of bonds; (3), money received and expended on account of trust funds; (4), book-keeping items or receipts and expenditures, with regard to which the city is merely a transfer agent. "The advantage of this system of accounts is that it shows at a glance the main features of the city's financial history by— (1), eliminating the book-keeping items which are not of consequence; (2), by clearly defining the difference between ordinary expenses and permanent investments; and (3), by separating the trust funds."

The Department has under consideration the publication of a monthly bulletin.

The following are some of the matters which it is intended to include in this publication:

Meteorological statistics; statistics relating to the movement of population, i. e., changes in number and character of the population through deaths, births, marriages and divorces; immigration statistics; statistics showing the number, character and movement of the defective, criminal, helpless and pauper classes of the community, as shown by returns from hospitals, prisons, reformatories, asylums, etc.; educational statistics; labor statistics; commercial statistics relating to Boston as a port of entry and point of distribution of commodities; financial statistics; market statistics; statistics relating to the relief of the poor through public and private instrumentalities; statistics relating to the prevention, detection and punishment of crime; statistics relating to public works, e. g., parks, laying-out of streets, etc.; statistics with regard to the erection and alteration of buildings and transfers of real estate; and, from time to time, consideration of election statistics, and statistical surveys of the principal activities of the various departments of the City Government.

At the request of a sub-committee of the School Committee, an investigation of the effect of school life upon the children in the public schools has been undertaken. On January 1, 1898, in co-operation with the Printing Department, the regular publication of THE CITY RECORD was begun.

BOARD OF BATH COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of Bath Commissioners has organized by the election of Thomas J. Lane,

Chairman, and Daniel D. Kearns, Secretary. The office of the Department is in Room 4, Old Court House.

CITY COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The Annual Report of the Collecting Department, for the year ending January 31, 1898, constitutes "Document 10, 1898." The showing in respect to total receipts, during the period from February 1, 1897, to January 31, 1898, inclusive, is as follows:

On account of the City of Boston	\$20,417,783 42
On account of the County of Suffolk	240,738 85
Total	\$20,658,522 27

The total amount of taxes assessed to defray the expenses of the city and county for the fiscal year, less the revenue derived from other sources, was \$13,487,838.59, of which \$13,333,937.55 were tax assessments, including supplementary bills, and \$153,901.04 of bank tax. The collections of taxes during the year were as follows: On account of taxes for 1897, \$11,613,872.14; on bank tax for 1897, \$153,901.04; on account of taxes for 1896, and previous years, \$1,901,801.61; amounting in all to \$13,669,574.79. Tax abatements for the year amounted to \$82,827.35.

On January 31, 1898, the outstanding taxes for 1897-98 amounted to \$1,637,238.06; and the outstanding taxes for 1896-97 amounted to \$230,688.37.

In addition to the usual tables, there is an appendix (pages 39-48) made up of tables compiled by Collector Taylor to show the annual receipts of each department by years, since 1875, the year in which the Collecting Department was established.

The tables which follow are taken from the appendix:

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

1875-76.	\$72,577	1883-84.	\$94,265	1891-92.	\$133,936
1876-77.	106,253	1884-85.	91,483	1892-93.	162,492
1877-78.	96,933	1885-86.	127,504	1893-94.	173,371
1878-79.	62,644	1886-87.	125,202	1894-95.	213,080
1879-80.	71,515	1887-88.	157,777	1895-96.	191,911
1880-81.	62,842	1888-89.	210,601	1896-97.	211,814
1881-82.	83,275	1889-90.	307,030	1897-98.	240,738
1882-83.	90,546	1890-91.	205,245		

EAST BOSTON FERRIES.

1875-76.	\$127,000	1883-84.	\$159,031	1891-92.	\$116,333
1876-77.	176,032	1884-85.	156,801	1892-93.	154,680
1877-78.	175,795	1885-86.	159,558	1893-94.	152,069
1878-79.	166,530	1886-87.	164,497	1894-95.	155,502
1879-80.	174,437	1887-88.	140,001	1895-96.	169,584
1880-81.	166,508	1888-89.	138,760	1896-97.	167,056
1881-82.	165,513	1889-90.	141,633	1897-98.	171,454
1882-83.	162,827	1890-91.	146,276		

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

1875-76.	\$1,349	1883-84.	\$13,805	1891-92.	\$53,492
1876-77.	5,195	1884-85.	23,968	1892-93.	51,925
1877-78.	12,254	1885-86.	35,567	1893-94.	56,005
1878-79.	8,505	1886-87.	34,833	1894-95.	67,226
1879-80.	10,657	1887-88.	35,558	1895-96.	56,723
1880-81.	12,182	1888-89.	44,715	1896-97.	47,776
1881-82.	14,689	1889-90.	38,583	1897-98.	68,992
1882-83.	13,651	1890-91.	39,325		

INTEREST.

1875-76.	\$150,876	1883-84.	\$76,476	1891-92.	\$43,141
1876-77.	138,461	1884-85.	68,072	1892-93.	53,243
1877-78.	142,906	1885-86.	65,061	1893-94.	52,762
1878-79.	105,277	1886-87.	48,812	1894-95.	60,166
1879-80.	79,285	1887-88.	51,488	1895-96.	58,500
1880-81.	78,449	1888-89.	51,527	1896-97.	68,749
1881-82.	70,897	1889-90.	49,722	1897-98.	74,617
1882-83.	67,708	1890-91.	54,337		

LIQUOR LICENSES.

1875-76.	\$30,900	1883-84.	\$302,743	1891-92.	\$815,864
1876-77.	171,987	1884-85.	518,324	1892-93.	1,056,145
1877-78.	272,420	1885-86.	509,027	1893-94.	1,062,838
1878-79.	221,264	1886-87.	972,695	1894-95.	1,092,087
1879-80.	240,239	1887-88.	667,632	1895-96.	1,196,640
1880-81.	258,394	1888-89.	299,964	1896-97.	1,451,195
1881-82.	256,455	1889-90.	755,968	1897-98.	1,457,536
1882-83.	279,813	1890-91.	1,234,215		

RENTS.

1875-76.	\$133,068	1883-84.	\$134,400	1891-92.	\$96,489
1876-77.	155,013	1884-85.	140,216	1892-93.	121,926
1877-78.	157,705	1885-86.	133,223	1893-94.	116,771
1878-79.	154,005	1886-87.	131,355	1894-95.	117,730
1879-80.	136,873	1887-88.	124,585	1895-96.	118,612
1880-81.	133,569	1888-89.	124,759	1896-97.	114,226
1881-82.	120,596	1889-90.	123,954	1897-98.	113,221
1882-83.	123,964	1890-91.	131,475		

STREET DEPARTMENT.

1875-76.	\$101,554	1883-84.	\$80,379	1891-92.	\$70,905
1876-77.	157,893	1884-85.	48,355	1892-93.	314,918
1877-78.	105,071	1885-86.	175,300	1893-94.	291,965
1878-79.	54,112	1886-87.	103,017	1894-95.	327,832
1879-80.	51,230	1887-88.	94,298	1895-96.	264,570
1880-81.	81,431	1888-89.	156,211	1896-97.	273,747
1881-82.	90,956	1889-90.	102,032	1897-98.	518,748
1882-83.	92,380	1890-91.	102,096		

TAXES.

1875-76.	\$10,475,369	1883-84.	\$10,567,575	1891-92.	\$11,167,781
1876-77.	9,964,084	1884-85.	12,098,395	1892-93.	12,733,514
1877-78.	9,417,675	1885-86.	9,592,539	1893-94.	12,306,590
1878-79.	8,445,108	1886-87.	9,730,662	1894-95.	12,868,847
1879-80.	8,046,237	1887-88.	10,907,495	1895-96.	12,951,556
1880-81.	10,133,298	1888-89.	11,102,779	1896-97.	13,411,856
1881-82.	9,934,615	1889-90.	11,132,836	1897-98.	14,062,390
1882-83.	10,654,830	1890-91.	11,806,633		

WATER DEPARTMENT.

1875-76.	\$1,113,162	1883-84.	\$1,517,038	1891-92.	\$1,046,156
1876-77.	1,389,918	1884-85.	1,507,601	1892-93.	1,850,728
1877-78.	1,358,289	1885-86.	1,540,016	1893-94.	2,153,937
1878-79.	1,359,054	1886-87.	1,579,578	1894-95.	2,146,888
1879-80.	1,377,911	1887-88.	1,644,751	1895-96.	2,872,969
1880-81.	1,365,721	1888-89.	1,719,473	1896-97.	3,017,894
1881-82.	1,388,193	1889-90.	1,698,556	1897-98.	2,708,546
1882-83.	1,455,430	1890-91.	1,771,087		

*Included in this amount are payments by State on account of additional water supply, \$518,975.74.

APPROPRIATIONS BY THE CITY COUNCIL, 1892-98.

The following tables show, first, the total assessed valuation of the city for the last six years, the yearly increase of the valuation, and the percentage of increase over the valuation of the previous year; second, the amounts voted each year by the City Council to meet the current expenses of the City of Boston and the County of Suffolk; the yearly increase or decrease of these appropriations, and the percentage of increase or decrease. The amounts assessed on warrants from the Commonwealth for state tax, armory loan and metropolitan sewerage are not included in the column of appropriations:

ASSESSED VALUATION, CITY OF BOSTON.

YEAR.	Assessed valuation.	Increase over previous year.	Increase per cent. over previous year.
1892-93 . .	\$893,975,704	—	—
1893-94 . .	924,093,751	\$30,118,047	3.37
1894-95 . .	928,109,042	4,015,291	.43
1895-96 . .	951,367,928	23,258,886	2.51
1896-97 . .	981,269,914	29,901,986	3.14
1897-98 . .	1,012,582,209	31,312,295	3.19
1898-99 . .	—	—	—

APPROPRIATIONS BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

YEAR.	Appropriations.	Increase over previous year.	Increase per cent. over previous year.
1892-93 . .	\$13,600,420	—	—
1893-94 . .	13,465,627	*\$134,793	*.99
1894-95 . .	13,391,754	*73,873	*.55
1895-96 . .	14,013,043	621,289	4.64
1896-97 . .	14,544,461	531,418	3.79
1897-98 . .	15,329,646	785,185	5.40
1898-99 . .	16,511,435	1,181,789	7.71

*Decrease.

In order to make the amounts appropriated from year to year by the City Council comparable with one another, certain corrections must be made, so as to eliminate increase or decrease, due only to changes in the system of book-keeping. There is available for appropriation by the City Council, at the beginning of the year, the income from taxes to be laid during the year (the amount of which is limited by the State law regulating the tax rate), and income from other current sources as estimated at the beginning of the year. There are also certain items of income which are credited to the several departments appropriation, without yearly action by the City Council.

If, year by year, identical items of income were included in the estimate of income available for appropriation, and other identical items were always credited to appropriations, without yearly action, the annual tax order—other things being the same—would be comparable for a series of years. But in practice, items which had been credited directly to an appropriation in one year will be turned into the general treasury and appropriated out again in another, or vice versa. For this reason, the amounts appropriated by the City Council should be compared only after the effects of this variation in accounting have been eliminated.

The above table should be corrected with respect to the six (6) following items:

1. Soldiers' Relief—From 1892-93 to 1895-96, inclusive, receipts from the Commonwealth for soldiers' relief were credited directly to the appropriation. In 1896-97 and 1898-99, these receipts have been turned into the treasury and then appropriated out again. The result is a great apparent increase in the Soldiers' Relief appropriation (See Special Publication, No. 1, page 36), which is in fact due merely to a change in accounting.

Correction—Add to appropriations the receipts during the first period: 1892-93, \$110,956.12; 1893-94, \$144,819.48; 1894-95, \$142,091.67; 1895-96, \$145,215.87.

2. Mount Hope Cemetery Department—From 1892-93 to 1895-96, inclusive, receipts from fees and sales of lots were credited directly to the Department. In 1896-97, and

until the formation of the Cemetery Department, these receipts were turned into the treasury and appropriated out again. (See Special Publication, No. 1, page 69.)

Correction—Add to appropriations the receipts during the first period: 1892-93, \$25,710.40; 1893-94, \$22,977.78; 1894-95, \$22,209.70; 1895-96, \$21,146.47.

3. Board of Police—For a series of years, continuing to and including the year 1892-93, it was customary to pay the expenses of the police signal service and the expenses of special service in enforcing the license law, out of receipts from liquor licenses. Since that date, such expense has been met out of the annual appropriation. (See Special Publication, No. 1, page 74.)

Correction—Add to appropriation of 1892-93 the amount of such expense: 1892-93, \$84,895.11.

4. Board of Police—Liquor license receipts have been turned usually into the general treasury. In the year 1896-97, however, all receipts from liquor licenses, in excess of the estimated income from that source, were credited to the Police Department.

Correction—Add to appropriations of 1896-97, \$217,346.25, thus credited. (See Special Publication, No. 1, page 74.)

5. Health Department—From 1892-93 to 1895-96, inclusive, income from Evergreen Cemetery was credited directly to Health Department appropriation. From 1896-97 to formation of Cemetery Department, such receipts have been turned into the treasury and appropriated out again.

Correction—Add to appropriations of earlier period as follows: 1892-93, \$712.50; 1893-94, \$1,782.50; 1894-95, \$952; 1895-96, \$1,508.37.

6. Street Department—Sewer Division and Street-Watering Division.

Owing to a statute passed in 1897, the former custom of charging the costs of maintaining sewers and of watering streets against the tax levy, will not be followed in 1898-99. Consequently no appropriation has been made in the appropriation order for the current year for the Sewer Division of the Street Department, and the appropriation for the Street-Watering Division has been reduced from \$70,000 to \$10,000.

Correction—Add to appropriations for 1898-99: Sewer Division, \$300,000; Street-Watering Division, \$60,000; total, \$360,000.

The table, after correction as indicated above, would read as follows:

CORRECTED TABLE OF APPROPRIATIONS.

YEAR.	Appropriations.	Increase over previous year.	Increase per cent. over previous year.
1892-93 . .	\$13,822,694	—	—
1893-94 . .	13,635,207	*\$187,487	*1.36
1894-95 . .	13,557,007	*78,200	*.57
1895-96 . .	14,180,914	623,907	4.60
1896-97 . .	14,761,807	580,893	4.10
1897-98 . .	15,329,646	567,839	3.85
1898-99 . .	16,871,435	1,541,789	10.06

* Decrease.

NEW PUBLIC BATH-HOUSE IN PITTSBURG.

The following account of a Pittsburgh bath-house is taken from the "Engineering Record" of April 9, 1898:

A public bath-house has recently been erected in the heart of the rolling-mill and manufacturing district of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where such facilities are not generally available in the tenement houses which comprise most of the dwellings of the district. It was built and equipped by Mrs. William Thaw, and is intended to provide modern sanitary accommodations within a short distance of people who are especially likely to need them.

In extreme dimensions it is about 24x92 feet, and consists of a basement and ground story throughout, and a second story on the front of the building. The walls are of brick, with stone trimmings. The beams are steel, columns and stairs of cast-iron, floors of concrete, and the principal features of construction are generally fireproof.

The floor-beams are protected, and the floors built of hollow-ribbed, porous, terracotta blocks, required to stand a load of 600 pounds to the square foot. The partitions are made of metal lath on steel frames, which also enclose terra cotta flues and columns, and are plastered, as are the furred walls, with hard plaster, smooth finished.

The floor surface of the bath-rooms is of granolithic pavement. The first floor of the front portion of the building is paved with a mosaic of white Italian marble. The interior is trimmed with oak, natural finish.

The building is equipped with twenty-two rain shower baths, two bath tubs, three glazed laundry tubs, and with two vitrified earthenware urinals, two wash-basins, and three water-closets and a filter. The floor of each individual bath-room is sunk, so as to form a pool three or four inches deep.

In each pool is provided a short standing waste and overflow, which fits into the strainer of the waste-pipe, and is removable. This enables the pool to be filled, if desired, nearly to the top, with water, in which the bather may stand. All the partitions between the baths are light gray, polished Knoxville marble, and the effect of the bath-rooms is designed to be one of absolute simplicity and cleanliness.

The hot and cold water supply-pipes are carried along the rear wall above the top of the marble partition; branches are brought down into each bath, and there connected with a simple spray-shower, having a cock on each pipe within reach of the bather, so that the temperature of the water can be regulated to suit each individual. The cold water supply is by direct street main pressure. The hot water is heated by an automatic hot-water heater, which has been manufactured especially for this place by the Rudd Manufacturing Company of Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

The building is heated by a small cast-iron sectional steam boiler, through direct radiators and coils, placed in all the rooms, and steam is used from this boiler also for the hand-washer, which washes the towels, and for the drying racks, which dry them.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Monday, April 11, 1898, Chairman Conry presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages were received:

Appointment of Constables.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 11, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, the following-named persons to be constables of the City of Boston, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Connected with official positions:

Richard F. Andrews, Thomas A. Ball, John H. Banks, Daniel F. Breen, Carlan A. Brown, Moses P. Brown, John B. Cadigan, William W. Campbell, William A. Coburn, William P. Cook, Thomas A. Crawford, Thomas J. Donnellon, Aaron A. Downs, William L. Drohan, John A. Duddy, Cornelius A. Dugan, George C. Dyer, Charles H. Filesetti, Thomas Folger, William A. Fort, Elijah D. Foss, Henry Fox, John J. Franey, Richard A. Friel, Michael S. Green, William W. Griffin, John F. Harrigan, Charles Harrington, Charles P. Harrington, John J. Henry, Gustavus B. Hutchinson, James O. Jordan, Thomas Jordan, James P. Keliher, Samuel Kelley, Stephen P. Kelley, Edward Kelly, Edward A. Kennedy, James M. Kilroy, Edward J. Leary, James F. McCarthy, James E. Norton, James J. O'Brien, Thomas J. O'Neil, Alvah H. Peters, Alvin I. Phillips, Dennis J. Quinn, Patrick F. Reddy, John H. Riley, John Robie, B. Franklin Sanborn, Henry J. Schenck, Charles J. Smith.

Connected with official positions, to serve without bonds:

TRUANT OFFICERS.

George W. Bean, Henry M. Blackwell, James Bragdon, Frank Hasey, John T. Hathaway, Abraham M. Leavitt, James P. Leeds, David F. Long, John McCrillis, George Murphy, Amos Schaffer, William B. Shea, Warren J. Stokes, Daniel J. Sweeney, Charles E. Turner, Richard W. Walsh, John H. Westfall, Charles B. Wood, Charles S. Wooffindale.

PROBATION OFFICERS.

Nathaniel Leonard, at Charlestown; Calvin A. Littlefield, at East Boston; George N. Parker, at South Boston; William A. Blossom, at Roxbury.

WITH THE SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

Edwin R. Smyth, Monsier D. Mann, William R. Critcherson, Lemuel B. Burrill, Charles F. Clark, James Duckering, James R. Hathaway, Thomas Langlan.

WITH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.

John B. F. Emery.

Not connected with official positions:

William Adams, Charles A. Bancroft, Walden Banks, Arthur W. Bemis, Clarence B. Benedict, Lyde W. Benjamin, Joseph H. Blatt, Solomon Brides, Paul C. Brooks, Joshua Brothers, jr., Benjamin F. S. Bulard, James M. Carter, William H. Chick, James J. Clark, Michael Congiano, Joseph Conneton, John J. Conroy, George W. Crawford, James H. Cruff, James W. Currier, George C. Davis, Henry H. Dewey, Robert J. Dooley, George G. Drew, Thomas J. Drury, John A. Duggan, Herbert J. Emerson, Peter P. Fee, Thomas Fee, William E. Fitzgerald, George W. Goode, Charles G. Goussebaire, Sears H. Grant, Abner C. Gray, George W. Green, Charles A. Grover, Joseph Guttentag, Edward J. Holland, John W. Holmes, Edward L. Hopkins, Henry I. Hull, Lewis J. N. Hurie, Edwin Jaquith, Parker N. Jenkins, Horace A. Jordan, Clarence G. Kellogg, Edward W. Kelly, Gusteen I. Kenerson, William H. Kenney, Russell R. Knapp, Joseph A. Langone, James F. Larkin, Morris F. Lewenberg, George W. Lowther, William H. Lyon, Henry Martyn, William A. Mason, George R. Mathews, James McDonough, Michael McEleney, Joseph I. McLaughlin, Robert M. McLeish, James J. Morgan, John Mundy, George H. Nason, James Needham, Charles P. O'Brien, John J. O'Regan, Isaiah Paine, Jr., George F. Pierce, John G. Ray, Robert Reid, Thomas D. Roberts, Nathaniel G. Robinson, John J. Rogers, George Henry Royce, John Shea, William A. Sheehan, Abraham T. Silberstein, Morris Silverstein, Frederick L. Smith, Jeremiah S. Sullivan, Forrest E. Starr, Herbert W. Stebbins, Anson Stern, Alvah L. Stimson, Calvin Stowe, William H. Swift, Frederic S. Walker, James H. Waugh, Barnett White, Charles J. Whitney, Henry S. Worrall, George L. Wrighton.

Laid over, under the law.

Minor Appointments.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 11, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

GENTLEMEN: I hereby, subject to your approval, make the following appointments:

(1.) John J. Caddigan to be Chief Weigher and Inspector of Vessels and Ballast for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

(2.) James Collins and Edward Hughes to be Assistant Weighers and Inspectors of Vessels and Ballast for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

(3.) The following-named persons, to be Weighers of Coal for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898:

Morton Alden, Revere E. Atwood, William G. Bail, James E. Barnett, George L. Batchelder, John L. Batchelder, jr., Frederick J. Bradford, Barney M. Brennan, Michael J. Brennan, John L. Caldwell, P. J. Caldwell, Donald S. Campbell, John H. Card, Edward N. Clancy, Frederick E. Cleaves, Nelson B. Coll, Charles J. Collins, Edward E. Coye, Hugh F. Crane, James B.

Dana, Asa W. Davidson, Harold L. Day, A. E. Dennis, F. W. Dickinson, Alfred Doane, Charles E. Dodge, John F. Donovan, Luther W. Drowne, John H. Duffill, Kenneth S. Duncan, Albert Eaton, Richard W. Edds, William H. Eltz, John C. Felker, jr., Arthur L. Fish, Edmund D. Fitzpatrick, Alexander C. Ford, George E. Frost, Henry A. Frost, Nellie M. Frost, Thomas F. Gallagher, J. M. Gilman, Thomas F. Golding, Henry F. Gould, Robert J. Gove, Wesley A. Gove, William A. Gove, Charles T. Grant, George B. Grant, William C. Ham, Charles A. Hamann, George P. Hamlin, Joseph L. Harding, J. Arthur Heaton, Stephen Henton, Sidney C. Higgins, Winfield W. Hill, F. A. Hobbs, Samuel Hosea, jr., John W. Hunter, Frank B. Ingalls, Elisha F. James, Harry W. Johnson, Henry R. Jordan, John Kelly, John Kelly, jr., M. P. Woldemar Kreutz, Edward A. Lathrop, William D. Leeds, Clarence J. Libbey, George W. Merrill, Joseph F. Mills, Richard J. Moore, Fred C. Morgan, Fred L. Moses, John F. Nelson, William H. Pierce, Edward E. Piper, James T. Pond, Horace G. Robbins, Joseph Robbins, Dennis D. Ruddy, James Russell, William J. Seaver, D. F. Sheehan, John H. Smith, Lucius W. Smith, Clinton E. Somes, George C. Squier, Frederick S. Stanwood, James P. Stewart, Norman Q. Stewart, Clinton G. Stickney, Charles E. Stone, G. Louis Stowers, Frank E. Sullivan, Fred S. Thompson, Frank O. Thompson, Charles F. Tirrell, John P. Toomey, Joel F. Vinal, Howard Wade, Alfred A. Waldron, Charles S. Wellington, G. E. Whipple, Michael F. Walsh, John B. White, Henry G. Wilson, Edward J. Whitmarsh, J. Clarence Whitney, James F. Wilson, Benjamin D. Wood, Harry M. Wood, Moses E. Young.

(4.) The following-named persons, to be Measurers of Wood and Bark, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898:

Morton Alden, Revere E. Atwood, George L. Batchelder, James B. Dana, John M. Davis, Harold L. Day, A. E. Dennis, Luther W. Drowne, William H. Eltz, Joseph Flores, J. Arthur Heaton, Sidney C. Higgins, Samuel Hosea, jr., John W. Hunter, Frank B. Ingalls, Albert T. Orrall, Dennis D. Ruddy, Frank E. Sullivan, Frank O. Thompson, Howard Wade, J. Clarence Whitney.

(5.) The following-named persons, to be Measurers of Grain, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898:

Horace W. Aitken, William Bentley, Lawrence A. Bragan, David Burke, Elmer E. Chain, Edward N. Clancy, Michael Collins, Charles R. Clifford, Michael F. Codire, Cornelius Cowhig, Patrick T. Corcoran, Charles A. David, John Deveraux, F. W. Dickinson, Daniel F. Enos, L. T. Farnum, Michael Finn, Hugh Flanagan, Carroll Gates, John H. Gillogly, Henry F. Gould, George Gourley, Alden H. Harding, Benjamin Hay, Joseph G. Herrick, Joseph A. Hill, Daniel Hurley, George W. Keith, Cornelius Murphy, James A. Murphy, Alfred J. Sidwell, James Slesser, James E. Soutter, John Steele, Charles E. Stone, Fred J. Sullivan, Loring H. Tucker.

(6.) The following-named persons, to be Inspectors of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898:

Morton Alden, Charles E. Avery, Elmer

E. Chain, Charles R. Davis, John M. Davis, F. W. Dickinson, John H. Dunn, William M. Dunn, Ervin F. Eaton, Thomas B. Gammon, John H. Gillogly, Henry F. Gould, William Lincoln, Jairus L. Litchfield, S. B. Keene, Richard J. Moore, Leslie A. Pike, Edward G. Stanley, Charles E. Stone, Charles F. Thompson, Andrew N. Wyeth.

(7.) The following-named persons, to be Field Drivers and Pound Keepers, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898:

Joseph H. Murphy, in Brighton; Henry Griffith, in Dorchester; John Rooney, in East Boston; William T. McChesney, in South Boston; William Cotter, in the Back Bay District and in Roxbury.

(8.) The following-named persons, to be Superintendent of Hay Scales, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898:

Herbert C. Davis, North scales; Edwin T. Frost, South Boston; Charles W. Richardson, Roxbury; Benjamin F. Paine, Brighton; Thomas R. Frost and Lewis L. P. Atwood, West Roxbury; Levi Chadbourne, South scales; William J. Mathers, East Boston.

(9.) The following-named persons, to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898:

John L. Caldwell, Edward N. Clancy, Nelson C. Clement, Patrick D. Curry, Charles A. David, Alfred Doane, John F. Donovan, Kenneth S. Duncan, L. T. Farnum, Alexander C. Ford, John Hurley, John W. Kelley, M. P. Woldemar Kreutz, Eugene McCarthy, George W. Merrill, Thomas H. O'Brien, Dennis O'Sullivan, James Slesser, F. S. Thompson.

(10.) The following-named persons, to be Weighers of Beef, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898:

Joel W. Bent, Frederick L. Dodge and Charles Warren Hapgood.

(11.) William B. Bayley, to be Surveyor of Marble, Freestone and Soapstone, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

(12.) Woodbury L. Lewis and Edward R. McLaren, to be Fence Viewers, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

(13.) N. Porter Cleaves and Robert F. Means, to be Inspectors of Petroleum and its products, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

(14.) John J. Powers, Sewall B. Farnsworth and Edward R. Maxwell, to be Measurers of Upper Leather, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

(15.) Patrick J. McCarthy to be Inspector of Lime, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

Blasting on Story Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 11, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, with accom-

panying letters, and I recommend the passage by your Board of the accompanying order, to enable the work of the Street Department to proceed, as I believe from the information in my possession that this blasting can be carried on without danger to life and property, and it is very desirable that the work upon the removal of these hills should proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 11, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In connection with the work of removing the bank on Story street, South Boston, it is necessary that this Department have a permit for blasting. These permits are issued by the Police Department. Such a permit was obtained through Captain Walker of Station 6, South Boston, and the work proceeded. Later, Captain Walker refused to issue further permit, and, on the continuance of the work, an employee of this Department, in charge, was arrested on a warrant, taken before the South Boston court, found guilty and fined \$10.

I enclose herewith correspondence of this Department with the Police Commission, covering the facts. It is very necessary that this matter be adjusted, or the work cannot be carried on at a reasonable cost, and must be abandoned. I would therefore ask that either the Board of Aldermen grant the authority, if within their province, or that the police be requested to assume the responsibility.

No complaint of any kind has been received at this office, and, as I stated in my letter, on personal investigation, I could find no objection; and I am informed that Captain Walker also gave the matter his personal attention, and reported to the foreman that any complaint was not worthy of notice.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 5, 1898.

GEN. A. P. MARTIN, Chairman Board of Police, 37 Pemberton Square.

DEAR SIR: I have just noted your communication, in relation to an order of the Board of Aldermen, that permission be granted to the City of Boston for blasting at Story street, South Boston. I wish to say, that in my opinion, Captain Walker acted in the matter hastily and unfairly. For many years an effort has been made to remove this bank, and finally, under the direction of the city, and with city men, this Department has been engaged in the work of removal. Proper permit was secured; and, before taking such action as cancelling a permit and then arresting an employee of a city department, common courtesy would seem to dictate that Captain Walker should have communicated with the head of this Department. My first knowledge of the affair was when I was in-

informed that the case had been carried to court, and one of my men fined \$10.

As regards the objection made by certain parties and damage to property, I had made personal investigation of this.

The Citizens' Association of South Boston had also investigated, and there was absolutely no foundation for the complaint. Our most careful men have been employed on the work, and every precaution taken, not only to provide against accident, but to make the work unobjectionable.

I fail to see now why any order of the Board of Aldermen is necessary for the issuance of a permit for blasting in this case. If Captain Walker had the authority to grant the permit in the first instance, that authority still remains; and I would ask what action your Board proposes to take in the matter.

I repeat, that I believe Captain Walker's action deserves censure, for causing the arrest and fining of an employee of a city department engaged in the proper conduct of his work, unless Captain Walker acted under your orders, after full report in the matter.

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed)

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE.

April 6, 1898.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Esq., Superintendent of Streets.

DEAR SIR: The Board of Police is in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, in reference to a communication sent to the Board of Aldermen, on the subject of the blasting at Story street, South Boston, and in reply would say:

It was considered by the Board that Captain Walker had acted properly in the matter of revoking the permit to blast, on the complaints made by citizens in that vicinity, whose property was endangered, as represented to him. We understand from Captain Walker that some ten days elapsed between the time that he notified the contractor or employee for the city, and the time that the permit was actually revoked. We do not desire to come to conflict in any way with a city department in regard to enforcing the law, and intend always to be courteous and considerate, but we supposed, under the circumstances, that the foreman having charge of the work would have communicated to you or to some of your deputies the fact that complaint had been made, and there would have been some understanding arrived at before the work was renewed.

I hardly see how the permit of Captain Walker is still in force, after his having notified the persons in charge that the permit had been revoked. Certainly the court took that view of the matter, or it would not have imposed a fine for continuing the work, after notice had been given by Captain Walker that the permit was revoked.

We prefer to have the City Government assume the responsibility of continuing the work, and feel that this Department ought not, under the circumstances, to be held responsible, after due notice has been given of the danger to surrounding property.

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

A. P. MARTIN, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to remove by blasting the hills between Story, and East Fifth and G and H streets, Ward 15, South Boston.

The message was placed on file, and the order was passed, the rules being suspended.

Public Celebration Items — Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 11, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith the annual appropriation orders, having approved all of the items therein, except the items for "Patriots' Day, April 19, \$1,400; June 17, \$5,500; Farragut Day, June 28, \$1,200; July Fourth, \$12,500, and Labor's Holiday, September 5, \$2,000," which I do not feel warranted in approving, in view of the increase in these items over the amounts appropriated last year, amounting in all to \$2,350. Last year the city appropriated \$29,350 for the seven public celebrations, and I believe that this sum is as large in the aggregate as should be expended for such purposes, and that there is no sufficient occasion for the increases proposed this year, particularly in view of the fact that the general financial situation of the city calls for the exercise of great economy. While the total increase may not be large, experience has shown, that if an increase in any of these items for public celebrations is once made, it is continued at the higher figure year after year. Expenditures for public celebrations have been increased within a few years by the addition of Patriots' Day, Veteran Firemen's Memorial Day, Farragut Day and Labor's Holiday; and, with so many celebrations, I do not feel that the amounts allowed for five of them should be increased over last year.

I am willing to approve the above-named items for the same amounts as were appropriated last year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The veto of the Mayor was sustained.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., Thursday, April 7, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received:

North Harvard-Street Widening.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 7, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith, without my approval, the order appropriating \$25,000 for widening North Harvard street, for the reason

that prior to its passage an act was passed by the Legislature which prevents the widening of streets otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891. Provision for the proposed widening will be made under said chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The message was placed on file.

Brigham-Street Paving.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 7, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of paving Brigham street, Ward 2.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 7, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the request contained in the enclosed order of the Common Council, I beg to submit the following estimate of cost:

Brigham street, Ward 2, paving with granite blocks and regulating, \$2,700.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Lauriat Avenue Crossing.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 7, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith for your information a letter from the General Manager of the New England Railroad Company in regard to the Lauriat avenue crossing, estimating the total cost of doing the necessary work at \$93,000. I have already called attention to the desirability of doing this work at the present time, and I regret to find that the amount required considerably exceeds the original estimate of the City Engineer. It would seem to be desirable at least, to appropriate the amount required for filling, etc. (\$72,945), at once, in order to save an additional expense of from \$6,000 to \$10,000 if the work is postponed, leaving the actual construction of the proposed bridge and abutments to be provided for later.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The New England Railroad Company.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER,

180 Summer Street, April 6, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: After further conference with our Chief Engineer, allow me to confirm

verbal report to you today, and say that the Talbot-avenue bridge, already under contract, will soon be finished; that the raising of grade at that point, which will be necessary for the elimination of Lauriat avenue, can be done at the present time for from \$6,000 to \$10,000 less than after the Talbot-avenue bridge is completed, when it will be necessary to take out the bridge, remove and change the masonry, and block the street by false work after it has been once opened to travel.

Concerning a bridge at Lauriat avenue, similar in construction to that provided at Talbot avenue: While the City Engineer has suggested Grade 91, in order to reduce the land damage on Lauriat avenue, we find that the cost of raising the tracks to that height will be excessive, and the incidental increase in height to the Talbot-avenue abutments more than we should care to make. We have therefore estimated upon Grade 87 for both bridges. The City Engineer can best say how this will affect the land damage question on Lauriat avenue, in which we will have no interest. This would give us a level track from Harvard street bridge over Talbot and Lauriat avenues, from which latter point we should drop to the present grade, substantially at the present Norfolk-street bridge.

Our engineer estimates the cost of raising the Talbot-avenue bridge to Grade 87 at the present time, and procuring the necessary land for slopes, making the required filling, false work, engineering, etc., to be \$72,945. This is exclusive of the abutments and proposed bridge at Lauriat avenue, which we have this afternoon figured at \$20,055 additional, making the total cost \$93,000 for the Lauriat-avenue bridge and incidental changes of grade, raising Talbot-avenue bridge, etc., but not including street surface work on our land at Lauriat avenue or land damage caused by any change in the Lauriat avenue grade.

We will either make a contract with the city to do this work, similar to that of Talbot avenue, for the sum of \$95,000, provided notice is given by Saturday, the 9th instant, or we will undertake the work for the city at cost, if a sufficiently explicit memorandum can be drawn up.

Yours truly,

C. PETER CLARK,

General Manager.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Bath-house, South Bay.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 7, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Last year a loan appropriation of \$3,000 was made for a floating bath-house, to be located on the South Bay, Roxbury side. The Bath Commission, after careful investigation, reports to me that no suitable location can be found for a bath-house in the South Bay, and that the waters in this basin are so contaminated that it would be entirely improper, from a sanitary standpoint, to use them for public bathing.

This appropriation has been used for the construction of a floating bath-house, which is needed elsewhere, and I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Department of Baths be authorized to locate at any point suitable for public bathing the floating bath-house, built out of the loan appropriation of \$3,000 for bath-house, South Bay, Roxbury side.

The message was sent up, and the order passed and sent up.

Rutherford Avenue Widening.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 7, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a copy of Chapter 275 of the Acts of the present year, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Widening of Rutherford avenue and Devens and Bow streets, in the City of Boston." This act is subject to acceptance by the City Council, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order for this purpose.

The Board of Street Commissioners has for many years recognized the street widenings provided for by this Act as being of great and pressing importance; they are needed to provide for the largely increased volume of traffic due to the removal of the freight-houses of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company to Charlestown. I recommend acceptance of the Act, not on account of any local advantage to be derived from it, but because of the important relation which this improvement will have to the general traffic of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That Chapter 275 of the Acts of the year 1898, being an Act entitled "An Act to Provide for the Widening of Rutherford avenue and Devens and Bow streets, in the City of Boston," be and hereby is accepted.

The message was sent up and the order passed.

ASSISTANT ASSESSORS FOR 1898.

Assistant assessors for the year 1898 have been appointed by the Board of Assessors, and approved by the Mayor, as follows:

Ward 1—Charles A. Tilden, Charles W. Odiorne.

Ward 2—Thomas O. McEnaney, Irwin Clarke.

Ward 3—James J. Mellen, Benj. F. Bowditch.

Ward 4—Dennis G. Quirk, Charles W. Pearson.

Ward 5—Frank J. Enos, Patrick Sullivan.

Ward 6 (first part)—Timothy J. Murphy, Michael Cangiano; (second part), Joseph D. Dillworth, Allen J. McIntire; (third part), Edwin R. Spinney, Edward A. Rogan.

Ward 7 (first part)—Nathan P. Ryder, Henry J. Ireland; (second part), Charles B. Hunting, Alex P. Brown; (third part), George W. Carr, Cornelius J. McGillicuddy.

Ward 8 (first part)—Daniel A. Downey,

Michael J. Toumey; (second part), Thomas C. Butler, Bernard J. McGowan.

Ward 9—John J. Gartland, Frederick A. H. Bennett.

Ward 10 (first part)—Charles J. Dowd, William A. Byrne; (second part), Harry O. Alexander, Hugh D. Montague, jr.

Ward 11 (first part)—Frederick H. Temple, James E. Gray; (second part), George Warren, Jerome J. Crowley.

Ward 12—George A. King, Charles J. McHugh.

Ward 13—Roger H. Scannell, Joseph F. Ripp.

Ward 14—John C. Cook, John J. Toomey.

Ward 15—Charles O. Burrill, John H. Hout.

Ward 16 (first part)—James I. Moore; William H. Allen; (second part), Charles H. Snow, John S. McDonough.

Ward 17—Thomas H. Bond, Patrick F. Hopkins.

Ward 18—Edward W. Dolan, John P. Geishecker.

Ward 19 (first part)—James P. Fox, John J. Sullivan; (second part), Robert Culbert, George W. Crocker.

Ward 20 (first part)—John H. Donovan, Edward W. Griggs; (second part), William B. Smart, Oliver F. Davenport.

Ward 21 (first part)—Alonzo F. Andrews, Louis Burkhardt; (second part), John H. Griggs, Edward Seaver.

Ward 22 (first part)—Henry W. Kelly, Walter E. Merriam; (second part), Frank S. Pratt, William Doonan.

Ward 23 (first part)—Edward P. Butler, James F. Dowling; (second part), John H. Gibley, James A. Coutts; (third part), Michael F. Dolan, Clinton P. Duryea.

Ward 24 (first part)—William G. Bail, William A. Chamberlain; (second part), William D. Lang, Joseph A. Singler; (third part), Francis N. Plummer, John A. Dillon.

Ward 25 (first part)—Benj. M. Fiske, Patrick F. Carley; (second part), George W. Warren, J. Harris Aubin.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of importations and exportations, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of March, 1898, compared with the corresponding month of 1897:

	Importations.	Exportations.
March, 1898 . .	\$5,730,571	\$10,746,817
March, 1897 . .	10,423,799	8,168,789

	Entered.		Cleared.	
Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
March, 1898 . .	128	155,236	102	126,929
March, 1897 . .	126	151,013	84	122,963

Arrival of passengers, March, 1898 . . .	858
Arrival of passengers, March, 1897 . . .	812

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

General Order No. 500.

March 30, 1898.

I. Vacations for members of the force for the present year will commence May 2, and end November 1, and not more than one-twelfth of the total force attached to any division will be allowed on vacation at the same time.

II. Reserve officers, who have been on the force one year previous to the first of May, next, will be allowed vacations the same as other officers.

III. The time of taking vacations by officers will be determined by lot on Thursday, 31st instant, and the terms of the vacation squads will begin and end as follows:

No.	Commence.	End at same time.
1	7.45 A.M., May 2	May 16
2	7.45 A.M., May 16	May 30
3	7.45 A.M., May 31	June 14
4	7.45 A.M., June 18	July 2
5	7.45 A.M., July 5	July 19
6	7.45 A.M., July 19	Aug. 2
7	7.45 A.M., Aug. 2	Aug. 16
8	7.45 A.M., Aug. 16	Aug. 30
9	7.45 A.M., Sept. 6	Sept. 20
10	7.45 A.M., Sept. 20	Oct. 4
11	7.45 A.M., Oct. 4	Oct. 18
12	7.45 A.M., Oct. 18	Nov. 1

IV. The following divisions will reserve the number of vacations given below in drawing for Squad No. 9, whose term commences September 6, for the veterans who desire to attend the Grand Army Convention September 7, 1898:

Division 1, one; Division 4, two; Division 6, one; Division 7, one; Division 10, three; Division 13, one; Division 16, three.

V. The following divisions will reserve the number of vacations given below in drawing for Squad No. 11, whose term commences October 4, for officers who desire to attend the Knights Templars Convention at Pittsburg, Pa., October 11, 1898:

Division 2, four; Division 3, one; Division 4, two; Division 5, one; Division 6, two; Division 7, two; Division 10, one; Division 11, two; Division 12, one; Division 13, one; Division 15, one; Special Street Squad, one.

Contracts Awarded.

Boston Transit Commission.

The following bids were opened by this Commission on April 5, 1898:

ADDITIONAL PLATFORM ON EASTERLY SIDE OF SCOLLAY SQUARE STATION.

George W. Judd	\$21,771 50
Shailer & Schniglau Company	28,412 50

The contract was awarded to George W. Judd.

ERECTION OF THREE STATIONS IN SCOLLAY AND ADAMS SQUARES.

Norcross Bros.	\$53,000 00
Norcross & Cleveland	52,000 00
Connery & Wentworth	45,393 00
L. D. Willcutt & Son	42,683 00
Woodbury & Leighton	39,133 00

The contract was awarded to Woodbury & Leighton.

PAINTING, WOODEN FLOORING AND PAVING CHARLESTOWN BRIDGE.

Bradley & McLaughlin	\$41,676 00
A. A. Libby & Co.	30,350 00
Patrick O'Hara & Co.	28,834 77
James A. Colson	27,000 00
W. L. Miller & Co.	26,839 00
H. Gore & Co.	23,454 00
W. J. Lawler	21,200 00
D. J. Kiley & Co.	20,813 00

The contract was awarded to D. J. Kiley & Co.

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved by His Honor the Mayor on the dates specified:

April 4, 1898.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire the vacant lot of land belonging to W. W. Marsh, and located on Everett street, Brighton, to be used as a playground, as in former seasons, and to expend not exceeding the sum of \$200 for the purpose; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

April 6, 1898.

Ordered, That the sum of \$200,000 be appropriated for the purposes specified in Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto.

Ordered, That the order approved February 21, 1898, authorizing a loan of \$20,000 for the widening of Boston street, between Edward Everett square and Mt. Vernon street, is hereby rescinded.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer the unexpended balance of \$1,408.03 from the appropriation for Washington street, Ward 25, to a special appropriation for Brighton avenue, reconstruction, Ward 25.

April 8, 1898.

Whereas, William McKinley, President of these United States, by his patriotic, wise and conciliatory attitude in the crisis and difficulties impending between two Christian nations has endeared himself to a large majority of his countrymen; and

Whereas, All of his noble efforts are being used to avert the terrible results of war; and

Whereas, In this nineteenth century, all peaceful and diplomatic measures should be used before a resort to arms; and

Whereas, A declaration of war would entail upon our beloved country sad and distressing consequences; therefore be it

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston send to the President of these United States its earnest, unqualified support for the lofty and magnificent course he has chosen to follow in this great emergency.

Resolved, That the City Clerk transmit a copy of these resolutions to the President.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved by His Honor the Mayor on the dates specified:

April 4, 1898.

Order, authorizing S. Frances Bates to construct, maintain and use to areas, three feet by eighteen inches, each with covers of iron grating, under and in the sidewalk on the Riverside street side of estate No. 1191 Tremont street, Ward 18.

Order, authorizing W. B. Thomas to construct, maintain and use areas, with granite and sidewalk-light covers and six coal-hole openings, not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with iron covers, under and in the

sidewalk in front of estate on Massachusetts avenue, northerly corner of Boylston street.

Approved April 6, 1898.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

John H. Donovan, a transparency, from Lombard Building, at Field's Corner, Dorchester avenue, Ward 24.

Jaynes & Co., two illuminated signs, at 50 Washington street, Ward 6.

John J. Brown, a sign, at 363 Warren street, Ward 21,

Alexander Cava, an illuminated sign, at 11 Pemberton square, Ward 6.

Frederick A. Parker, a sign, at 34 Cabot street, Ward 18.

John Maloney, an illuminated sign, at 240 Commercial street, Ward 6.

Klondike Social Club, a transparency on 320 Broadway, Ward 13.

H. Singer et al., two barber poles, at 62 Causeway street, Ward 8.

Frank Jenkins, a sign, at 9-11 Savoy street, Ward 9.

G. W. Pierce, six barber poles on Commercial and Commerce streets, Ward 6.

Permits to project bay windows, viz.:

Katherine F. Holland, one, westerly side of Dorchester avenue, corner of Roseclaire street, Ward 16.

Estate of James Currie, two, 39-41 Baxter street, Ward 13.

License to store oils or fluids, composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, granted to E. C. Powers, at 301 Fuller street, Ward 24.

Permit to Inkerman N. Chappell to maintain a newstand at the north-west corner of the Old Court House, on Court street.

Permit to the Democratic State Committee for the use of Faneuil Hall, waiving the fee, on Saturday evening, April 16.

License to C. C. Collins to run a passenger-barge between Forest Hills Station and Calvary, Mt. Hope, Mt. Benedict and Forest Hills cemeteries, on Memorial Day, 1898.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates, said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestones, the owners to furnish the said material, viz:

Gipson & Knight, Sumner street, corner Allbright court, Ward 20; of gravel.

L. J. O'Toole, corner Cedar and Highland streets, Ward 21; of brick.

Ann Clasby, 111-113 Dale street, Ward 21; of brick.

Patrick M. Keating, 34 Eliot street, Ward 23; of brick.

Rudolph J. Pearce, 24 Pleasant street, corner Mayfield street, Ward 20; of artificial stone.

Adolph G. Pearce, 30 Pleasant street, Ward 20; of artificial stone.

George L. Purrington, 87 Horace street, Ward 1; of artificial stone.

Joseph Green, 45 Dundee street, Ward 10; of artificial stone.

Gipson & Knight, Sumner street, Ward 20; of artificial stone.

Albert S. Jewell, 128-136 Adams street, Ward 20; of concrete or artificial stone.

Ordered, That a new division into voting precincts be made of that portion of Ward 7, heretofore included in Precincts 1 and 6 of said ward, and said precincts are hereby constituted as follows:

PRECINCT ONE.

All that part of said ward lying within the following-described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Atlantic avenue and Beach street; thence by the centre lines of Beach, Washington, La Grange, Tremont, Boylston, Charles, Beacon, School, Washington, Milk, India and Central streets and Atlantic avenue to the ward line between Long wharf and Central wharf; thence by said ward line and the ward line in Boston Harbor to the centre line of Congress street; thence by the centre line of Congress street and Atlantic avenue to the point of beginning.

PRECINCT SIX.

All that part of said ward lying within the following-described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Albany street and Broadway; thence by the centre lines of Albany and Harvard streets, Harrison avenue and Beach street, Atlantic avenue and Congress street and Congress-street bridge, to the ward line in Fort Point channel; thence by said ward line to the centre line of Broadway; thence by said centre line to the point of beginning.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley to move a wooden building, pitch roof, forty-five feet in length, by nineteen feet in width, by thirty feet in height, from present location on Brandon street, near South street, along said street to lot opposite the end of Amherst street, Ward 23, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Frank S. Robbins, to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached as follows: One at or near No. 555 Atlantic avenue; three on India street, at or near India square, Ward 7; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley to move a wooden building, in two pieces, one flat roof, twenty-eight feet in length, by twenty-five feet in width, by thirty-two feet in height; and the other a pitch roof, twelve feet in length, by ten feet in width, by twelve feet in height, from present location, Brandon street, near South street, along said street to lot at opposite end of Amherst street, Ward 23, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley to move a wooden building, pitch roof, thirty-five feet in length, by thirty-seven feet in width, by thirty feet in height, from Nos. 13-13½ Robert street to South Walter street, a private street; thence to stone foundation at the corner of South Walter and South Fairview streets, Ward 23, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley to move a wooden building, flat roof, twenty feet in length, by fourteen feet in width, by twelve feet in height, from Brandon street, opposite Birch street, to lot

next to No. 8 Birch street, Ward 23, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That any expenses incurred by the Committee on Licences of this Board for hearings on the petition of Anna M. Bennet and others, for a modification of the regulation of the Board of Aldermen relating to the covering of the head in places of public amusement, be charged to the Contingent Fund of the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of a wire at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:

Geneva avenue, Ward 20, one pole, thirty-five feet in height, by ten inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet; date of plan, November, 1889.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from Geneva avenue, Ward 20; said pole being shown by a blue dot marked "removed" on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated November, 1889, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within thirty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Rockland street, Ward 25, five poles, thirty-five feet in height, by twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, six feet.

Seattle street, Ward 25, four poles, thirty-five feet in height, by twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Blakemore street, Ward 23, four poles, thirty-five feet in height, by twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk seven feet.

Florence street, Ward 23, four poles, thirty-five feet in height, by twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet; date of plans March 19, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

April 8, 1898.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Lozer Leventall to place, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, three feet by four and one-half feet, with wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 28 Barton street, Ward 8; the work to be com-

pleted on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company, to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use tracks in Adams square in place of present tracks in said square, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated January 29, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order, is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—NOT REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested to petition the General Court, at its present session, for the passage of an act to enable the City of Boston to pay to Ellen M. Brawley, widow of John P. Brawley, late Assistant Clerk of Committees, the balance of salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his position until the end of the present financial year.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the heads of the several departments to allow a half-holiday, without loss of pay, on Saturdays, between the first day of May and the first day of November, to all city employees whose services can be dispensed with.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Minor's licenses granted to thirty-six newsboys and two bootblacks.

Permit to A. L. Griffin for Gussie Hunt, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Bowdoin Square Theatre for one week, commencing April 4.

License to Houghton & Dutton for exhibitions and entertainments at 55 Tremont street, for the season ending August 1, 1898.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, The Committee on Metropolitan Affairs of the Massachusetts House of Representatives have reported a bill (House Bill No. 1,089), providing for a Board of Appor-

tionment, to pass appropriation orders, which may within thirty days after their submission to the City Council be reduced by that body, but not increased, nor new items be inserted; and

Whereas, The Committee on Cities, of the same honorable body, have reported a bill (House Bill No. 1,149), which is now in the order of the day on the calendar of the House, providing for a comprehensive system of playgrounds, through the purchase of such locations, not exceeding twenty, as the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, with the approval of the Mayor, may deem best adapted; and

Whereas, The Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, of the same honorable body, have reported a bill (House Bill No. 1,157), now in the orders of the day on the calendar of the House, providing that the City Treasurer of the City of Boston shall, on the request of the Mayor, issue notes and bonds for divers purposes; and these issues are to be within the debt limit, and thus limit the ordinary financial resources of the city; and

Whereas, The Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, of the same honorable body, have reported a bill (House Bill No. 1,158), now in the orders of the day on the calendar of the House, providing for the establishment of an art department by the appointment of five art commissioners by the Mayor, without confirmation; and

Whereas, All the above-mentioned bills deprive the City Council of the City of Boston of important parts of their powers, which have long been recognized as among the prerogatives of these branches of the City Government; and

Whereas, It is apparent that these bills are but a part of the realization of the plan of His Honor the Mayor to deprive the City Council of all power and importance and to centralize all power in the hands of one man, the Mayor; be it

Resolved, That we, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, in regular session assembled, do hereby protest against the passage of these bills and any others which lessen the power of the City Council, and at its expense increase that of the Mayor.

WILLIAM BERWIN,
FRANKLIN L. CODMAN,
PERLIE A. DYAR,
WILLIAM H. LOTT,
MILTON C. PAIGE,
EDWARD W. PRESNO,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
MICHAEL H. CLEARY,
JOSEPH A. CONRY,
EDWARD W. DIXON,
JOSEPH J. NORTON,
FRANK J. O'TOOLE.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be directed to transmit to each member of the General Court a copy of the preambles and resolve adopted by the Board of Aldermen on this date, protesting against passage by the Legislature of certain bills named therein, affecting the interests of the City of Boston.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be hereby requested to report to this Board an estimate of the cost of laying-out and extending Upham street to Thacher road, Ward 20.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be hereby authorized to pave with asphalt East Fifth street, between H and I streets; East Fourth street, between H and I streets; and I street, between Broadway and East Fifth street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements, Ward 14.

ENACTED WITHOUT APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR.

The following were presented to the Mayor March 29, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of premises 204 South street, Jamaica Plain, the said tree being in a dangerous condition; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead and dangerous tree standing in front of estate 19 Mt. Vernon street, Dorchester; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be hereby requested to remove a tree standing in front of premises No. 30 Ottawa street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Permit to Charles H. Stewart to project five bay windows over Harvard street and two over Kilton street, from building on the south-west corner of said streets, Ward 20.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROPOSED ACT RELATIVE TO RECORDS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

The Committee on Rules, to whom had been referred the following bill, relative to records of births, marriages and deaths in the City of Boston, reported on April 6, recommending that the twelfth joint rule, allowing the introduction of the bill, be not suspended, and on April 11 the bill was referred by the House to the next General Court.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECORDS AND STATISTICS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City Registrar of the City of Boston shall obtain statistics in regard to its inhabitants, on the points hereinafter specified, and may appoint examiners to obtain such statistics, who shall be subject to civil service examination.

Sect. 2. Every married person, and every person who has been married, shall state his or her name, residence, occupation, birthplace, date of birth, names of brothers, sisters and parents, name of wife or husband, date of marriage, names of children, whether living or dead, with date and place of their births; and, if dead, the date of death and place of decease; and, if divorced, shall also state the date of divorce, with name of court decreeing the same. Every single person, for whom no return is made by his

parents, shall make a return of such of the above facts as are applicable, and any single person over the age of twenty-one years may state that fact, instead of the date of his or her birth. The returns so made shall be kept by the Registrar as public records, and be subject to all statutes respecting such records.

Sect. 3. The statements required shall be made on blanks, to be furnished by the Registrar, at the expense of the city, and shall be signed by the person making it, or by either the husband or wife for both. In case of minors, who are orphans, the guardian may sign, or any person in charge of any minor whose parents do not reside in Boston with him may certify to such facts as he can, giving authority therefor.

Sect. 4. The Supreme Judicial Court, or any justice thereof, and the Superior Court, or any justice thereof, sitting in any county, upon petition of the Clerk or Registrar of a city or town, or of any person who is a party in interest in any record made in any registry of births, marriages or deaths, under the charge of such Clerk or Registrar of a city or town in such county, may, upon such notice as the court shall order, determine whether such record is true or false, and if it determines that the same is false, may make a decree that such record be expunged, or that any name, date or other part of such record be changed, and specifying the change to be made.

Sect. 5. The Clerk or Registrar in charge of any such record shall, upon the receipt of a certified copy of any such decree, cause such record to correspond therewith, and a reference to be made thereto, in the margin of the record, and the record so made shall stand in the place of the original record.

Sect. 6. Any such Clerk or Registrar, who shall expunge or make any change in any record under his charge, except to cause such record to correspond to a decree aforesaid, or to correct mistakes made by him or his employees, shall for each offence be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

Sect. 7. Any person possessing knowledge of any such statistics, who shall, on being questioned as to the same by any such examiner, refuse to answer such questions, or shall give a false answer thereto, shall for each offence forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding \$50.

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TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
1. S. B. 20, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
2. S. B. 27, relative to the Charter of the City of Boston, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 31.	Feb. 7. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
3. S. B. 34, to Authorize the Sale of Certain Land taken for Public Park Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 16. H. (B.)	Feb. 17.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 3. S. Mch. 7.	Approved. March 8.
4. S. B. 43, relative to the Holding of Caucuses, p. 77.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Mch. 10, 15. Closed.	March 18. S. (B.)	April 4.						
5. S. B. 44, relative to the Wires and Electrical Appliances in the Streets of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 3.	March 9. S. (B.)	March 10.	March 11.	March 15. H.	March 16.	March 18.	H. Mch. 24.	
6. S. B. 47, to Require Construction of a Tunnel or Tunnels between Boston and East Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 14, 28. March 4. Closed.								
7. S. B. 50, relative to the Construction of Belvidere Street in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 22. Closed.	March 2. H. (B.)	March 24.	April 1.	April 5. S.	April 6.	April 7.	H. Apr. 12.	
8. S. B. 56, relative to the Board of Aldermen and to the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	Feb. 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
9. S. B. 62, relative to the Finances of the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H. (B.)	March 21.	April 8.					
10. S. B. 70, relative to Stony Brook in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 1. Closed.	March 14. S. (B.)	March 15.	March 16.	March 18. H.	March 21.	March 22.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	Approved. April 1.
11. S. B. 71, to Payment of Assessments for the Laying-out and Construction of Highways in the City of Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 8. S. (B.)	March 10.	March 15. Am.	March 17. H.	March 18.	March 21.	H. Mch. 28. S. Mch. 31.	Approved. April 1.
12. S. B. 93, relative to Malden Bridge, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 10.	March 10. Closed.	April 1. S. (B.)							
13. S. B. 110, to Provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 63.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)	March 30.						
14. S. B. 118, relative to the Support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston, p. 65.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, 28. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	March 30.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.			
15. S. B. 153, relative to Grounds for the Parade, Drill and Target Practice of the Militia of the City of Boston, p. 166.	Military Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 28. S. (B.)	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28.	March 1. H.	March 1.	March 1.	H. Mch. 3. S. Mch. 7.	Approved. March 8.
16. H. B. 80, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 29.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 3, 7. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
17. H. B. 82, as to Change of Harbor Lines and Improvements in South Bay, p. 29.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 13.	Jan. 28. Closed.	March 2. H. (B.)	March 8.	March 9.	March 11. S.	March 23.	March 24.	H. Mch. 30. S. April 1.	Approved. April 2.
18. H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Cities. Jan. 14.	Jan. 21. Feb. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)							
19. H. B. 125, for more Boston Aldermen, and choice of Chairman by Popular Vote, p. 43.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Feb. 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
20. H. B. 195, for widening Rutherford Avenue, Devens and Bow Streets, p. 43.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 21.	Feb. 25. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 18. Am.	March 21.	H. Mch. 29. S. April 1.	Approved. April 2.
21. H. B. 204, for Reorganization of the Boston City Government, p. 44.	Election Laws. Jan. 21.	Feb. 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
22. H. B. 233, as to Choice of President of Boston Common Council by Popular Vote, p. 60.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
23. H. B. 253, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 61.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
24. H. B. 255, as to Change in Method of Electing Boston Aldermen, p. 62.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
25. H. B. 348, as to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 14.	March 15. Am.	March 17. S.	March 18.	March 21.	H. Mch. 28. S. Mch. 31.	Approved. April 1.
26. H. B. 356, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Children of Charles A. Lambert, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (B.)	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. S.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
27. H. B. 358, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to Family of Edward C. Cadigan, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 11. Closed.	Feb. 11. H. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. S.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	H. Feb. 25. S. Mch. 1.	Approved. March 2.
28. H. B. 359, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Father of James W. McCabe, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 4. Closed.	Feb. 9. H. (B.)	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 11. S.	Feb. 14. Am.	Feb. 15.	H. Feb. 21. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
29. H. B. 363, to Amend an Act Limiting the Number of Places which may be Licensed for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, p. 122.	Liquor Law. Jan. 25.	Feb. 18. Closed.	March 9. H. (B.)	April 4.						

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30. H. B. 374, as to the Election of the Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
31. H. B. 376, as to Election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
32. H. B. 377, as to the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
33. H. B. 395, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Family of John Kelley, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (B.)	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. S.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 23.	Approved. Feb. 24.
34. H. B. 410, as to the Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 9. Closed.	Feb. 9. H. (B.)	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14. Am.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 17.	March 9. Am.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 18.	Approved. March 23.
35. H. B. 416, resolve to Provide for an Addition to the Normal Art School Building in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Education.	Feb. 17. Closed.	March 22. H. (R.)							
36. H. B. 452, to Provide for the Appointment of One Additional Court Officer for Attendance upon the Several Sessions of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston for Civil Business, p. 83.	Public Service. Jan. 31.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 18. H. (B.)	March 10.	March 11.	March 15. S.	March 17.	March 21.	H. Mch. 28. S. Mch. 31.	Approved. April 1.
37. H. B. 489, to Enable the City of Boston to Complete Blue Hill Avenue and Other Avenues, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10. Am.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.	H. Mch. 22. S. Mch. 28.	Approved. March 29.
38. H. B. 491, relative to Bennington Street in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 4.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.	H. Mch. 22. S. Mch. 24.	Approved. March 25.
39. H. B. 503, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Widow of Charles J. Vaughn, p. 84.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 11. Closed.	Feb. 11. H. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. S.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	H. Feb. 25. S. Mch. 1.	Approved. March 2.
40. H. B. 505, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 84.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
41. H. B. 506, to Facilitate the Inspection of Wires in Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 8. Closed.	March 16. H. (B.)	March 17.	March 18.	March 22. S.	March 23.	March 24.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	Approved. April 1.
42. H. B. 588, relative to Appointment of Special Police Officers in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
43. H. B. 589, to Enable the City of Boston to Finish the Construction of Its Public Parks, p. 122.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 8. S.	March 9. Am.	March 10.	March 14. H.	March 18. Am.	March 21.	H. Apr. 7. S. Apr. 11.	Approved. April 12.
44. H. B. 645, relative to the Taking of Land for School Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 16. S. (B.)	Feb. 17.	March 1.	March 3. H.	March 4.	March 7.	H. Mch. 10. S. Mch. 14.	Approved. March 15.
45. H. B. 668, relative to the Pensioning of War Veterans who are Members of the Police Force of Boston, p. 123.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 17. Closed.	Feb. 18. H. (B.)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 25. S.	March 1. Am.	March 2.	H. Mch. 9. S. Mch. 11.	Approved. March 14.
46. H. B. 670, to Establish an Art Department in the City of Boston, p. 62.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Mch. 4, 15. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	March 30.						
47. H. B. 671, relative to Children in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.								
48. H. B. 673, to Authorize the Treasurer of the City of Boston to Issue Bonds for Taking of Land for School Purposes, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 17. H. (B.)	Feb. 18.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 24. S.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 8. S. Mch. 7.	Approved. March 8.
49. H. B. 676, relative to the Time of Appointment and Assignment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.	H. Mch. 22. S. Mch. 24.	Approved. March 25.
50. H. B. 685, to Authorize the School Committee of the City of Boston to Erect Buildings for School Purposes not Fire-proof, p. 124.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 15.	March 16.	H. Mch. 22. S. Mch. 24.	Approved. March 25.
51. H. B. 686, to Exempt School-houses from Certain Provisions of the Act Relative to the Erection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 88.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 17. H. (B.)	March 18.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 24.	March 25.	H. Mch. 30. S. April 1.	Approved. April 2.
52. H. B. 749, to Change the Method of Electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 89.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
53. H. B. 753, relative to Ferries, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.						
54. H. B. 762, relative to the Construction, Maintenance and Inspection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 92.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 17. S. (B.)	March 18.	March 23. Am.	March 25. H.	March 28.	March 30.	H. Apr. 7. S. Apr. 11.	Approved. April 12.
55. H. B. 764, relative to the Construction of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 93.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)	March 2.	March 3.	March 7. S.	March 10.	March 11.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 18.	Approved. March 23.
56. H. B. 768, relative to Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. March 14. Closed.								

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57. H. B. 825, to Further Provide for a Union Station for Passengers on Railroads Entering the Southerly Part of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	March 1. Closed.	March 10. H. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. S.	March 17.	March 18.	H. Mch. 24. S. Mch. 28.	Approved. March 29.
58. H. B. 897, to Change Boundary Line Between Boston and Cambridge, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. H.	March 17.	March 18.	H. Mch. 23. S. Mch. 28.	Approved. March 29.
59. H. B. 888, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line Between the Cities of Boston and Newton, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. S.	March 17.	March 18.	H. Mch. 24. S. Mch. 28.	Approved. March 29.
60. H. B. 889, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line Between the City of Boston and the Town of Hyde Park, p. 94.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 7.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. S.	March 17.	March 18.	H. Mch. 28. S. Mch. 31.	Approved. April 1.
61. H. B. 910, to Provide for the Reconstruction of the Municipal Government of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws, Feb. 11.	Feb. 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
62. H. B. 932, relative to Disabled Firemen in the City of Boston.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 17.	Mch. 4, 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (B.)	March 11.	March 14.	March 16. H.	March 17.	March 18.	H. Mch. 23.	
UNNUMBERED BILLS.										
Petition that the City of Boston may pay Sum of Money to Sister of Denis H. Morrissey.	Cities. Jan. 28.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 11. S. (B.)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17. H.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 18.	H. Feb. 18. S. Feb. 18.	Approved. March 2.
Petition of Mayor Quincy for Provisions for Laying-out Alleys in the City of Boston, p. 64.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 4. Closed.	March 17. H. (B.)	March 18.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 25.	March 30.	H. April 4. S. April 7.	Approved. April 8.

Board Meetings.

Bath Department.

Old Court House, March 28, 1898.

The first meeting of the Board of Commissioners, having in charge the Department of Baths, was held in Room 19, City Hall, on March 28, 1898, at 4 P.M.

All the members of the Board, having duly qualified, were present, namely: Mrs. Lawrence J. Logan, Mrs. Jacob H. Hecht, Patrick A. Tracy, Robert A. Woods, Leonard D. Ahl, Dr. John Duff and Thomas J. Lane.

At the suggestion of the Mayor, it was voted to effect an organization by the choice of a Chairman, to serve until May 1, 1898.

Voted, That Mr. Thomas J. Lane be the Chairman of the Board until May 1, 1898.

Voted, That Dr. John Duff be the Secretary pro tempore, pending the election of a permanent salaried secretary.

Voted, That the Chairman and Secretary pro tempore be appointed a committee to select a permanent Secretary at the suggestion of the Mayor.

Voted, That the Board request the Board of Health to transfer the charge of all property to the Chairman of the Board of Bath Commissioners.

Voted, That the regular meeting of the Board be at 4 P.M. on Tuesday of each week.

At a special meeting of the Board, held March 30, 1898, it was voted that Daniel D. Kearns be appointed as permanent Secretary of the Department of Baths, with a salary of \$1,600 per annum for the year ending May 1, 1899.

The Mayor notified the Board, that for the present the offices of the Department would be in the Old Court House, Room 4.

The regular meeting of the Board was held April 5, 1898.

Voted, That the present location of a floating bath-house be abandoned for the season of 1898, at Mt. Washington-avenue bridge, on account of the dangers incident to the building of the Union Station.

Voted, To perfect plans for the proposed underground conveniences to be located in suitable parts of the city.

Voted, That all floating bath-houses be painted for the season of 1898, and that a new code of rules and instructions be placed in each house.

At the suggestion of His Honor the Mayor, it was voted to recommend to the City Council that the location of a floating house in South Bay, at Roxbury, be changed, on account of the contamination of waters of the bay by the overflow of the sewers in wet weather.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

City Hospital, April 2, 1898.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on Wednesday, March 30, at 5 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Burnham, Keany and Rueter, and later Mr. Shuman and Mr. Sprague.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, regarding marble work in the new Surgical Building. The matter was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with full powers.

A report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, covering various additions to contracts, estimates, etc., as per letters from Consulting Architect, was submitted and approved.

A communication was received from Dr. McCollom, nominating Dr. Dennis P. Wines as house officer at the South Department. The matter was referred to the Medical Committee, who at once reported back in favor of the nomination.

A communication was received from Mr. E. M. Wheelwright, regarding estimates for

the cost of completion of the old and new Laundry Building, and also concerning work to be done at the new Nurses' Home. It was voted that the Committee on Service be authorized to procure plans and estimates for a connecting corridor between the old and new Nurses' Home, and plans, specifications and estimates for such other portions of construction connected with the new Nurses' Home as may be deemed expedient by said committee, and that said committee be authorized to procure invited bids upon said plans and specifications.

A communication was received from the Park Commissioners, concerning the taking of land at the Convalescent Home. It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to communicate to the Park Commissioners, that owing to the probability of construction by the Trustees of the Hospital of further buildings at the Convalescent Home, the Trustees deem it inexpedient to convey away any of said land.

It was voted further, that the Secretary be instructed to thank the Park Commissioners for shrubs, etc., furnished to the Hospital.

Circular No. 36, from Mayor Quincy, respecting appropriation recommended by the Mayor for the coming year, and Circular No. 37, regarding absence of employees at election in Charlestown, on March 29, were submitted and ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel, enclosing an attested vote of the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, respecting certain houses taken for the Nurses' Home site.

It was voted that the President be authorized to sign a special draft for the amount, as fixed in said communication, upon receiving a proper request therefor from the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston.

The matter of obtaining authority from the Legislature for the holding of real and personal property above the amount of \$1,000,000, as now authorized, was referred to a committee consisting of Mr. Sprague and Mr. Rueter, with full powers.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, April 11, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln and the Librarian.

Communications received: From the Mayor, circular No. 38; from the City Auditor, dated April 1; the Librarian's report.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city's moneys to the amount of \$250.93; to trust funds, \$114.55; to Fellowes Atheneum, \$3.28; miscellaneous articles, \$311.59.

A complaint was received and referred to the Librarian for such action as may be feasible.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

Boston, April 9, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held at its rooms in the Charity Building, Wednesday, April 6, 1898, at 3 P.M.

Present: Mr. Fowler, Chairman; Mrs. Wolcott, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Sproules, Mr. Parker and Mr. Mullen.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasury for \$2,000.

Notice was received of a vote of the City Council, authorizing the Committee on Overseeing of Poor Department to make the annual examination of the trust funds in charge of the Overseers of the Poor.

The Committee on Finance, through its Chairman, reported that the accounts for the month of March had been examined and found correct.

The same committee reported that the books and accounts for the year ending January 31, 1898, had been examined by George T. Stoddard, expert accountant, who certified to their correctness.

The Chairman read the matter he had prepared for the Annual Report, which was approved, and ordered to be printed with the usual accounts and statistics; 1,000 extra copies to be printed for the use of this Board.

The monthly reports of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers were read and placed on file.

The Chairman stated that at the last quarterly conference, His Honor the Mayor had asked if this Board would favor the building of a new Charity Building on land formerly occupied by the Boston & Maine Railroad station.

Voted, That the matter be referred to a committee of three, of whom the Chairman shall be one.

Messrs. Sproules and Mullen were appointed on that committee.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, April 4, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held April 4, 1898:

The following bids were submitted for construction of boundary wall on the Arborway at Morton street:

Thomas Minton, Boston	\$1,600 00
J. E. Johnson & P. H. Lee, Boston,	1,728 50
Cullen Brothers, Boston	1,450 00
Frank X. Saucier, Boston	1,252 00

Also for a six-ton steam-roller from:

Barber Asphalt Company, Buffalo	\$2,400 00
Pioneer Iron Works, Brooklyn	1,567 50
O. S. Kelly Company, Springfield, O.,	1,850 00

It was voted to accept the lowest bids.

Voted, To authorize the Superintendent to expend the sum of \$800 in laying tile drains in the gymnasium and ball grounds at Wood Island Park.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to construct an open ditch and lay tile drains in Neponset Playground, at an expense not exceeding the appropriation available therefor.

Voted, That the Superintendent prepare specifications and advertise for bids for the public landing at Q street.

A proposition of S. J. Donovan, to remove the old "breakwater" at the foot of L street, South Boston, without expense to the Department, was received and accepted, on condition of its removal for at least two feet below the surface of the beach, and the refilling of the trench with gravel, to the satisfaction of the Superintendent.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held March 28, 1898:

Voted, That the plan for landing piers, to be erected by the Boston Yacht Club, at its site on the Strandway, submitted by the club this day, be approved.

Voted, That the Franklin Park Refectory be leased to James P. McShane, in accordance with his proposal and under the terms of the lease annexed thereto, on condition of his giving a bond of \$3,000, conditioned on the performance of all the obligations of said lease on his part to be kept and performed.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Statistics Department.

A meeting of the Department of Municipal Statistics, was held at its office on January 31, 1898, Messrs. Dewey, Minot, Pearmain and Weld being present.

The principal topics discussed were the incorporation of an index into THE CITY RECORD, and the classification of Institutions account.

The Secretary was instructed to submit proofs of the financial tables, at present in course of preparation, to the City Auditor, before electrotyping.

A meeting of the Department of Municipal Statistics was held on February 14, 1898, at 3.45 P.M. Mr. Minot occupied the chair, all the members being present.

After a full discussion of a draft of an annual report, presented by the Chairman, the Board adjourned at 4.40 P.M.

A meeting of the Department of Municipal Statistics was held at its office on March 7, 1898, at 4 P.M., Messrs. Dewey, Minot and Jackson being present.

Mr. Minot presented a draft of the annual report of the Department to the Mayor, the

consideration of which occupied the greater part of the meeting.

The Board adjourned at 5.30 P.M.

A meeting of the Department of Municipal Statistics was held on March 21, 1898, at 3.40 P.M., Messrs. Dewey, Jackson, Minot and Pearmain being present, with Mr. Minot in the chair.

It was voted, that the report presented by Mr. Minot, be adopted by the Board as the annual report of the Department for the year ending January 31, 1898.

Mr. Jackson reported progress on the preparation of maps of the different sections of the city.

Mr. Minot reported that the copy of Special Publication No. 1, was in the hands of the printer; and discussion was had as to the nature and scope of further special investigations for publication.

It was decided that the question of statistics relating, to institution population, should receive immediate attention. It was voted that the Secretary be requested to ascertain and report to the Board the systems of record employed in relation to applicants for, and inmates of, the several city institutions, and of other similar institutions.

Adjourned at 4.45 P. M.

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

City Hall, April 11, 1898.

Monday, April, 1898, it was voted to pay Hugh Forbes \$4,100 for land taken and damages occasioned his estate on Boston street by the laying-out of Columbia road, the same having been approved by the Mayor.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to relocate Boston street, between Mt. Vernon street and Columbia road, hearing to be at 11 A.M. April 21, 1898; and to relocate Francis street at Roxbury, from Huntington avenue to Brookline avenue, hearing to be at 11 A.M. April 21, 1898.

A petition was received from J. A. McCloskey, that the water-course between Dorchester avenue and the Shawmut branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, in the vicinity of Samoset street, may be improved in accordance with Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897.

A petition was received from G. W. Parke for a sewer in Walkhill street and Norfolk street, between Tileston avenue and Elizabeth street.

A petition was received from H. C. Wainwright and others that Rogers avenue may be laid out at Roxbury.

In accordance with the request of the School Committee, additional land was taken for the site of the South Boston High school on Thomas park.

It was voted to appoint, subject to the approval of the Mayor, Edward H. Costello, of 24 Smith street, Ward 19, with the salary of \$1,200 a year, as assessment and abatement agent.

A petition was received from J. S. Russell, that Section X 81 of the Board of Survey plans in Plats 3 and 6 may be filed.

Tuesday, April 5, 1898, the Board issued orders of notice of its intention to locate anew North Harvard street, at Brighton, between Western avenue and Charles river, hearing thereon to be held at 11 A.M., April 22, 1898; to lay out Jersey street, from Brookline avenue to Audubon road, hearing to be held at 11 A.M., April 22, 1898; to construct outlets for sewer and surface drain in West Selden street, hearing to be held at 11 A.M., April 21, 1898.

Wednesday, April 6, the Board issued an order of notice of its intention to construct a sewer outlet in Spalding street.

Thursday, April 7, 1898, authority was given to open the private way at Roxbury, designated as Bray street, leading from Washington street to Columbus avenue; and a plan thereof was sent to the Mayor for approval.

Voted, To appoint, subject to the approval of the Mayor, as for employment in the Surveying Division of the Street Laying-out Department, as boy, with the pay of \$30 a month, James M. Porter of 145 N street, Ward 14.

An order was received from the Board of Aldermen, requesting an estimate of the cost of laying-out and extending Upham street, to Thacher road, Ward 20.

An order was passed to construct a sewer in Selkirk road.

Friday, April 8, 1898, orders were passed to construct sewers in Benton street and in West Brookline street.

Petitions were received for sewers from H. O. Olsen and others, to be laid in Ballou avenue, and from F. L. Willard and others to be laid in Norfolk street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CONTRACT AWARDED.

Water Department.

Proposals for furnishing valves were opened at the office of the Water Commissioner on April 8, 1898, as follows:

Name of Firm.	4 36-in. Each.	4 30-in. Each.	5 24-in. Each.	10 20-in. Each.	Totals.
Coffin Valve Co., Boston	\$438 50	\$312 50	\$178	\$142	\$5,314
Atlantic Works, East Boston	655 00	514 00	343	282	9,211

The contract was awarded to the Coffin Valve Company.

W. E. SWAN, Secretary.

LONDON.

London is as unique in its system of municipal government as it is in other respects. It has no municipal code. It affords no parallel with the corporation of a provincial city. A tangle of authorities operating under several hundred acts of Parliament are engaged in managing metropolitan affairs, but there is no symmetry in the civic structure, no unity in administrative work. This lack of homogeneity does not so seriously affect the net result of government effort as one might imagine; but jealousy is not wanting, and a certain amount of friction cannot be avoided.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, April 4, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending March 26, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	-	-	1	-	7	6	-	6	2	
2...	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	2	
3...	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	
6...	-	12	1	-	-	6	1	7	36	-	
7...	-	5	-	-	-	10	2	4	39	-	
8...	1	1	-	1	-	4	1	10	13	-	
9...	-	6	-	-	-	4	-	5	13	-	
10...	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	2	27	-	
11...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	16	-	
12...	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	9	14	-	
13...	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	5	12	-	
14...	1	2	1	-	-	1	3	-	1	16	
15...	7	2	5	-	4	-	1	-	2	7	
16...	3	2	1	-	-	6	2	-	1	11	
17...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	13	
18...	4	2	1	-	-	2	-	3	18	-	
19...	2	3	-	-	-	2	-	6	15	-	
20...	28	2	-	-	1	6	-	10	21	39	
21...	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	27	
22...	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	5	8	
23...	7	1	1	-	-	5	-	1	4	9	
24...	2	3	3	-	-	3	3	-	14	33	
25...	5	3	1	-	-	4	2	4	4	15	
T'ls..	69	64	18	2	5	36	57	22	118	390	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, March 21, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending March 19, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	147
Number of discharges of mortgages	26
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	4
Number of assignments of mortgages	9
Number of assignments of wages	35
Number of bills of sale	9
Number of married women's certificates	5
Number of ship liens	3

Accident notices were filed as follows:

March 16—Peter J. Hutchinson of bodily injuries from alleged defect in sidewalk at 51 Central street, February 16, 1898.

March 17—Mary E. Hanna, of personal injuries from alleged defect in highway opposite 8 Tremont row, on March 7, 1898. Timothy J. Sullivan, of personal injuries, caused by projection in sidewalk at 29 St. James avenue, on February 28, 1898.

Notices of suits against the city:

Petitions for the assessment of damages for land taken by the city for various purposes have been filed by the Walworth Manufacturing Company; Patrick Corcoran & Co., and George C. Corcoran. On March 17, Abram Parle, a minor, by his next friend Hyman Parle, brought suit against the city, damages being placed at \$2,000.

City Hall, March 28, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending March 26, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	134
Number of discharges of mortgages	48
Number of assignments of mortgages	6
Number of bills of sale	10
Number of assignments of wages	26
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	7
Number of married women's certificates	12
Number of ship liens	1

An accident notice was filed March 24, 1898, by Sarah B. Ambrose, on account of personal injuries received by alleged defect in Rockwell street, near Milton avenue, on February 23, 1898.

City Hall, April 4, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending April 2, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	140
Number of discharges of mortgages	30
Number of assignments of mortgages	8
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	4
Number of assignments of wages	39
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of married women's certificates	10
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	4
Number of ship liens	1

Accident notices were filed as follows:

March 28—Thomas O'Hara, personal injuries, caused by electric wires, at corner of Northampton street and Harrison avenue, on March 24, 1898.

April 1—John F. and Jeremiah F. Manning, death of horse; accident on Causeway street, March 4, 1898. Maurice Noonan, personal injuries, received on wharf on Albany street, March 3, 1898. John Curran, personal injuries, alleged defect in Beverly street, March 4, 1898. Isaac W. Warren, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Wilton street, Allston, March 26, 1898.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, March 21, 1898.

The following official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending March 19:

Transfers: J. W. Brown, Engine 33 to Engine 29; J. F. Maguire, Engine 29 to Engine 26, 35; F. S. Young, Engine 26, 35 to Engine 33.

Three old horses have been sold to Messrs. Welch & Hall for \$156.70 in part payment for new horses.

There have been purchased of Messrs.

Welch & Hall two black horses at a cost of \$137.50 each.

Seven pieces of hose have been condemned.

Three hundred feet of lead-covered cable for underground service have been ordered.

There have been ordered of Charles T. Holloway three pairs of 35-gallon chemical tanks to be attached to trucks now in service, price \$1,400.

There have been ordered of W. A. Brown 24 stall-pans at \$9 each.

The salaries of clerks have been increased, as follows:

George F. Murphy to \$1,500, D. J. Quinn to \$1,200, M. J. Lafferty and J. P. Maloney to \$1,100 each.

Bristol Street, March 26, 1898.

The following official action was taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending March 26:

Fire alarm boxes 766 and 92, duplicate, have been taken out of service.

Three pieces of hose have been condemned.

There have been purchased of Welch & Hall two gray horses for \$112.50 each, and three bay horses at \$130 each.

James F. Reynolds and Joseph Riley, call members of Hose Company 3, have been pensioned at \$125 each per annum, and James Griffin, call man of the same company, has been appointed a permanent member.

The following transfers have been made:

J. F. Ryan, Combination Company 3 to Engine Company 7; J. P. Olsen, Ladder Company 12 to Ladder Company 8; R. J. McLaughlin, Ladder Company 8 to Ladder Company 12; D. J. Lane, Engine Company 14 to Engine Company 25; W. H. McGinniss, Engine Company 25 to Engine Company 14; V. H. Richer, Engine Company 43 to Engine Company 25; James Moroney, Engine Company 25 to Engine Company 43.

Ordered of W. P. Whittemore, corn and oat chop for April and May for District 12, at \$17 per ton.

Bristol Street, April 2, 1898.

The following official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending April 2:

Orders have been drawn for American Cereal Company C. O. B. feed for April and May, as follows:

The American Cereal Company, District 1 to 9, inclusive, \$16.75 per ton; J. Loring & Co., District 11, \$17.25 per ton; Samuel Gannett, District 10, \$17.25 per ton (not \$19.15 as previously reported).

J. P. Coyle and Frank W. Griffin have been appointed call substitutes on Engines 29 and 34 respectively.

One bay horse has been purchased of Welch & Hall for \$130. Two old horses have been sold to Welch & Hall for \$86.62, in part payment for new horses.

The Department Drill School for new members opened Monday, March 28, to continue thirty days.

A veteran's certificate for thirty-five years' continuous service in the Fire Department has been issued to Assistant Chief William T. Cheswell.

An order was sent to Superintendent Flanders of the Fire Alarm Branch, to in-

struct the members of his force that all complaints or charges must be made to the Commissioner through the proper channels, and in due course of time, according to the existing rules, as every man employed in this Department is governed and is expected to govern himself in accordance with the rules of the Department, and by their infringement will be guilty of misdemeanor, whether he be a member of the uniformed or ununiformed force.

Two pieces of hose have been condemned.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, March 17, 1898.

The application of Mary Kenny for a permit to keep four additional horses in her stable, 53 Millet street, was refused.

The applications of E. H. Stafford for the occupancy of a stable, by two horses, on Ormond street, and Martin L. Cate for the occupancy of a stable, 226 Seaver street, by two horses, were granted.

The Board of Health reports the work of inspection of animals at the Abattoir for the week ending March 19 to be as follows:

Steers	172
New England cows	15
New England bulls	4
Other cattle	191
Sheep	247
Calves	251
Hogs	6
Total	886

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

L. H. Clark, Minot place, Ward 24, one horse; hearing March 31, at 11 o'clock.

Francis W. Towle, rear 39 and 41 Miller street, Ward 5, fifty-eight horses; hearing March 31, at 11 o'clock.

W. J. Glancy, corner Mark and Percy streets, Ward 23, nineteen horses; hearing March 31, at 11 o'clock.

Alice A. Bullock, Athwald street, Ward 23, two horses; hearing April 7, at 11 o'clock.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions: One thousand and fifty-nine pounds immature veal, sixty-three pounds tainted poultry, three barrels decayed cranberries.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, March 21, 1898.

Penal Institutions Department statistics for the week ending March 19, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	208	26
Females	33	6
Totals	241	32

Offences:

Against person	11	6
Against property	20	12
Against public order and decency	211	14

Totals *242 32

Discharges:

Males	160	10
Females	19	4

Totals 179 14

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence	102	12
Permit of Commissioner	38	0
Payment of fine	35	2
Died	3	0

Totals 178 14

Population:

March 14, 1898 1,569 533

Committed since March 14,
1898 241 32

Totals 1,810 565

Discharged since March 14,
1898 179 14

Inmates March 19, 1898 1,631 551

*One man was charged with two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, March 21, 1898.

The following summary shows the number of inmates at the Charlestown Almshouse on February 28, 1898:

Inmates February 28:		
Males	56	
Females	78	
		134

Average number of inmates during

February 137

There were no deaths.

Census of inmates at Long Island on
March 5, 1898:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	84	159	243
Children	4	4	8
In Women's Building:			
Adults	—	206	206
Children	3	4	7
In Men's Building	408	—	408

Totals 499 373 872

Number of Inmates
same date, 1897 814

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending April 9, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week 21.2

Death rate for corresponding week,
1897 26.1

Number of deaths:

Males	112
Females	104

Total 216

Total deaths in corresponding
week, 1897 260

Decrease 44

Of the 216 decedents, 211 were white and 5 colored; 130 were born in the United States, 83 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 unknown; 43 were of American parentage and 143 of foreign parentage, and 30 were of unknown parentage.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	45	3
Scarlatina	24	0
Typhoid fever	4	1
Measles	34	1
Totals	107	5

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	23
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	24
Bronchitis	11
Marasmus	8
Violent causes	1

Total from principal causes	96
Total from infectious diseases	5
Total from other causes	115
Total from all causes	216

Deaths of children under 1 year	38
Deaths of children under 5 years	56
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Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

NOTICE.

Boston, April 5, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners, in accordance with Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and amendments thereto, having passed orders for the laying out and construction of the following highways:

BRIGHTON.

Chiswick road.
Telford street.

WEST ROXBURY.

Belmore terrace.
Woodlawn street.

DORCHESTER.

Carlos street.
Chamblat street.
Columbia road.
Hamilton street.
Hewins street.
Idaho street.
Leedsville street.
Lonsdale street.
Maryland street.
Nightingale
Oakley street.
West Selden street.

ROXBURY.

Astor street.
Harold street, between Munroe street and Walnut avenue.
Ipswich street.
Queensbury street.
St. Stephen street, toward Bryant street.
Wensley street, between Heath street and Bickford avenue.

CITY PROPER.

Belvidere street.
Notice is hereby given that the Street Department is about to do the work contemplated in said order, and that all work to be done in said highways by all persons or corporations having rights in the same to lay or repair either sewer, gas, water or other pipes must be done before Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of April, 1898, as after that time no permits for openings will be granted until two years after said highways are completed.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

FOR TEARING DOWN BUILDINGS, DEALERS IN OLD BUILDING MATERIALS, ETC.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals for removing all the buildings on old Boston & Maine property, between Travers and Causeway streets, will be received at the office of the Boston Transit Commission, 20 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., until 12 o'clock M., of Thursday, April 21, 1898. All of the material (except that belonging to the tenants) is to be the property of the Contractor, and is to be permanently removed by him, between May 1 and May 15, 1898. Specifications can be obtained at 20 Beacon street, fifth floor. The Commission will require what it deems reasonable security for carrying out the contract. The commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and reserves the right to award the contract as it deems for the best interest of the City of Boston.

NOTICE.

Boston, April 2, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Lamartine street, between Paul Gore street and a point near Hoffman street, Ward 22.

Also to remove poles from Lamartine street, between Paul Gore street and a point near Hoffman street.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 11, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eighteenth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD, Roxbury Gazette and Boston Traveller.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 8, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 541 E. Seventh street, Ward 15, one bay window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over said street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 7 feet wide and 18 inches over line of street.

MRS. MARY C. KEWER,
541 E. Seventh street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 11, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the South Boston Inquirer and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Attest: J. T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 4, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Boston street, at Dorchester, be relocated as a highway, between Mount Vernon street and Columbia road, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-first day of April, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 5, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an outlet for the sewer in West Selden street, at Dorchester, be laid out from said West Selden street to River street, and an outlet for the surface drain in West Selden street be laid from West Selden street to the brook near the junction of Manchester street and a proposed street, and that lands be taken for said purposes, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-first day of April, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICES OF THE PENAL INSTITUTIONS COMMISSIONER AND THE TRUSTEES FOR CHILDREN.

32 Tremont Street.

Sealed proposals to supply coal for the institutions of the above named departments will be received at the office of the Penal Institutions Commissioner until Wednesday, April 20, at 11 o'clock A.M. at which time and place the same will be publicly opened.

H. A. LAMB, Chairman, Trustees for Children.

E. C. MARSHALL, Penal Institutions Commissioner.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, April 6, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company, being about to rebuild its tracks on Adams street and Neponset avenue, which may require some slight adjustment of existing tracks, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks, beginning at the junction of Park and Adams streets thence through Adams street and Neponset avenue to the company's car-house there situate, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, and curves connecting with the company's track on Walnut street, all as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated March 31, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,

By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney.

By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 11, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby

Ordered, That fourteen days notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the second day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, THE CITY RECORD and Dorchester Beacon.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 5, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that North Harvard street, at Brighton, be located anew as a highway, between Western avenue and Charles River, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-second day of April, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 5, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Jersey street, extending from Brookline avenue to Audubon road, in the Back Bay Fens, as shown on the plan marked "Back Bay Lands, Pierre Humbert, Jr., City Surveyor, April 10, 1894," and filed in the office of the City Engineer of said city, be laid out as a highway, and constructed by grading, not lower than City of Boston Grade 17, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, and that a building line be established on said street, all substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, Chapter 462 of the Acts of 1893, Chapter 439 of the Acts of 1894, Chapter 523 of the Acts of 1897, and of acts in amendment or addition to said Acts, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-second day of April, 1898, the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 6, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that a surface drain be constructed in Spalding street, at West Roxbury, and in adjacent land of the Old Colony Railroad Company, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-second day of April, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ELECTION DEPARTMENT,

Old Court House, April 13, 1898.

The Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston invites proposals for building 100 steel buildings to be used for voting purposes. A bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in the sum of ten per cent. of the amount of said contract, with sureties satisfactory to the Commissioners. Plans and specifications may be seen at this office.

The proposals to be used can be obtained at the office of said Commissioners, Old Court House, Court square, Boston, Mass., and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an envelope endorsed "Proposals for Building Election Houses," and with a certified check for \$500, payable to the City of Boston, left at said office before 12 o'clock M., on Monday, April 25, 1898. This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

Proposals filled out and left with a check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all proposals, and accept any proposal they deem best in the interest of the city.

LINUS E. PEARSON,

JAMES J. COSTELLO,

TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,

GEORGE P. SANGER,

Board of Election Commissioners.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 4, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Francis street, at Roxbury, be relocated as a highway, from Huntington avenue to Brookline avenue, and constructed by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-first day of April, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, April 7, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 71 and 73 North Margin street, Ward 6, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second, third and fourth stories over North Margin street. Dimensions: Thirty-two feet high, 20 feet wide and 3 feet over line of street.

MARY SLATTERY,

65 North Margin street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 11, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estate adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Attest: J. T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, April 8, 1898.

Sealed proposals addressed to the Street Department, City Hall, Boston, and indorsed "Proposal for Sewerage Engine House Floor," will be received by the Superintendent of Streets, Boston, until 12 o'clock noon of Saturday, April 30, 1898, and at that time will be publicly opened and read. The price proposed is to cover all the expenses incidental to the making and installing of a cast-iron floor, with steel structural framing and supports, at the main drainage station, Dorchester, in full conformity with the plans and specifications, which may be seen at the office of E. D. Leavitt, consulting engineer, Cambridgeport, Mass. The party to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to furnish a bond of at least one-quarter of the contract price, with satisfactory sureties, for the faithful performance of the contract. Each bid must be signed by the bidder and accompanied by a properly certified check for \$500, payable to the city of Boston; said check to be returned to the bidder unless forfeited under the condition herein stipulated. No bid will be considered which is unaccompanied by a certified check as aforesaid. The party to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to appear at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, Boston, with sureties, and execute the contract upon notification of such award. In case of failure to do so, the party will be considered as having abandoned the contract, and the certified check shall be forfeited to the city of Boston. The Street Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids should it deem it for the best interests of the city to do so.

BENJAMIN W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.



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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale at the Old Corner Book Store, 283 Washington street.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Superintendent Seaver submitted his Eighteenth Annual Report to the School Committee at its last meeting on April 12. It states that the whole number of pupils belonging to the day schools on January 31 was 75,561, there being in the Normal School 269; in the Latin and high schools 4,871; in the grammar schools 37,240; in the primary schools 29,256, and in the kindergartens 3,925. The average number of pupils belonging to all the day schools during the five months ending January 31 was 75,095.

The expenditure for land and school-houses has been, for seven years, 1890-97, \$267.09 for each additional pupil in the schools. For 3,445 additional pupils at this rate, the expenditure would reach \$920,125.05.

It would take to house the additional pupils this year one high school-house, two grammar school-houses and enough primary school-houses of various sizes to contain in all thirty-five rooms.

All these buildings cannot be built, and the land bought to put them on, for very much less than \$750,000. The rent paid

this year for hired rooms and buildings, not including Chauncy Hall, is \$25,815. Last year it was nearly as much. This annual rental would pay the interest on \$645,375. It seems quite within bounds to say that the arrearage in school accommodations by the end of the current financial year will be measured by no less than a million dollars.

"Each grammar school," says Mr. Seaver, "should have a room for wood working, a room for cookery and a room for sewing. There never was, I think, any good reason why sewing should not be taught by the regular teachers.

"The addition of manual training teachers, has one desirable effect, that of virtually reducing the average number of pupils to be taught by one teacher, and it may, indeed, be admitted that the present quota of fifty-six pupils to a regular teacher is too large. But the relief afforded by the manual training teachers comes to the grades quite irregularly, and does not reach the primary grades at all. If the quota is to be reduced, the reduction should affect all regular teachers alike; or, if there is to be a difference, that difference should favor the primary teachers. By the policy I am advocating, the quota might be reduced, but the additional teachers so gained would be the manual training teachers who are now employed without regard to the quota."

Regarding the teaching force, the Superintendent says:

"Last year in my annual report was given a careful analysis of the facts. It was there shown that three-quarters of the teachers were recognized by the most competent judges as rendering good or excellent service. But it was further pointed out that the service rendered by one-quarter of the teachers was inferior in various degrees from that described as 'not quite good' down to 'unsatisfactory.'

"Now, these inferior teachers are scattered all over the city in all the schools. They deal with the children of a large number of citizens. By their infirmities of temperament or their lack of skill in teaching they make unfavorable impressions on many minds. These unfavorable impressions find ready and frequent utterance; and public opinion, which does not mean to be unjust, but is apt to be hasty, accepts these unfavorable impressions as a picture of the whole teaching service. Thus a cloud of unfavorable criticism hangs over all the teachers merely because some inferior ones — too many, indeed — are kept in their places. This is a monstrous injustice to three-quarters of the teachers in Boston to-day. Such injustice might be ended, if all people could be persuaded to speak and write with just discrimination and to avoid the common

error of generalizing from few particulars. Therefore, in the first place, justice to the superior teachers — justice, indeed, to the teaching profession generally — requires that the inferior teachers be improved or removed. But there is a far stronger consideration to be urged in favor of the same conclusion, and that is justice to the children.

"Let us now analyze the group of teachers who have been characterized as inferior. Observe that the group includes all those teachers who have not been pronounced by at least two well-informed and competent judges to be either 'good' or 'excellent.' They fall easily into three classes.

"The first class is of those who are still young in years and in experience, and whose early efforts in teaching have not been very successful, but who, nevertheless, have shown an ability and a disposition that promise better results in a short time. These are the teachers who can be transferred from the inferior to the superior class by improving them. So long as there were good hopes of this result, it would seem both right and wise to retain such teachers in the service, provided always that no substantial injury to the children resulted therefrom.

"The second class of inferior teachers is of those who have formerly been superior. Long and faithful service has told upon their strength, and they no longer show that degree of efficiency which is necessary to entitle a person to be described as a good teacher. This class of teachers has the strongest claims to personal consideration. Pensions being out of the question, for the present, at least, may it not be worth while to try to hit upon a plan for retiring teachers of this class upon reduced pay for reduced work?

"The third class of inferior teachers is of those who have always been inferior, and show a lack of ability or of disposition to improve themselves. They have not the teaching gift by nature, nor has experience developed in them any power that can take the place of the natural gift. They ought to correct the mistake they have made in the choice of an occupation.

"This matter was presented with the details in my report last year, together with the suggestion of a regulation which should limit service on probation to two years. Such a regulation has since been made. If thoroughly executed, it will close the chief gate through which inferior teachers pass into the permanent service of the schools.

"But what shall be done with some of the scores of teachers who have been confirmed in past years, notwithstanding an unsatisfactory or doubtful probation, and who have never yet done satisfactory work? There is but one answer — they should be removed."

Superintendent Seaver then offers a plan for the retirement of teachers on reduced pay. This, he considers, is the best practicable substitute for a pension system, which is supposed, under existing law, to be impossible. In place of a pension, he suggests a moderate stipend for such service as a retired teacher may still be able to render, and in the second place to supply the schools with the much-needed help of supernumerary teachers; that is, teachers not attached to any particular class, but free to give assistance wherever needed in the school or in the district.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7.30, April 12, President Huggan in the chair, and all the members present except Mrs. Ames.

The following communications were read by the chair and placed on file:

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK,

City Hall, March 23, 1898.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, ESQ., Secretary
School Committee.

MY DEAR SIR: I would respectfully call your attention to Chapter 149 of the Acts of the Legislature of this year, entitled "An Act to Authorize the Treasurer of the City of Boston to Issue Bonds for School Purposes."

Respectfully,

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

City Hall, April 5, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

In compliance with the request contained in your order of February 8, 1898, the Board of Street Commissioners, on April 4, 1898, took, for school purposes—for an addition to the site for a high school, at South Boston—about 26,720 square feet of land on Thomas park, and their decree of such taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

City Hall, March 31, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

This opportunity is taken to inform you that the Board of Street Commissioners have this day authorized the City Solicitor to settle the case of Bartlett P. Luce for his estate, taken for a school-house site, on South and Hewlett streets, at West Roxbury, for the sum of \$3,101.35 and interest to March 25, 1898, amounting to \$273.95.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

City Hall, April 2, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have settled the case of Andrew J. Vose, petitioner for damages occasioned by the taking of his estate on Athelwold street, at Dorchester, for an addition to the old Gibson-school estate, for the sum of \$5,500 net, and have authorized the City Solicitor to agree to judgment in said case for said sum.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations, the resignations of two teachers were accepted; two temporary teachers were nominated; five teachers on probation were nominated; the appointments of nine teachers were confirmed, and seven teachers were given leave of absence.

On the recommendation of the Committee on School-houses, it was

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Water Board be informed that the School Committee, so far as it has any power in the premises, has no objection to the proposed laying-out and maintenance of a thirty-six-inch water pipe across and under a portion of the Morton-street School-house lot, in the Dorchester District, in the manner indicated in the communication of said Board of April 5, 1898, provided that the work is promptly undertaken and completed; that sufficient measures are adopted by said Board for the protection of school children and others during the prosecution of the work, and that no expense or liability shall accrue to the School Committee in connection with the matter.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred—March 8—a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to furnish an estimate for fire-proofing basement, equipping with fire-escapes and making necessary repairs on building known as Stoughton school, River street, Ward 24, and also to inquire into the sanitary condition of this building, reported that the expense of installing mechanical ventilation, i.e., a cone wheel and an electric motor in aspirating shaft; substituting modern appliances for the present sanitaries and urinals; providing new traps, properly vented for sinks and wash bowls, would be, approximately, \$2,500.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

On the recommendation of the Committee on School-houses, the following orders were passed:

Ordered, That the amount granted to the School Committee, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriations be made:

Temporary wooden building in yard of Frothingham school-house . . .	\$2,700
Temporary wooden building in yard of Noble school-house, Emerson District	2,700

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

West End Primary School-house Building, additional, \$1,016.47.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to at once take the necessary means to have School-house court, Ward 4, asphalted.

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be directed to advertise for proposals for selling to the city a lot of land in Charlestown, containing about twenty thousand (20,000) square feet, for a site for a new primary school-house, within the territory bounded by Bunker Hill, Trenton, Cross, High and Pearl streets, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897; and said committee are hereby authorized to give a hearing, as provided for by said act, and make a report thereon to this Board.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriations be made:

New Grammar School-house, Harris District, additional	\$6,000 00
East Boston High School-house site, additional	5,180 27
New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury, additional	2,000 00

Ordered, That from the \$7,000 appropriated November 10, 1896, out of the amount granted the School Committee, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, for small wooden buildings, furnishing, the following transfer be made:

Longfellow School-house, furnishing, additional, \$645.62.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for a two-room wooden building in the yard of the Frothingham District, Charlestown, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on School-houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect same, in accordance with said plans and specifications; and to make, on behalf of this Board, the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Ordered, That the Mary Hemenway School-house, at the corner of Adams and King streets, Dorchester, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the plans and specifications prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for a two-room, wooden building, in the yard of the Noble School-house, Emerson District, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on School-houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect same, in accordance with said plans and specifications; and to make, on behalf of this Board, the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the primary school-house lot, on Munroe street, Roxbury, a parcel of land supposed to belong to Jonathan French et al., trustees, bounded

south-west by Munroe street, about fifty feet; south-east by other land of Jonathan French et al., trustees, about 120 feet; north-east by land supposed to belong to Dennis A. Reardon and Mary F. Wright, about fifty feet, and north-west by land of the City of Boston, about 120 feet; north-east by land supposed to belong to Dennis A. Reardon and Mary F. Wright, about fifty feet, and north-west by land of the City of Boston, about 120 feet, containing 6,000 square feet, more or less.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following Committee on Annual Festival: Mr. Hubbard, chairman; Messrs. McDonald, Aldrich, Bowdler and Burrill.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Normal School, submitted a report (signed by Messrs. Courtney, Huggan, Bowdler and Aldrich), requested January 25, to the effect that it is "inexpedient to request the Commonwealth to assume control of the Boston Normal School."

Adjourned to April 26, at 7.30 P.M.

REPORT ON BOSTON NORMAL SCHOOL.

The following is a summary of the findings of the Committee on the Normal School, to whom was referred by the School Committee on January 25, the question of the expediency of requesting the Commonwealth to assume control of the school:

With the sincere hope that this question of the control of the Boston Normal School, which has repeatedly arisen during the past twenty-five years to the injury of the school and the disturbance of its functions, may at this time be definitely settled, your committee submit the result of their investigation, and recommend that it is inexpedient to request the Commonwealth to assume control of the Boston Normal School.

1. Because Boston's share in the financial support of a State Normal School for the Metropolitan District would be as great as the whole expense of maintaining her own normal school.

2. Because Boston would lose the direct control she now exercises over the scholastic and the professional training of nearly one-half of her teachers.

3. Because there is no reason to believe that a State Normal School would insist on any higher qualifications in scholarship for admission or for graduation than are now insisted on by the City Normal School, so long as the State School kept itself to the business of preparing teachers for the grammar and primary schools of its district.

4. Because, on the other hand, if the State Normal School should assume the function of preparing teachers for high schools, throwing its chief energy into that work and becoming an institution of something like collegiate rank, as has been forcibly suggested by the advocates of a change, then it would become necessary for Boston to

maintain a city training school, as many cities and towns find it necessary now, and this city training school would be simply the City Normal School under a new name.

5. Because there is no reason to believe that by the establishment of a State Normal School, Boston could escape the necessity of employing in her own schools a large number of beginners, nor that these beginners, even if they came in large numbers from other cities and towns, would differ materially in character, culture and professional preparation from the beginners who now come from the City Normal School.

6. Because by keeping the training of teachers, largely in her own hands, the city can move easily and readily the demands for improvements and reforms in education. As drawing, music, kindergartening and physical culture have been greatly promoted in the schools through the direct agency of the City Normal School, so will nature-work, manual training and other improvements be promoted, and have already, so far as limited facilities permitted been promoted in the same way.

7. Because the Boston Normal School was established for the very purpose of "giving professional instruction to young women who intend to become teachers in the public schools of Boston," and it is a wise policy to encourage, to a reasonable extent, young women, born and educated in Boston, to enter the public school service, while it would be unwise to discourage them.

8. Because there is every reason to expect that, with a new building, adequate equipment and proper support, all provided by the city, the Boston Normal School can, and will be in the future, as it has been in the past, in advance of most other institutions of the kind in the country, both in respect to high scholarship demanded for admission, and in respect to thorough professional training given in the school.

WATER SUPPLY OF PHILADELPHIA.

The water supply of Philadelphia is discussed at length by Mayor Warwick in his annual message, which states very clearly the position of the executive branch of the City Government on this important question. The net profits of the Water Bureau for the past year were \$1,306,204; the sum which the people authorized, but Councils refused to grant, for the improvement of the water supply, as mentioned in the Engineering Record of February 19, was \$3,700,000. In the Mayor's opinion, the net profit should be used as far as it will go in the construction of sand filtration beds. "Wherever practicable," he states, "these natural sand filtration beds should be constructed in close proximity to the reservoirs, but in the case of those reservoirs where, by reason of the character of the locality or because of the expense incident to the purchase of land, this system is not feasible, then the best mechanical process known, to meet the immediate requirements, should be adopted."—[Engineering Record, April 16.

OVERSEEING OF THE POOR DEPARTMENT.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Overseers of the Poor is summarized below. The report constitutes Document 23, and covers the operations of the Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1898.

EXPENSE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Drafts upon the City Treasury	\$133,898 49
Sundry receipts paid to City Collector	17,176 30

Net charge to the city for the Department during the year	\$116,722 19
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Amount collected for care in City Hospital of State paupers, and those belonging elsewhere than Boston, and paid over to City Hospital	\$43,428 46
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The work of the Department is shown by the following table:

NUMBER OF FAMILIES AIDED IN EACH MONTH OF THE PAST TWO YEARS.

1896-97.	Families.	1897-98.	Families.
February	1,758	February	1,761
March	1,688	March	1,716
April	1,208	April	1,242
May	1,065	May	1,107
June	1,046	June	1,030
July	1,108	July	1,093
August	995	August	1,027
September	1,045	September	1,084
October	1,167	October	1,098
November	1,159	November	1,190
December	1,600	December	1,568
January	1,842	January	1,796

NOTE.—The above table for the year 1897-98 represents the number of families aided, many of which were the same during the entire year; while the following table shows the distinct number of families aided.

NUMBER OF FAMILIES AIDED DURING THE YEAR BY DISTRICTS.

	Number of families aided.	Amount of aid given.	Population by census of 1890.
East Boston.....	187	\$2,925 42	36,930
Charlestown.....	427	8,305 48	38,348
City proper.....	1,055	21,742 49	149,440
South Boston.....	461	10,617 63	66,791
Roxbury.....	698	19,736 67	90,292
Dorchester	82	2,570 87	29,638
West Roxbury.....	68	3,285 58	24,997
Brighton.....	70	1,672 11	12,032
Living out of city, but aided by Department.....	28	1,382 75	
Living out of city and aided through officers of other cities and towns.....	322	13,072 68	
Totals.....	3,398	\$85,311 68	448,477

To the above sum of \$85,311.68, given directly to the poor, should be added the sum of \$3,839.47, paid for burials; the sum of \$5,744.46, paid for the support of the

Temporary Home, and \$8,427.06, paid for support of the Lodge for Wayfarers; making a total of \$103,322.67 actually paid out by the Department from the tax levy for the direct relief of the poor. The further sum of \$31,084.66 has also been disbursed by the Board, as Trustees, to the various pensioners and beneficiaries falling within the provisions of the trusts.

In the number of families assisted, there is an increase of forty-five over the previous year. The number of new cases aided during the year was 832, an increase of sixty-seven over the year preceding. The total number of cases dealt with since the organization of the Department in 1864 is 33,864. The number of official visits made by the visitors was 18,599, besides 821 visits made by two physicians.

Work has been demanded of all able-bodied male applicants in return for groceries and coal furnished their families:

	1895.	1896.	1897.
Number of men who worked for aid given,	580	525	593
Number of days of work actually performed .	3,583	3,395	4,604
Number of men receiving work-cards who did not present them for work	107	108	102

The Board has been regularly represented at the quarterly Public Institutions Conferences. The co-operation between the various city institutions and the Department is very close, and both the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers receive inmates at the request of the Trustees of Pauper Institutions, and keep them for a longer or shorter time, as thought wise by the Trustees.

The total amount of the trust funds in charge of the Department is now \$716,860.47, an increase during the last year of \$2,252.50.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on May 7, 1898, an examination will be held by the Board of Civil Service Examiners, Boston, Mass., for the position of special mechanic under the United States Inspector of Machinery at the Newport News Ship Building and Dry Dock Company, at a salary of \$3.76 per diem.

The scholastic part of the examination will consist of second grade spelling, arithmetic, letter writing, penmanship, copying from plain copy, copying from rough draft. It will be necessary that competitors have a thorough knowledge of all parts of marine engines and boilers, and that they be able to read a drawing of machinery or boilers.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on May 6, 1898, an examination will be held at all places throughout the United States, where the Commission has competent Boards of Examiners, for the position of Chief of Division of Library and Archives, in the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, Treasury Department, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum.

The Department requests that persons certified to this position be not over 45 years of age, and that they shall have had practical experience as librarians, shall be (preferably) members of the American

Library Association, and that they shall have a reading knowledge of French and German. As librarians they shall be familiar with the handling of charts and maps, and they shall also have some knowledge of field work in the directions of astronomy, geodesy and navigation.

Nine consecutive hours will be allowed for the examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that from the register established as the result of the examination which is scheduled to be held on April 25, 1898, for the position of manual training teacher in the Indian service, a vacancy will be filled in that position at the Fort Sill School, Kiowa Agency, Oklahoma, at a salary of \$720 per annum.

Sample questions of this examination may be found in Section 127 of the Manual.

Applicants for this position must be at least 20 years of age.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that from the register established as the result of the examination scheduled to be held on April 25, for the position of draftsman, two vacancies will be filled at Wilmington, Delaware; one in the position of ship draftsman, at a salary of \$5 per day, and one in the position of assistant ship draftsman, at a salary of \$4 per day.

Sample questions of these examinations may be found in Section 74 of the Manual.

Applicants for these examinations must be at least 20 years of age.

All persons who desire to compete for these positions should at once write to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, at the Post-office Building, Boston, for the Manual and application blanks, Forms 304 and 375, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D. C.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1898.

Statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of March, 1898, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	528,912
Death rate for the month per 1,000 inhabitants	20.71
Death rate for corresponding month, 1897	25.11

Number of deaths:

Males	463
Females	450
	913

Condition:

Married	271
Single	468
Widows	120
Widowers	45
Unknown	9

Color:

White	896
Colored	17

Deaths of children:

Under 1 year	179
Under 2 years	226
Under 5 years	252

Nativity:

United States	563
Ireland	199
England	16
Scotland	10
Germany	15
British America	62
Italy	13
Russia	8
Other countries	19
Unknown	9

Parentage:

United States	209
Irish	317
English	15
Scotch	15
German	19
British American	51
Italian	40
Russian	15
Other countries	71
Mixed	69
Unknown	92

Still-births during the month	49
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Causes of Death:

I. ZYMOTICS.

Alcoholism	6
Croup	1
Carbuncle	1
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	12
Diarrhoea	1
Dysentery	1
Diphtheria	12
Erysipelas	4
Influenza	1
Measles	4
Purpura	2
Rheumatism	6
Syphilis (congenital)	1
Syphilis	2
Septicæmia	3
Typhoid fever	9
Whooping cough	6
	72

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	28
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	21
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	23
Phthisis pulmonalis	123
Other constitutional diseases	26
	221

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	32
Bright's disease	9
Bronchitis	34
Heart disease	89
Meningitis	27
Nephritis	26
Pneumonia	138
Other local diseases	143
	498

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Cyanosis	2
Inanition	9
Old age	23
Premature birth	21
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	6
Other developmental diseases	15
	76

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	30
Homicidal	1
Suicidal	8
Other violent causes	2
	41
Unknown causes	5
Total from all causes	913

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1898.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	637	52	689	337	277	75	331	100	112	689	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	147	—	147	72	70	5	35	27	73	147	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	636	94	730	272	417	41	255	179	184	725	5
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	42	2	44	30	7	7	17	4	22	44	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	17	—	17	12	5	—	5	4	1	17	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	73	24	97	32	54	11	63	5	13	97	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	81	75	156	59	95	2	57	30	14	156	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	7,207	871	8,078	479	7,459	140	3,903	3,138	716	7,500	578
Totals	8,840	1,118	9,958	1,293	8,384	281	4,676	3,487	1,135	9,375	583

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10		10 and under 15		15 and under 20		20 and under 25		25 and under 30		30 and under 35		35 and under 40		40 and under 45		45 and under 50		50 and under 55		55 and under 60		Over 60	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1	—	—	22	2	73	4	128	9	141	11	105	0	73	9	45	4	26	2	10	3	7	1	7	1
No. 2	3	—	18	—	50	—	34	—	21	—	12	—	3	—	4	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3	4	—	65	1	94	0	135	26	121	16	67	18	63	10	43	8	19	4	13	3	6	—	6	2
No. 4	—	—	13	—	8	—	8	—	4	1	2	—	4	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
No. 5	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	4	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—
No. 6	—	—	—	—	8	2	12	3	9	5	10	2	11	6	7	2	4	—	4	2	4	4	4	1
No. 7	—	—	3	—	3	6	13	23	20	18	19	12	10	7	7	3	2	1	4	—	—	—	—	—
No. 8	37	23	130	11	356	38	1,036	120	1,258	179	1,152	133	990	141	748	77	592	62	403	43	261	16	244	28
Totals	44	23	251	14	593	56	1,370	186	1,578	230	1,368	171	1,155	173	858	94	645	70	437	51	279	18	262	32

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	60	Lodgers at station :	
Witnesses detained	34	Males	74
Missing persons reported	80	Females	5
Missing persons found	20	Americans	43
Lost children restored	285	Foreigners	36
Sick and injured persons assisted	784	Non-residents	66

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	5,282	44	<i>Brought forward</i>	9,895	78
British Provinces	847	5	Denmark	7	1
Ireland	2,297	14	Holland	2	—
England	347	8	Wales	13	—
France	33	1	East Indies	—	—
Germany	84	2	West Indies	17	—
Italy	244	—	Turkey	7	—
Russia	170	—	South America	5	—
China	160	—	Switzerland	4	—
Greece	47	1	Belgium	1	—
Sweden	122	2	Africa	1	—
Scotland	133	1	Hungary	1	—
Spain	3	—	Asia	—	—
Norway	51	—	Arabia	1	—
Poland	39	—	Mexico	—	—
Austria	20	—	Australia	1	—
Portugal	13	—	Japan	2	—
Finland	3	—	Armenia	1	—
<i>Carried forward</i>	9,895	78	Totals	9,958	79

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, April 18, 1898, Alderman Dyar, senior member, presiding, in the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Conry.

The following messages were received:

Sewerage Works Loan.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 18, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a letter from the Superintendent of Streets, which explains itself, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order authorizing the borrowing of \$1,000,000 under the Sewer Assessment Act. There is a large amount of work on hand which it is important to have prosecuted as rapidly as possible during the coming season, and, as the need of expending the whole amount can readily be shown, I trust that the full amount of the loan may be authorized at once.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 12, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The "Sewerage Works Bill," No. 348, having become a law April 1, I would respectfully call your attention to the desirability of having the City Council authorize the loan of \$1,000,000; and also of having \$500,000 more of bonds issued, so that the amount of bonds issued previous to July 1, may be \$1,000,000, as at that time we assess interest and sinking-fund requirements to that amount under the new Assessment Act.

The authorization of \$1,000,000, as above suggested, will then make the total amount authorized for 1897 and 1898 \$2,000,000; and it will then be possible to start the year 1899, as contemplated, on an even basis, with \$1,000,000 to be borrowed for that year.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That there be appropriated the sum of one million (1,000,000) dollars for the construction of sewerage works, under authority of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and acts in amendment or addition thereto.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Engine House 22.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 18, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a letter addressed to me by the Fire Commissioner, again calling

attention to the urgent need of completing the purchase of a new location for Engine House 22, to take the place of the present engine house on Dartmouth street. The full responsibility for the delay in this matter rests with the City Council, and I think it proper to call this matter once more to your attention, as the temporary withdrawal of the engine company, which is likely to be necessary, will occasion just public complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol Street, April 12, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Referring to the delay in acquiring possession, of the premises on Yarmouth street, for new engine house for Company 22, in duty to myself I beg leave to accentuate the importance of speedy action in order to avoid the probability of leaving for a time that part of the city without adequate fire protection, inasmuch as the railroad people will take possession of our old quarters before we are ready with the new, unless immediate action is taken.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Printing City Documents — Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 12, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my signature the accompanying order providing for the printing of an edition of 500 copies of the City Documents of 1834, for the reason that I am unable to learn any reason for taking this action.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Firemen's Memorial — Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 12, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my signature the order passed by your body authorizing the Superintendent of Printing to prepare and have printed an edition of 2,500 copies of a volume containing an account of the services in memory of the members of the Fire Department who lost their lives at the late Merrimac-street fire, for the reason that there was no stenographic report of such exercises, and it is therefore impossible to obtain the addresses delivered.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The Board refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto, the vote on its passage being—Yeas, 0; nays, 9.

Appointments.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 18, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, William P. Fowler, Thomas Sproules, Edith P. Wolcott, and Frederick W. Day, to be Overseers of the Poor in the City of Boston for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 18, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, Louise S. O'Brien, to be an Overseer of the Poor in the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1899, in place of Henry V. Cunningham, resigned.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 18, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, Michael Kerrigan, to be an Overseer of the Poor in the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1899, in place of Charles Logue, resigned.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 18, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, Frank A. Drew and John M. Maguire to be members of the Board of Assessors for the term ending April 30, 1900.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Above appointments laid over under the rule.

East Boston Court Room.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 18, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings in reply to your order requesting a report "as to the advisability of changing the location of the court-room in East Boston to the Austin school-house on Paris street, and also to give an estimate of the expense of so doing."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT,

Boston, April 18, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the vote of the Honorable Board of Aldermen requesting the Superintendent of Public Buildings to report as to the advisability of changing the location of the court-room, East Boston, to the Austin school-house, Paris street, and also give an estimate of the cost of so doing, I will say that I have had the Austin school-house examined and find that it would require the expenditure of \$2,500 to put the building in condition for court-room purposes.

As to the advisability, would say that the new room when fitted up would be much smaller than the present quarters.

Respectfully yours,

FRED. B. BOGAN,

Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Department of Public Music.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 18, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In spite of the action of the Common Council at its last meeting upon the proposed ordinance, favorably reported by the Committee on Ordinances, providing for a Department of Public Music, I desire to renew my former recommendation for the passage of such an ordinance. I have not yet heard any objection to this action which seemed to have a sufficient basis, and from numerous expressions of opinion which have reached me I believe that the establishment of this Board would meet with popular approval. I therefore feel warranted in asking the City Council to give further consideration to this proposal, in the hope that it will conclude to pass the ordinance, as recommended by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1892 BY PROVIDING FOR A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC MUSIC.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

A Department of Public Music is hereby established, to be in charge of a board of five members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor, and shall serve without pay. The members of said board may be appointed by the Mayor at any time after the date of the passage of this ordinance, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, to serve until the first day of May next. On or before said first day of May, 1898, the Mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, one member to serve for the term of five years, one for the term of four years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of one year, each term beginning with the first day of May; and annually after the current year one such member shall be appointed as aforesaid for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May in the year of his appointment. Said board shall have the charge and control of the selection of public

music to be given either indoors or in the open air for parades, concerts, public celebrations and other purposes, under authority of the City Council, except entertainments for children on the Fourth of July; shall determine the parties to furnish the same, and shall make all contracts, and expend all moneys to be paid from the city treasury for such music.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules, and the message and ordinance sent down.

Loan Estimates of Departments.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 18, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Following the practice inaugurated last year, I issued on April 1 to the heads of departments a circular of which a copy is enclosed herewith; and I now transmit to the City Council for consideration by it and by the Committee on Finance in the preparation of the usual general loan order, the accompanying requests for loan appropriations from the different departments asking for the same.

I desire to repeat, as I stated in sending in similar loan estimates last year, that in my opinion "every effort should be made to determine and provide for the most urgent necessities in connection with the work of the different departments before appropriations are made for local improvements."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SUMMARY OF LOAN ITEMS REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENTS.

Bath Department:	
East Boston Gymnasium	\$65,000
South Boston Gymnasium	10,000
Three Convenience Stations	30,000
Electric Work and Furnishing, Dover-street Bath-house	4,000
New Floating Bath-house	4,000
Cemetery Department:	
Chapel at Mt. Hope Cemetery	25,000
Additional, Mt. Hope Cemetery	—
Fences at Bennington-street and Evergreen Cemeteries	—
New Greenhouse at Mt. Hope Cemetery	—
Children's Institutions Department:	
Marcella-street Home (for a new plant to be situated in a less thickly settled part of the city)	130,000
Parental School, additional land and buildings	125,000
House of Reformation, additional building	45,000
Election Department:	
New steel voting booths	30,000
Fire Department:	
Salt-water fire system, completion of	7,500
Underground work, Fire-Alarm Branch	10,000
Health Department:	
Laboratory, new boilers for "Vigilant," new stable and for meeting damages for condemnation of buildings	15,000
Hospital Department:	
New Laundry Building, extension, plumbing, heating, alteration of old part, and later furnishing both buildings	23,000

Additional boiler-house, with boilers, grates, blowers, etc. . . .	29,800
New Surgical Building, additional heating and ventilating apparatus, etc. . . .	8,500
To replace the money taken from the appropriation for new buildings by action of the court	14,565
Insane Hospital Department:	
For land	100,000
For adequate water service	2,000
Library Department:	
Central Library Building, completion of	100,000
Park Department:	
Billings Field	4,500
North Brighton Playground	15,000
First-street Playground	3,000
Christopher Gibson Playground	4,500
Mystic Playground	1,200
Neponset Playground	2,500
Fellows-street Playground	2,887
Pauper Institutions Trustees:	
Alterations in and additions to laundry plant	3,500
Alterations and improvements in kitchen	5,500
Alterations and additions to heating and ventilating plant	10,900
Electric power plant	9,000
New power house and connections, Additional water supply	28,000
Additional wing to hospital and morgue	11,050
Penal Institutions Department —	38,000
House of Correction, Deer Island:	
Women's Prison	135,000
Repairs on hospital	7,500
Reconstruction of wharves	5,000
Extension of electrical equipment	4,500
Elementary schools	950
Steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee," copper-sheathing	600
Steamer "John Howard," fire pump and installation	500
Printing Department:	
Improvements in sanitary condition of offices	2,000
Public Grounds Department:	
Improving new section of Massachusetts avenue, near Albany street	1,000
Fence for storage lot on Massachusetts avenue, near New England Railroad	1,500
Storehouse on same lot, for settees, plank-walks, vases, etc. . . .	1,500
Storehouse on greenhouse grounds, New iron fence for Independence square	5,000
Street trees	10,000
Public Buildings Department —	
Electrical construction division:	
Reserve fund	40,000
Faneuil Hall, Armory of A. & H. A. Company	2,000
Rainsford Island, installation of plant and wiring	9,295
Long Island, additions to electric plant	9,100
Austin and Pierce Farms, installation of electric plant	12,000
Steamer "Vigilant," electric plant	1,200
Steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee," electric plant	1,800
Deer Island, additions to electric plant	33,044
Ferry-boat "Hugh O'Brien," electric plant	3,000
Harvard bridge, electric equipment	1,500
Marine park	1,500
North End Park	1,500
Printing Plant	1,000
Charlestown Armory and Wardroom	1,200

City Hall, electric plant . . .	25,242
Boiler and engine-room, with chimney, for above . . .	17,250
Repairs Division:	
Repair shop . . .	20,000
Remodelling Ward-room, Ward 3, . . .	1,000
Alterations in City Hall . . .	4,000
Repairs on Old State House . . .	500
Elevator, Old Court House . . .	4,000
Ward-room, alterations . . .	1,000
Repairs on markets . . .	5,000
Enlarging repair shop . . .	10,000
Street Department—	
Paving Division:	
Repaving street occupied by sub-way . . .	50,000
Repaving down-town streets . . .	100,000
Commercial street, State street to Clinton street, repaving . . .	15,000
Beacon street, Massachusetts avenue to Commonwealth avenue, asphaltting . . .	30,000
Washington street, Elmore street to Columbus avenue, paving . . .	30,000
Blue Hill avenue, Dalmatia street to Grove Hall, paving . . .	30,000
Boylston street, Charles street to Church street, asphaltting . . .	10,000
Boylston street, Arlington street to Berkeley street, asphaltting . . .	14,000
Tremont street, Walpole street to Hammond street, paving . . .	18,000
North End paving wharf, extension . . .	3,500
South End paving wharf, reconstruction . . .	2,000
Total . . .	\$1,603,083
Bridge Division:	
Congress-street bridge . . .	\$20,000
Warren bridge . . .	8,500
Mt. Washington-avenue bridge . . .	7,000
Malden bridge . . .	9,200
Total . . .	\$44,700
Sanitary and Street-Cleaning Divisions:	
Combustible waste plant and reconstruction of wharf, Atlantic avenue . . .	\$50,000
New wharf at Albany street . . .	2,500
Street-Cleaning and Sanitary yard, Dorchester . . .	10,000
Street-Cleaning and Sanitary yard, East Boston . . .	35,000
Stable, West yard . . .	10,000
Stable, South yard . . .	12,000
General appropriation for changes in stables . . .	10,000
Total . . .	\$129,500
Wire Department:	
To meet expenses of carrying out the provisions of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and amendments thereto . . .	\$10,000
Referred to the Committee on Finance.	

Appropriation for Street Watering.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 18, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In view of the adoption of the order providing for the watering of the streets of a portion of the city by assessment under the provisions of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1897, it becomes necessary to make an appropriation to meet the expenses of such watering pending the collection of the assessments to be laid. The total amount to be assessed cannot be determined until the

aggregate street frontage of all of the estates within the district to be watered by assessment has been figured up, and this will be done as soon as possible; but in the meantime it is necessary to have some amount falling well within the total assessment to be levied, appropriated for immediate use. I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order appropriating the sum of \$75,000 for street watering, in order that the work may begin at once upon a comprehensive scale.

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Auditor estimating that the income of the city available for appropriation will be increased to the amount of this sum by the adoption of the plan of street watering, and this makes it possible to make such appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

AUDITING DEPARTMENT,
April 18, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I hereby estimate that the receipts from street watering assessments, under the order recently passed by the City Council, will amount to at least \$75,000 during the current financial year.

This is only a preliminary estimate, pending the making up of figures as to street frontage, and the fixing of the rate of payment per front foot, but this sum is safely within the amount which will certainly be received.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES H. DODGE, City Auditor.
April 18, 1898.

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand (75,000) dollars be appropriated for watering the streets of the city designated to be watered at the expense of the abutters in the order of the City Council, approved by the Mayor, April 18, 1898, the same to be met with the assessments for watering the streets to be laid upon the several estates within the part of the city designated to be so watered as aforesaid.

Referred, after debate, to Committee on Public Improvements.

Street Watering Assessments.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 18, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby recommend the passage of the accompanying order giving authority, under the provisions of Section 3, of Chapter 419, of the Acts of 1897, to the Superintendent of Streets to determine the amount of the assessments for street watering to be laid upon the estates within the limits of that portion of the city which the City Council has already determined shall be watered upon the assessment plan.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of streets be authorized, under the provisions of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1897, to determine the amount of the assessments for street watering to be laid upon the estates abutting upon the streets included within the part of the city designated to be watered as aforesaid by the order approved April 18, 1898.

Referred to Committee on Public Improvements.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, April 14, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received:

Fence, Ward 3 Playground.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 13, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, in reply to your order requesting the erection of a fence around the Ward 3 playground.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

Jamaica Park, April 11, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: With regard to the order of the Common Council, requesting the erection of a fence on the Ward 3 playground, we beg to report that there is no money available for the improvement of any playground, and the Board cannot, therefore, comply with the Council's request. The Board would be very glad to do this, and to make other improvements in the playgrounds, if the City Council will furnish the means.

Yours respectfully,
CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Various Street Constructions.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 13, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, giving estimates requested by your body of the cost of constructing Blue Hill and Harrison avenues, and Webber, Hunneman and Fellows streets.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 13, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I hereby respectfully submit the following estimates of cost of construction to be forwarded to the Common Council, as per requests contained in orders:

Blue Hill avenue, eighty feet north of Dalmatia street, to Warren street:

Paving with granite blocks and regulating \$50,900

Harrison avenue, Lenox street to Eustis street:

Paving with granite blocks and regulating 13,700

Not including space occupied by street railway tracks, which would be paid by the company:

Weber street, macadamizing and regulating 3,900

Hunneman street, macadamizing and regulating 10,700

Fellows street, macadamizing and regulating 9,800

Fellows street playground:

Granite edgestone and artificial stone sidewalks on Fellows and Hunneman streets in front of playground . . . 900

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Alterations in Stoughton School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 13, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee, in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of making certain alterations in the "Stoughton School," River street, Ward 24.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

April 12, 1898.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, March 8, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to furnish an estimate for fire-proofing basement, equipping with fire-escapes and making necessary repairs on building known as Stoughton School, River street, Ward 24, and also to inquire into the sanitary condition of this building, report that they have given the matter attention, and recommend that the Common Council be informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that to provide two sets of fire-escapes from the second floor to the ground, wire-lath and plaster the basement, build brick wall at foot of basement stairs, construct fire-proof basement doors, alter basement stairs, provide new window-frames and sash throughout, repair clapboarding and outside finish, paint outside of building, and do miscellaneous repairs, will cost approximately \$3,000.

The heating, ventilating and sanitary apparatus is what is known as the Fuller, Warren & Co.'s system. The heating is by four furnaces, the ventilation is by means of galvanized iron ducts from each room, through which the vitiated air is drawn to the basement to a central aspirating flue, and thence through the flue to the roof. The heating apparatus is in fair condition. The sanitarities are the dry-closet system, the

focal matter remaining in a brick trough under seats, where it is burnt out at certain intervals, the smoke and odors passing off through a chimney to the external air. The urinal is also known as the dry-closet system, no water being used in connection therewith.

The expense of installing mechanical ventilation, i. e., a cone wheel and an electric motor in aspirating shaft, substituting modern appliances for the present sanitarities and urinals, providing new traps, properly vented for sinks and wash-bowls, would be approximately \$2,500.

For the Committee.

THOMAS F. STRANGE, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy.

Attest: THORNTON S. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Condition of Dudley School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 13, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Health, in reply to your order requesting a report as to the sanitary condition of the Dudley School-house.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

Old Court House, April 13, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In answer to the order of the Common Council bearing date of the 7th instant, concerning the sanitary condition of the Dudley School-house, the Board of Health begs to state that on examination of this school-house in December, and again on the 12th instant, we find no traps to sinks. The water-closets and urinals situated in the basement are inadequately flushed, and some of them are out of order. The basement is unventilated, and offensive odors from the closets and urinals reach the school-rooms. The ventilating apparatus for the school-rooms appears to be ineffective, and complaints are made of strong down drafts through the exhaust ducts, making the school-rooms at times very uncomfortable.

To remedy this faulty condition the Board would respectfully recommend that the ventilating shafts be extended through the roof and provided with sufficient power by fan or heat to secure an adequate and constant upward current of air; that the urinals and closets in the basement be repaired, provided with better means of flushing and ventilation.

Very respectfully,

The Board of Health,

SAMUEL H. DURGIN, Chairman.

In connection with the above. Mr. Newmarch of Ward 21, offered an order: That the report of the Board of Health in regard to the sanitary improvements needed in the Dudley School-house be referred to the School Committee, with a request that said

committee take immediate action towards providing said improvements.

Passed. Sent up.

SEALING OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Sealing of Weights and Measures Department, for the year 1897-98, constituting City Document 31, may be briefly summarized as follows:

The force of the department consists of one sealer, ten deputy-sealers and one messenger.

OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1897, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1898.

Total number of scales tested . . .	15,162
Total number of weights tested . . .	47,763
Total number of dry measures tested . .	8,589
Total number of wet measures, including milk-cans, tested	121,132
Total number of yardsticks tested . .	2,048
Total number of charcoal baskets tested	27
Total number of coal baskets tested . .	515
Total number of steel tapes tested . .	13

Although included in the above operations of the Department, the following table will show the amount of work performed in the office during the fiscal year, for which no fees were charged:

Scales of all descriptions tested . . .	1,800
Weights tested	6,738
Dry measures tested	2,018
Wet measures, including milk-cans, tested	112,951
Yardsticks tested	851
Charcoal baskets tested	27
Coal baskets tested	471
Steel tapes tested	13

The earnings of the Department are given below:

Total amount of earnings, 1897-98 .	\$5,706 65
Amount due this Department	280 80

Amount collected, which has been paid to the City Collector, to be credited to the Department of Weights and Measures	\$5,425 85
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CHARLESTOWN FIRE.

The following letter from the Fire Commissioner to the Chief of Department was issued on April 18:

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol street, April 18, 1898.

L. P. WEBBER, Chief of Department.

SIR: You will please accept for yourself and express to the District Chiefs and to the Department my full appreciation of the work done at the grain elevator fire in Charlestown yesterday morning, where there were many conditions favorable to a conflagration, prevented only by intelligent and zealous use of the available apparatus; and to those members who, on their "days off," reported for duty, the thanks of the Department are due for their help, as well as for their interest in preserving our good reputation. The result accomplished is a most gratifying proof that during the last three years the Department has lost none of its efficiency, and can with all confidence look to the future for just such proofs of its excellence whenever called to trying situations.

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

The following were approved April 11, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to allow for payment, and the City Treasurer to pay the Advertiser Newspaper Company the sum of \$8,500 in full for publishing proceedings of the City Council from February 1, 1897, to February 1, 1898, the said amount to be charged to the appropriation for City Council Proceedings.

Ordered, That the Bath Department is authorized, with the consent of the Park Department, to take the care and control of such bath-houses and gymnasia as are placed by ordinance or statute under the control of the Park Department, or of any of them on such terms as may be agreed upon between said departments with the approval of the Mayor, and to pay the expense connected therewith out of the appropriation for the Bath Department.

The following was approved April 15, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire, for playground purposes, the same as in former seasons, the lot of land known as "Nightingale Field," on Morton street, Dorchester, the expense of the same, not exceeding the sum of \$200 to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The annual appropriations and tax orders (see CITY RECORD, page 213), except the items for Patriots' Day, \$1,400; June Seventeenth, \$5,500; Farragut Day, \$1,200; July Fourth, \$12,500; Labor's Holiday, \$2,000, which were vetoed by the Mayor and sustained by the Council (see CITY RECORD, page 238), were approved on April 11.

The following were approved April 13, 1898:

An order for the payment of allowances of aid to certain soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston; said allowances being made under the provisions of Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1890, and amendments thereto, to be for the month of April, and to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Alfred R. Peters the sum of \$2 in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs January 7, 1898; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Thomas Hassett the sum of \$9 in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs March 5, 1898; said sum to be paid from the income of dog licenses.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to remove by blasting the hills between Story and East Fifth and G and H streets, Ward 15, South Boston.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to

Daniel Noonan to erect, maintain and use one guy-post with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over the roadway on Sargent street, Ward 16, at or near No. 47, for use in building construction. The work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks along the streets and in front of the estates hereinafter named; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, to be built as specified, the owners to furnish the material, viz.:

James V. Devine, 274-282 Quincy street, Ward 16, brick.

Stoughton-street Baptist Church, on Pleasant street, at the corner of Stoughton street, Ward 16, brick.

M. J. Hall, 36 Edson street, Ward 24, brick.

Stephen L. Bartlett, 68 India street, Ward 7, artificial stone.

George O. Wood, 102-104 Centre street, Ward 20, gravel.

Permits to project bay windows as follows:

Johanna Dolan, one, at 154 Bennington street, Ward 1; Frank Finn, two, over London street, and one, over the corner of Porter and London streets, from building 33 Porter street, Ward 2; Charles E. Mark, one, over Columbus avenue, between Washington street and West Walnut park, Ward 22.

Permits to project signs, etc., as follows:

Daniel Fraser, four barber poles, at 152 Marion street, Ward 1.

Chang Sing, sign, at 256 Saratoga street, Ward 1.

Charles H. Munsey, shoemaker's sign, at 7 Austin street, Ward 5.

W. P. B. Brooks Co., brace on which to hang carpet as a sign, at 151 Hanover street, Ward 6.

T. B. Robinson, sign, 27 Devonshire street, Ward 6.

Saul Weiss, swinging sign, at 50 Howard street, Ward 6.

Simon Ciccolo, barber pole, at 27 La Grange street, Ward 7.

Wing Kee, sign, at 26 Minot street, Ward 8.

Jacob Rothstein, cloth sign, at 1442 Columbus avenue, Ward 22.

Timothy Karle, horse shoe sign, at 4 Hunneman street, Ward 17.

T. Walker, illuminated sign, at 32 Boylston street, Ward 7.

Charlie Sing, two signs, at 83 Highland street, Ward 21.

Herndon Bros., sign, at 25 Warrenton street, Ward 7.

John Gorman, V-shaped sign, at 51 Brookside avenue, Ward 22.

Michael W. Norris, illuminated sign, at 162 Broadway, Ward 13.

The following was approved April 14, 1898:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to grant a permit to the Seventeenth of June Carnival Association to erect a wooden building on Lexington street, near Bunker Hill street, Ward 3, without the construction of intercepting brick walls.

The following were approved April 15, 1898.

Ordered, That the Board establish the revised grade of West Walnut Park at Roxbury, as shown on a plan and profile signed by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated July 26, 1877, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be authorized to close to public travel Kemble street, Roxbury, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 12 M. on April 19, 1898, for the play-out of the Roxbury Veteran Firemen's Association.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the American Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Grounds to trim trees on Adams street, Albany street, Dorchester avenue, Hyde Park avenue, Neponset avenue, Walk Hill street and Washington street, any expense attending the same to be borne by said company.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Gleason street, Ward 20. Five poles thirty-five feet by twelve inches, sidewalk seven feet wide, plan dated March 24, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the time allowed to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for the removal of poles on Exeter street, under the order passed by this Board, September 13, 1897, be and the same is hereby extended to June 1, 1898.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—NOT REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That the Committee on Fire Department be directed to inquire into the reasons why Andrew C. Scott, a disabled fireman, who has been discharged from the Fire Department, has not been legally placed on the list of pensioned firemen, and that they be instructed to give said Scott a hearing on said matter.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Joint Special Committee on Playgrounds, Ward 18 and 19, be increased by the addition of one more member of the Common Council.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to order the reconstruction of the sewer in Spring Garden street, Ward 20.

Permit to Philip McMorro, for dramatic, musical and dancing entertainments, at Draper Hall, 260 Adams street, for the season ending August 1, 1898.

ENACTED WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following order was presented to the Mayor, April 2, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to provide a new lower mast for the Jamaica Plain flag-staff and to put the same in thorough order; the expense attending the same, not to exceed the sum of \$400, to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were presented to the Mayor April 6, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be hereby authorized to pave with asphalt East Fifth street, between H and I streets; East Fourth street, between H and I streets; and I street between Broadway and East Fifth streets, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements, Ward 14.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim two trees standing in front of 765 South street, Ward 23, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the trees in front of the estate of John F. Newton, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Kearsarge avenue, Ward 17. The expense attending same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to L. H. Daloz to trim trees, at his own expense and under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Grounds in front of premises 19 Mount Vernon street, Dorchester.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain an electric light in front of premises 567 East Second street, Ward 14; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Permit to Frederick G. Holbrook to sell temperance drinks from a vehicle in the streets in the vicinity of the Post Office.

CITY RECORD on which the bills were previously noted or printed; also such bills as have been approved by the Governor.

Approved.

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H. B. 889, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line between the City of Boston and the Town of Hyde Park, p. 94.

Petition that the City of Boston may pay sum of Money to Sister of Denis H. Morrissey.

Petition of Mayor Quincy for Provisions for Laying-out Alleys in the City of Boston, p. 64.

Leave to Withdraw.

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9. S. B. 93, relative to Malden Bridge, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 10.	March 10. Closed.	April 1. S. (B.)							
10. S. B. 110, to Provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 63.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)	March 30.						
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12. H. B. 80, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 29.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 3, 7. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
13. H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Cities. Jan. 14.	Jan. 21. Feb. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)							
14. H. B. 125, for more Boston Aldermen, and choice of Chairman by Popular Vote, p. 43.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Feb. 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
15. H. B. 204, for Reorganization of the Boston City Government, p. 44.	Election Laws. Jan. 21.	Feb. 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
16. H. B. 233, as to Choice of President of Boston Common Council by Popular Vote, p. 60.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
17. H. B. 253, as to Election of Aldermen in Boston, p. 61.	Election Laws. Jan. 25.	Feb. 8. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
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29. H. B. 753, relative to Ferries, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.						
30. H. B. 768, relative to Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. March 14. Closed.	April 13. S. (B.)	April 14.						
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**THE BOARD OF POLICE TO THE
CITY COUNCIL.**

The following communication from the Board of Police relating to salaries of the police force was received by the Common Council, at its meeting held on April 14:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE.

April 14, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: We have the honor to reply to your communication dated April 7, and herewith submit to you our opinion and recommendations on the subject therein contained.

The pay of the Superintendent should be \$4,000 per year; Deputy Superintendents, \$3,000; Chief Inspector, \$2,800; Captains, \$2,500; Lieutenants, \$1,600; Sergeants, \$1,400; patrolmen, \$1,000 during the first year of route, crossing, wagon or detective service; \$1,100 during second year of service; \$1,200 thereafter during such service; and hereafter, when any patrolman doing active service is detailed for other service than route, crossing, wagon or detective service, he shall receive \$100 per year less than he was receiving at the time he was detailed for such latter service, and thereafter \$100 per year less each year during such latter service until his pay is at the rate of \$800 per year, and thereafter at such latter rate during such service.

If, however, a patrolman doing other service than route, crossing, wagon or detective service, is detailed for either route, crossing, wagon or detective service, he shall receive the pay that he was receiving at the time he was last doing such latter service. The pay of a reserve officer shall be \$2 per day during his first year of reserve service; \$2.25 per day during the second year of such service, and \$2.50 per day thereafter until he is made a patrolman.

The additional expense to the city from May 1 to December 1, 1898, for the increased pay of the Superintendent, five Deputy Superintendents, Chief Inspector and twenty-two Captains would be about \$7,500, and for the reserve officers \$4,000.

In our opinion, if these changes are made, while it may be possible to pay a portion of the increase in salaries from this year's appropriation, the Police Department cannot finish the year within its appropriation.

It is also considered advisable by the Board of Police that the present rules and regulations of this Board governing the pay of

police officers and providing for deductions from the pay of such officers in certain cases should be passed by the City Government concurrently with this Board. As it is considered that by such concurrent action troublesome legal questions which are likely to arise will be avoided. We, therefore, enclose a draft of an ordinance for your consideration covering the whole subject of police pay, and trust that if you pass the same you will send it to us for concurrence. Respectfully submitted,

A. P. MARTIN,
ROBT. F. CLARK,
C. P. CURTIS, JR.,
Board of Police.

An ordinance concerning pay of members of the Police Department:

The following-named officers of the Police Department of the City of Boston shall, while in the service of the city, receive salaries as follows, and at the same rate for any portion of the year, which shall, unless otherwise specially provided, be in full for all services which said officers are authorized or required by statute or ordinance to perform, and shall be subject to the deduction of any and all sums due to the city, from the officers entitled thereto:

The Superintendent of Police, \$4,000 per annum.

The Deputy Superintendents of Police, \$3,000 per annum.

The Chief Inspector, \$2,800 per annum.

The Captains, \$2,500 per annum.

The Inspectors, \$1,600 per annum.

The Lieutenants, \$1,600 per annum.

The Sergeants, \$1,400 per annum.

The patrolmen, if in the first year of their service, \$1,000 per annum; if in the second year of their service, \$1,100 per annum, and if they have served more than two years, \$1,200 per annum; provided, however, that when any patrolman doing route, crossing, wagon or detective service is hereafter detailed for any other service, he shall during such service receive pay at the rate of \$100 per annum less than he received at the time he was detailed for such latter service, and \$100 less each succeeding year during such latter service until his pay shall be at the rate of \$800 per annum, and thereafter he shall be paid at the rate of \$800 per annum during such service. Provided that, if a patrolman doing service other than route, crossing, wagon or detective service is detailed again for route, crossing, wagon or detective service, he shall be paid at the rate of \$1,000 per annum, if he be thus detailed

during the first year of his service; \$1,100 per annum, if he be thus detailed during the second year of his service; and \$1,200 per annum if he be thus detailed during any year thereafter.

The reserve officers, if in the first year of their service, \$2 per day; if in the second year of their service, \$2.25 per day, and if they have served more than two years, \$2.50 per day.

The salary and pay of the police shall be paid to each person entitled thereto, in accordance with prescribed rules and regulations, subject, however, to such deductions for lost or sick time, and as shall be made to satisfy fines imposed on any member by way of discipline or punishment.

Full pay will be allowed the police during the regular annual vacation, excepting so far as such pay or any part thereof may have been forfeited for any cause laid down in the rules established for the government of the force. In no other case when officers are absent on leave shall any pay be allowed them, except as provided in these rules.

When police officers are absent from duty on account of sickness or injury caused by unusual exposure or exertion while on duty, and such sickness or injury is certified to by the City Physician, or some other reputable physician approved by the Board of Police, full pay for lost time will be allowed.

When police officers are absent from duty on account of sickness or injury, and such sickness or injury is certified to by the City Physician, or some other reputable physician approved by the Board of Police, half pay for lost time will be allowed for not exceeding thirty days, except that when the sickness ends in death, full pay shall be allowed for not exceeding 100 days lost in the last 150 days immediately preceding the death of the officer; provided, however, that it is certified to by the City Physician, or some other reputable physician approved by the Board of Police, that such lost time was caused by the sickness which ultimately resulted in the officer's death.

Pay will not be allowed during suspension from duty or during absence from duty to attend funerals unless the relationship between the decedent and the applicant is that of father, mother, wife, wife's father or mother, child, brother, sister, or wife's brother or sister.

No pay for lost time will be allowed during absence from duty for any purpose whatever, except during the annual vacation, on account of sickness to attend

funerals, and to veteran soldiers to attend services on Memorial Day. No pay for lost time will be allowed for less than three days' sickness or disability, unless such sickness or disability is incurred by unusual exposure or exertion while on duty; or when the sickness or disability is feigned or simulated; or when it arises from carelessness, improper or vicious conduct, excessive indulgence of appetite, or other bad habits; or from improper, illegal or immoral practices; or from any cause occurring when not on duty, or if the sick person shall fraudulently, by concealment, false statement, or otherwise, seek to deceive or mislead the attending physician in relation to his case; or if the member shall not remain at his residence, so as to be visited at the option of the City Physician; or if he refuses or neglects to conform to the instructions of the attending physician.

IMMIGRATION DURING MARCH.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing, in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston, from transatlantic ports, for the month ending March 31, 1898:

NATIONALITY.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Austria-Hungary—			
Galacia and Buokwina	6	6	—
Other Austria	11	8	3
Hungary	3	2	1
Denmark	16	14	2
France (including Corsica)	3	3	—
Germany	13	11	2
Norway	28	22	6
Russia (proper)	45	39	6
Finland	10	6	4
Poland	37	35	2
Spain	3	3	—
Sweden	88	62	26
United Kingdom—			
England	163	87	76
Ireland	129	72	57
Scotland	35	24	11
Wales	1	1	—
Total from Europe	591	395	196
Quebec and Ontario	3	3	—
Prince Edward Island	2	2	—
Total British North Am. Possessions	5	5	—
Cuba	3	2	1
Other West Indies	3	3	—
Turkey in Asia (Arabia and Syria)	2	—	2
Total	8	5	3
Grand total	604	405	199
Tourists or passengers en route	27	—	—
Debarred passengers	2	—	—
Total immigration for the month of March	633	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	Males.	Females.
NORTH ATLANTIC DIVISION.		
New Hampshire	6	3
Vermont	1	—
Massachusetts	226	143
Rhode Island	20	9
Connecticut	7	3
New York	66	16
Pennsylvania	4	—
Total	330	174
NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION.		
Ohio	4	2
Illinois	20	10
Minnesota	23	8
Iowa	4	1
Missouri	8	2
North Dakota	1	—
South Dakota	1	—
Nebraska	4	—
Kansas	4	1
Total	69	24
WESTERN DIVISION.		
Nevada	3	—
Washington	1	—
California	2	1
Total	6	1
RECAPITULATION.		
North Atlantic Division	330	174
South Atlantic Division	—	—
North Central Division	69	24
South Central Division	—	—
Western Division	6	1
Total	405	199

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

City Hall, April 15, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department of the City of Boston was held at the office of the Chairman, J. Albert Brackett, 92 State street, Boston, on April 13, 1898, at 3 o'clock.

There were present: Messrs. Brackett, Fallon, Hersey and Atteaux.

Bills to the amount of \$1,266.95 were approved.

NELLIE V. NORTON, Secretary.

Children's Institutions Department.

32 Tremont street, April 18, 1898.

Official action has been taken by the Trustees, as follows:

On February 21, Mr. O'Hare reported that Mr. Merry, baker, would supply bread for the House of Reformation at three cents a pound.

Voted, After February 28, to discontinue making bread at the House of Correction at Deer Island.

Voted, To take bread for the House of Reformation of Mr. Merry, if it is satisfactory, at the price quoted.

On March 21, the Trustees voted to authorize the Committee on the House of Reformation to engage Mr. Kelsey at \$600 a year, and Mrs. Kelsey at \$300 a year; also to re-arrange the duties of the officers at the House of Reformation.

On March 28, the Trustees voted to allow squads of boys to go from the Parental School to the Public Library with Miss Rich; also to allow the boys to go out with the teachers for nature studies from time to time.

Voted, That the Superintendent of the Parental School be directed to notify the Superintendent of Schools of the City of Boston whenever any boy leaves the Parental School, either on account of expiration of term or for any other reason.

Voted, That the Superintendent of Schools be requested to furnish this Board with copies of the report of the truant officers regarding each boy or girl committed to the Parental School.

Voted, That the Committee on the House of Reformation be empowered to act for the Board in case of danger on account of war.

Voted, That Mrs. Quinn and Mr. Dasey be delegates to the Conference of Institutions.

Voted, To ask the Registrar to send the Board any information he may have in his office with regard to other members of the family of any child reported to him as admitted or committed to any children's institution.

On April 4, the Trustees voted that the matter of Easter vacations at Rainsford's Island and the Parental School be left to the Committee on Schools.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to ask for an appropriation to cover the cost of a new location and new building for the Reform School, in addition to appropriations asked, to purchase new grounds and building for Marcella-street Home, and new grounds and buildings for the Parental School.

Voted, That Mrs. Quinn be appointed a committee of one with full powers to purchase Easter flowers for the Marcella-street Home.

Voted, That standing committees be appointed on nomination by the Chairman to consist of two members of the Board and the Chairman ex-officio.

On April 11, the Trustees having received a letter from the Dorothea Dix House offering an entertainment for the Marcella-street Home by the Merrymaker's Club.

Voted, To accept this offer.

Voted, to approve the appointment of Mr. Dasey and Mrs. Dewey as Committee on Finance; and Dr. Putnam, Mr. O'Hare, Committee on Supplies and Accounts; these appointments being for two weeks.

The census of inmates on April 16 was as follows:

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Marcella-street Home	83	43	126
House of Reformation	150	—	150
Parental School	180	2	182
Totals	413	45	458

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, April 8, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room, at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Prince and the Librarian.

Communications received: From C. F. Atkinson, dated April 5; Examining Committee's report; Librarian's report.

Resignation received and accepted of Hiller C. Wellman, as Supervisor of Branches, to take effect May 30, 1898.

Services dispensed with of Joseph Carroll, as janitor of the West Roxbury Branch, under date of March 13.

Employment of Eugene B. Woods as janitor of the West Roxbury Branch, at a salary of \$2.50 per week, beginning March 19.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$382.87; to trust funds, \$272.97; to Station "P.," 82 cents; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$4.19; miscellaneous articles, \$378.73.

The Librarian submitted a form of application and guaranty for special cards to be issued to publishers, etc. Such form was adopted.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, April 11, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of April 11, 1898:

The Superintendent submitted an estimate of the cost of erecting a fence along the sea wall at Ward 3 Playground, and a letter was sent to the Mayor stating that there was no money available for the erection of the fence as requested by the City Council.

A communication was sent to the Mayor requesting an appropriation by loan of \$33,687 for making existing playgrounds available.

A communication from the Trustees of the City Hospital concerning the taking of land from the Convalescent's Home for an addition to Dorchester Park, was received, and a communication was sent to the Mayor regarding the matter.

The revised grading plan for North End Beach was taken from the table and adopted.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court square, April 20, 1898.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held on April 4.

A letter from the Visiting Staff of the Long Island Hospital was read, recommending the promotion of Dr. Taft, Second Medical Assistant at Long Island, to the position of First Assistant.

The nomination was confirmed and the appointment made.

It was voted to buy a pair of farm horses and a tip-cart for use at Long Island.

No milk is now being bought for use at Long Island; some condensed milk is used, but nearly two tons of milk were produced by the Long Island herd in the previous week, ending April 2.

The number of inmates at the Long Island Institution is diminishing.

Census at Long Island April 2, 1898:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	80	157	237
Children	4	6	10
In Women's Building:			
Adults	—	205	205
Children	3	2	5
In Men's Building	276	—	276
Totals	363	370	733

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

April 18, 1898.

On Monday, April 11, it was ordered, on the petition of Robert Swift and others, and Philip Chamberlain and others, that a sewer be built in Catherine street; and it was also ordered that a sewer be built in Florence street.

Remonstrance was received from John O. Shaw, Trustee, and others, against the extension of Lambert avenue to Highland street, at Roxbury.

Tuesday, April 12, an order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to locate anew Tenean Creek, between Centre and King streets, and to hold a hearing in relation thereto at 11 A. M., April 26.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out Spring lane, at West Roxbury, from Chestnut avenue to Lamartine street, as a highway, with the name of Hubbard street; and of laying out Hull street, at Charlestown, as a highway, with the name of Hunter street, from Bunker Hill street to Vine street.

An order was passed laying out Hull street, at Charlestown, with the name of Hunter street.

A petition was received from Francesco Farrara, that a sewer may be laid in North street, to drain the estate of the Hotel Italy.

A petition was received from the St. Luke's Home for Convalescents and others, that Shailer avenue, at Roxbury, may be discontinued.

It was voted to appoint, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to employment in the Street Laying-out Department, as Chief of Sewer and Assessment Division, with the pay of \$2,500 a year, Hugh E. Brady, of 106 Chelsea street, Ward 3.

Thursday, April 14, a public hearing was given in the matter of locating anew as a highway Forest Hills street, at West Roxbury, between Washington street and Glen road.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to locate anew the Canterbury branch of Stony Brook, at Dorchester, between Morton street and Middleton avenue.

It was voted that a hearing be given, in room 25, of the Old Court House, at 3 P.M., Friday, April 22, as required by Chapter 210 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1898, upon that portion of the territory designated by the Board as Plat 13 and Plat 14 shown on plan T-95.

An order was received from the Common Council requesting an estimate of the cost of extending Lambert avenue, Ward 21, through to Highland street and Fort avenue.

On the advice of the Law Department it was voted to agree to judgment in the Harrison avenue betterment cases brought by Daniel L. Demmon for the sums of \$1,000, \$850, \$950, \$1,016.50, \$975 and \$825, as betterments upon said Demmon's estates, 5 and 7, 11, 27, 29 and 31, 33, 35 on Harrison avenue. Sent to the Mayor for his approval.

On the advice of the Law Department, it was voted to assess the damages occasioned the estate of Joseph H. Beale by the laying out of Tuttle avenue, at the sum of \$750, net. Sent to the Mayor for his approval.

Friday, April 15, 1898, public hearing was given in the matter of locating anew in a surface drain the water-course, at Dorchester, known as Tenean Creek, from Tremlett street to Stratford street.

It was ordered that the water-course at Dorchester, known as Tenean Creek, between Tremlett and Stratford streets, be located anew in a surface drain.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to relocate Washington street, at Dorchester; widen Ruth street, at East Boston; and extend Stanley street, at Dorchester; hearings on these orders to be held at 11 A.M., April 29.

A petition was received from William Jacobs, that catch basins may be built in Heath street, at Roxbury, and petitions for sewers from F. J. Horgan and others, to be laid in East Ninth and Dunham streets, at South Boston; from Annie S. Macdonald, to be laid in Lauriat street, at Dorchester, and from K. S. Adams, to be laid in Kilsyth road.

It was voted to award Edward F. O'Keefe and Alice J. Hennessy the sum of \$13,225 for damages occasioned their estate on Columbia street by the laying out of Columbia road; agreement to accept the same having been approved by the Mayor.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Amid the radical changes which have taken place in the government of the metropolis, the Corporation of the City of London has remained undisturbed.

The City Corporation has been the only unreformed municipal corporation in England. It may be noted that the city was not greatly affected by the above-mentioned measures which revolutionized government in the federation of towns which surround it. The Metropolis Management Act brought the city directly into touch with the rest of the metropolis, as it delegated representatives to the Metropolitan Board of Works. The Local Government Act of 1888, besides strengthening that connection, as under it the city elected its representatives to the central authority, also took away some powers from the City Corporation; but the essential features of city government were untouched. Its customs, its ceremonials and its institutions have maintained their continuity unbroken from the Middle Ages. The city was not merged in the new metropolitan county, and only included for certain purposes in the "administrative" county of London.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, April 4, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending April 2, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	-	1	-	-	-	2	3	1	4	7
2...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	8
3...	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
4...	-	5	-	1	2	-	4	-	3	-
5...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
6...	1	7	-	1	1	-	12	1	4	21
7...	-	1	-	1	-	-	5	2	11	33
8...	-	3	-	1	-	-	3	-	5	15
9...	-	1	1	1	-	-	4	-	5	8
10...	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	3	22
11...	-	2	1	-	1	-	2	1	3	18
12...	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	3	7
13...	-	3	1	-	1	2	6	-	3	4
14...	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	1	9
15...	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	6	2
16...	3	6	3	-	-	6	7	-	1	14
17...	-	-	-	-	13	1	1	2	11	7
18...	4	1	-	-	8	1	3	-	9	9
19...	6	2	1	-	2	-	4	-	3	4
20...	7	9	3	-	5	12	12	2	14	31
21...	1	2	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	12
22...	4	2	1	-	-	5	2	2	6	8
23...	1	8	1	-	-	5	10	4	13	10
24...	14	2	3	-	-	6	4	-	10	19
25...	5	3	-	-	-	7	5	-	14	5
T'ls..	47	62	18	9	33	49	99	16	140	277

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, April 11, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending April 9, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	129
Number of discharges of mortgages	31
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	3
Number of assignments of mortgages	10
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	4
Number of bills of sale	2
Number of assignments of wages	18
Number of married women's certificates	13

The following suits have been entered against the city, all being actions of tort:

April 4—By John D. Balkam and Charles E. Gibson, each placing the damages at \$3,000.

April 7—Mary McCool, damages \$2,000; John Curran, damages \$300; J. Manning & Sons, damages \$3,000.

April 8—Jeremiah Reardon, of Brockton, a British subject, entered suit in the United States Circuit Court against the city, with damages at \$20,000.

Petitions for assessment of damages for land taken by the Board of Street Commissioners have been filed by Arthur H. O'Neil, Jeremiah G. Spillane and Nathaniel Hathaway.

City Hall, April 18, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending April 16, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	140
Number of discharges of mortgages	46
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	3
Number of assignments of mortgages	8
Number of assignments of wages	22
Number of married women's certificates	12
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3

The following suits have been entered against the city during the week ending April 16: By John J. Curran, damages \$300; New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, damages \$2,000; John F. Manning, damages \$300; James Phelan, damages \$5,000. On April 15, Arioch Wentworth filed a petition for the assessment of damages for land taken by the Board of Street Commissioners on the corner of Purchase and Federal streets.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol Street, April 9, 1898.

The following official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending April 9:

Purchased of William F. Hedrington, three horses, \$140 each.

Purchased of Samuel Eastman & Co., three four-way deluge sets for \$390.

Order drawn on Manchester Locomotive Works for general repairs on Engine 18, price, \$1,175.

Condemned eight pieces of hose.

Special drafts have been drawn as follows:

L. K. Marston, in part payment for construction of new engine-house at Grove Hall, \$2,000.

L. K. Marston, in part payment for construction of engine-house on Centre street, West Roxbury, \$2,400.

Two old horses were sold to Welch & Hall for \$93.20, in part payment for new horses.

Charges having been preferred against J. T. Smith of Combination Company 4, and J. T. Creegan of Engine Company 11, for failure to respond to an alarm of fire while asleep in quarters, a hearing was held by the Commissioner, and they were excused.

Bristol Street, April 16, 1898.

The official action taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending April 16 was as follows:

One horse purchased of A. W. Davis, \$175.

One pool-table purchased for Engine House 2 for \$100.

There have been ordered for the underground system of the Fire Alarm, 2,244 feet of ten conductor cable.

One piece of hose has been condemned.

The appointments of J. J. Brady and M. J. Keating, to be auxiliary privates in the Boston Protective Department have been approved.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, April 2, 1898.

The following applications for stable permits have been filed at this office:

Charlotte Bradstreet, Charlotte avenue, Ward 24, one horse; hearing called for April 14, at 11 o'clock. Welch & Wilson, rear 312 Norfolk avenue, Ward 20, five additional horses; hearing April 7, at 11 o'clock. Richard C. Fallon, Franklin place, five horses; hearing called for April 14, at 11 o'clock. Emma S. Parker, Grampian way, second, Ward 24, three horses; hearing April 14, at 11 o'clock.

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE BUREAU OF MILK INSPECTION DURING MARCH, 1898.

Number of samples of milk collected and examined:

Samples taken from wagons	787
From shops and restaurants	404
Samples brought by citizens	48

Total 1,239

Number of samples of vinegar collected and examined 91

Number of samples of butter and oleomargarine examined 66

Total samples 1,396

Number of complaints entered in the District Courts:

For possession of milk not of good standard quality with intent to sell	21
For selling milk not of good standard quality	2
For selling milk without being registered as a dealer	2
For serving oleomargarine in a restaurant without notifying the guest	3
For selling oleomargarine colored in imitation of butter	8
For selling adulterated cider-vinegar	7

Total complaints 43

DISPOSITION OF CASES.

Cases ended	18
Convictions	18
Amount paid in fines	\$475

Cases pending:

Awaiting hearing in lower court	22
On appeal in upper court	3

Total 25

In addition to the above work, considerable time has been spent in tracing several lots of colored oleomargarine, and in several other lines of investigation, the results of which are not complete.

On April 5 an order was passed by the Board of Health, requiring the pavement of the private passageway from 147 North street to 58 Fulton street.

Permits for the occupancy of stables were granted April 7, 1898 as follows:

Alice A. Bullock, 24 John A. Andrew street, Ward 22, for two horses; H. A. Cook, Gardner street, Ward 25, for two horses; Welch & Wilson, rear 312 Norfolk avenue, Ward 20, for ten additional horses, thirty-five in all.

The following shows the work done at the Abattoir during the week ending April 9:

EXAMINED.	
Steers	195
New England cows	33
New England bulls	2
Sheep	178
Calves	358
Hogs	1
Total	767

Two New England cows were condemned on account of tuberculosis.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending April 9, 1898:

	Pounds.
Immature veal	269
Tainted hams	125
Tainted smoked shoulders	380
Tainted poultry	60
Tainted lamb	50

Old Court House, April 16, 1898.

The following applications have been filed at this office for the occupancy of stables:

Mrs. Jennie Gregory, Ditson street, Ward 24, two horses; hearing April 21, at 11 o'clock. William D. Hennessey, Baker place, Ward 23, ten horses; hearing April 21, at 11 o'clock. Hub Brewing Company, Norfolk avenue, Ward 17, thirty horses; hearing April 21, at 11 o'clock. Maurice Hart, 94 Homestead street, Ward 21, one additional horse; hearing April 28, at 11 o'clock. John J. Fitzpatrick, 361 Chelsea street, Ward 1, nine additional horses, (ten in all); hearing April 28, at 11 o'clock.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending April 16:

Immature veal, 801 pounds; tainted beef, 210 pounds.

The following is a report of the work done at the Abattoir during the week ending April 16:

Steers	164
New England cows	17
Western cows	1
Sheep	346
Calves	213
Hogs	1
Total	742

The following stable permits were granted on April 14: Emma S. Parker, Grampian Way, 2d, Ward 24, three horses; Richard C. Fallon, Franklin place, Ward 23, five horses.

The following vote was taken by the Board on April 13:

Voted, That in the opinion of this Board, the building situated rear No. 3 Sun Court street, in this city, which has been ordered by this Board to be vacated is, because of age, defects in ventilation, plumbing and drainage, likely to cause sickness among its occupants, and is so unfit for habitation that the evils in, or caused by said building, can not be remedied by repairs or in any other way except by the destruction thereof, and this Board therefore orders said building to be removed.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

Statistics for the week ending March 19, 1898:

Cases pending	2
Number of applications	76
Total	78

Number of admissions:

To State Almshouses	37
Long Island Almshouse	12
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	2
Boston Insane Hospital	10
Westboro' Insane Hospital,	1
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	2
	64

Applications refused	9
Applications withdrawn	3
Cases pending	2
	78

Legal settlements investigated 86

Statistics for the week ending April 2, 1898:

Cases pending	5
Number of applications	49
	54

Number of admissions:

To State Almshouse	13
Long Island Almshouse	8
Charlestown Almshouse	2
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	3
Boston Insane Hospital,	4
Westboro' Insane Hospital	2
Foxboro' Asylum	5
Taunton Lunatic Hospital	5
	42

Applications refused	1
Applications withdrawn	6
Cases pending	5
	54

Legal settlements investigated 61

Statistics for the week ending April 9:

Cases pending	5
Number of applications	66
Total	71

Number of Admissions:

To State Almshouses	27
Long Island Almshouse	17
Charlestown Almshouse	1
Observation Hospital, Deer	
Island	5
Boston Insane Hospital	2
Worcester Lunatic Hospital	4
	56

Applications refused	0
Applications withdrawn	15
Cases pending	0
	71

Legal settlements investigated 82

Statistics for the week ending April 16, 1898:

Cases pending	0
Number of applications	57
Total	57

Number of admissions:

To State Almshouses	20
Long Island Almshouse	7
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	2
Boston Insane Hospital	6
Westboro' Insane Hospital	2
Foxboro' Asylum	1
Worcester Lunatic Hospital	5
	43

Applications refused	3
Applications withdrawn	5
Cases pending	6
	57

Legal settlements investigated 62

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, March 28, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending March 26, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	167	8
Females	26	2
Totals	193	10

Offences:

Against the person	19	1
Against property	12	5
Against public order and decency	167	4
Totals	*198	10

Discharges:

Males	161	8
Females	32	3
Totals	193	11

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence	137	10
Permit of Commissioner,	28	—
Pardoned by Governor	—	1
Fine paid	27	—
Died	1	—
Totals	193	11

Population:

March 21, 1898	1,631	551
Admitted since March 21,	193	10
Totals	1,824	561
Discharged since March 21	193	11
March 26, 1898	1,631	550

* Five men charged with two offences each.

Statistics for the week ending April 2, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	186	10
Females	18	10
Totals	204	20

Offences:		
Against the person . . .	11	1
Against property . . .	14	11
Against public order and decency	184	8
Totals	*209	20
Discharges:		
Males	158	17
Females	20	3
Totals	178	20
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence .	106	20
Permit of Commissioner,	38	—
Payment of fine	34	—
Totals	178	20
Population:		
March 28, 1898	1,631	550
Admitted since March 28,	204	20
Totals	1,835	570
Discharged since March 28	178	20
April 2, 1898.	1,657	550

*Five men charged with two offences each.

Statistics for the week ending April 9, 1898:		
	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	175	3
Females	17	5
Totals	*192	8
Offences:		
Against the person . . .	7	0
Against property	10	2
Against public order and decency	178	6
Totals	†195	8
Discharges:		
Males	181	15
Females	29	5
Totals	210	20
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence .	140	16
Permit of Commissioner,	37	0
Payment of fine	33	1
Transferred to Deer Island,	0	2
Transferred to Concord .	0	1
Totals	210	20
Population:		
April 4, 1898.	1,657	550
Admitted since April 4, 1898	192	8
Totals	1,849	558
Discharged since April 4, 1898	210	20
April 9, 1898	1,639	538

*Two transferred from House of Correction, South Boston.
†Three men charged with two offences each.

CHANGES IN STAFF OF EMPLOYEES.

Franklin P. Martin has resigned from the position of night officer at the House of Correction, South Boston.

Ezra T. Baxter has been appointed to the position of night officer at the House of Correction, South Boston, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Franklin P. Martin.

Statistics for the week ending April 16, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	174	18
Females	37	8
Totals	*211	26
Offences:		
Against the person . . .	8	1
Against property	17	15
Against public order and decency	186	10
Totals	211	26
Discharges:		
Males	198	9
Females	15	4
Totals	213	13
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence .	136	11
Permit of Commissioner .	56	0
Payment of fine	21	0
Pardoned by Governor .	0	1
Transferred to Deer Island,	0	1
Totals	213	13
Population:		
April 11, 1898	1,639	538
Admitted since April 11, 1898	211	26
Totals	1,850	564
Discharged since April 11, 1898	213	13
April 23, 1898	1,637	557

*One man transferred from South Boston House of Correction.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, March 21, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending March 19, 1898:

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	194
Notices of new work received	122
Inspections of temporary wiring at the various theatres have been made.	

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	296
Defects reported	84
Defects corrected	88
Notices of new work received	114
Dead wire removed (feet)	9,000
Dead wire retained (feet)	1,500

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals for street openings granted as follows:

Building connections	17
Repairs	2
Lamp connections	4
Inspections made:	
Conduit construction	15
Building connections	6
Repairs	7
Cable drawing	27
Installation of underground transformers,	7

Old Court House, March 28, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending March 26, 1898:

OVERHEAD, DEAD WIRE AND INTERIOR DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	786
Defects reported	56
Defects found corrected	105
Notices of new work received	133
Dead wire removed (feet)	20,000
Dead wire retained (feet)	300

Inspections of temporary wiring at the various theatres have been made, and in several instances changes in the same were found necessary in the interest of safety.

Three reported electric fires have been investigated, but only one of the three was found to be due to electrical causes. This one was a burn-out of primary cables in a standpipe on outside of wall.

Several tests for insulation resistance have been made.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electric approvals of permits have been granted as follows:

Building connections	17
Pole connections	1
Conduit construction	2
Conduit repairs	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	18
Building connections	7
Lamp connections	7
Repairs	4
Cable drawings	22
Installations of underground transformers	1

Plans have been filed as follows:

Finished plans, showing actual location of conduits laid during the past year, filed by the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company and the Boston Electric Light Company, thirty-five.

A plan has also been filed, showing new roadbed of the Boston & Providence Division, from Dartmouth street to Southern Union Station; this was received from the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending April 2, 1898:

INTERIOR, DEAD WIRE AND OVERHEAD DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	669
Defects reported	40
Defects found corrected	110
Notices of new work received	102
Dead wire removed (feet)	21,200

Inspections of temporary wiring at the various theatres have been made.

Two second alarms of fire have been responded to, viz.: Box 515, March 30, and Box 519, April 1.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals of permits for street openings have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	2
Building connections	11
Lamp connections	8
Pole connections	1
Repairs	4

Inspections by this Division were as follows:

Conduit construction	11
Building connections	7
Pole connections	1
Repairs	2
Cable drawings	12

Photographic work has been done as follows:

Photographs taken showing overhead wires and poles on Exeter street and Buckingham street, and underground conduit for feed and return wires of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in subway under Tremont street, three.

The resignation of Deputy-Inspector Foye was accepted, taking effect Monday, March 28, at 5 P.M.

His Honor Mayor Quincy has approved the following increases in salaries:

Inspector Cole, \$1,600 to \$1,800 per annum; Lineman Collins, \$2 to \$2.25 per day; Messenger Conley, \$900 to \$1,000 per annum; Lineman Cooper, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per day; Lineman Costello, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per day; Lineman Joyce, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per day; Deputy Inspector Lally, \$2.50 per day to \$1,000 per annum; Lineman Larkin, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per day.

THOMAS W. FLOOD,
Commissioner of Wires.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending April 16, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	22.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	25.1
Number of deaths:	
Males	110
Females	119
Total	229
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	250
Decrease	21

Of the 229 decedents, 221 were white and 8 colored; 132 were born in the United States, 93 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 unknown; 45 were of American parentage, 166 of foreign parentage, and 18 were of unknown parentage.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	37	4
Scarlatina	16	0
Typhoid fever	3	2
Measles	53	0
Totals	109	6

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	30
Pneumonia	36
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	17
Bronchitis	10
Marasmus	10
Violent causes	16
Total from principal causes	120
Total from infectious diseases	6
Total from other causes	103
Total from all causes	229
Deaths of children under 1 year	35
Deaths of children under 5 years	57
Deaths of persons over 60 years	46
Deaths in public institutions	67

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 15, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Ruth street, at East Boston, be widened on the southeasterly side, northeastwardly from Marginal street, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 15, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Stanley street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway from Quincy street to Bellevue street, and constructed by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 12, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the stream or water-course, at Dorchester, known as Tenean Creek, or Smelt Brook, be located anew from King street to Centre street, and that any parts of the original channel from which said water-course may be diverted between said points be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-sixth day of April, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ELECTION DEPARTMENT,

Old Court House, April 13, 1898.

The Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston invites proposals for building 100 steel buildings to be used for voting purposes. A bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in the sum of ten per cent of the amount of said contract, with sureties satisfactory to the Commissioners. Plans and specifications may be seen at this office.

The proposals to be used can be obtained at the office of said Commissioners, Old Court House, Court square, Boston, Mass., and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an envelope endorsed "Proposals for Building Election Houses," and with a certified check for \$500, payable to the City of Boston, left at said office before 12 o'clock M., on Monday, April 25, 1898. This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

Proposals filled out and left with a check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all proposals, and accept any proposal they deem best in the interest of the city.

LINUS E. PEARSON,
JAMES J. COSTELLO,
TIMOTHY F. MCDOUGOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,

Board of Election Commissioners.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 14, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a new channel for the Canterbury Branch of Stony Brook be located, at Dorchester, between Morton street and Middleton avenue, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-ninth day of April 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 15, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Washington street, at Dorchester, be relocated as a highway, between Ashmont street and Fairmount street, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

Boston, April 15, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25, in the Old Court House, at 3 o'clock, P.M., on Friday, April 22, 1898, as to a change in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highway in the territory shown on plan numbered T-95, made by them and filed August 25, 1896, in the office of the City Engineer in City Hall; said territory is in that part of Boston, formerly Dorchester, and is bounded, approximately, by Columbia road, Washington street and Blue Hill avenue.

JOHN F. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
GEORGE H. INNIS,
Board of Street Commissioners.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 6, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 19 Pine street and 24 Broadway Extension, Ward 7, one bay-window of iron of the following description: To project from second, third and fourth stories over Broadway Extension. Dimensions: Thirty-six feet high, 20 feet wide, and 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

JOSEPH F. WILSON,
30 Court street, Room 7.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 11, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume I.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1898.

Number 17.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments was issued by His Honor the Mayor, on April 22:

Circular No. 40.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: I am informed that many of the departments have not yet furnished to the Superintendent of Printing the copy for their annual reports for the last financial year. The value of the Annual Departmental Reports is much reduced if they are unduly delayed in their issue, and I desire to impress upon you the importance of furnishing the full copy for your report to the Superintendent of Printing at the earliest possible moment, if you have not yet done so.

I feel obliged also to call your attention to the unnecessary expense which is often incurred in making an excessive number of corrections after reports are in type. Such corrections have been growing in number and in cost, and it is necessary to remind the heads of departments that the aggregate expense of making such corrections is very considerable, and to ask them to furnish copy in as nearly final form as possible.

I desire also to impress upon you the desirability of keeping the length of department reports within reasonable limits, and including within them only matters of general interest and importance, for purposes of record and public information.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The following appointments by His Honor the Mayor were confirmed by the Board of Aldermen on April 25, 1898:

Michael Kerrigan, to be an Overseer of the Poor for the term ending April 30, 1899, vice Charles Logue, resigned.

Louise S. O'Brien, to be an Overseer of the Poor for the term ending April 30, 1900, vice Henry V. Cunningham, resigned.

William P. Fowler, Edith P. Wolcott and Frederick W. Day, to be Overseers of the Poor for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

George C. Davis, to be a constable.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Cemetery Department, constituting "Document 5," has recently been issued, and may be summarized as follows:

The present Board of Commissioners was appointed in May, 1897, previous to which the work of caring for the cemeteries was performed by the Mount Hope Cemetery Department and the Board of Health. By an Act of the Legislature, Chapter 375, of the year 1897, all burial-grounds owned by, and in charge of, the City of Boston passed into the control of a Cemetery Department.

Mount Hope Cemetery, covering an area of 106 acres, is the largest cemetery under the direction of the Department. Up to February 1, 1898, the total number of interments amounted to 53,770. During the past fiscal year there have been 1,746 interments, and one private tomb and 184 monuments and tablets have been erected.

The report, in a general way, states the condition of each one of the City of Boston cemeteries. It points out the historic facts in connection with the old burial-grounds and places particular emphasis upon the needs of the Department in order to put them in proper condition.

The matter of allowing general entrance to the old burial-grounds of the city is receiving attention. Hitherto, except on special occasions, admission has been restricted to special applicants on account of the dangers of breaking through unmarked tombs, the masonry of which has become insecure.

Criticism is made from time to time concerning the dilapidated condition of the tombs and headstones. While the city has the custody of the grounds in a general way, individuals own the lots and tombs. The Department, therefore, has no right to expend city money on the care of private property.

In a very short time the City Government will have to solve the problem of accommodation for the burial of the city poor, as the space set aside for that purpose is rapidly being filled. Either more land must be purchased or some other method employed for the care of human remains. It would seem to the Commission that the most satisfactory method for the city to adopt is the establishment of a crematory, not only for the purpose of incinerating the remains of the city poor, but also for the use of other citizens who desire to avail of such method.

The construction of a chapel at the Mount Hope Cemetery is urgently recommended by the Department, in order to accommodate in stormy weather persons who attend funeral services. The need of preparing more lots and single graves in both Mount Hope and Evergreen Cemeteries is also urged. Better facilities for transportation to the former cemetery are also needed, and it is recommended that the City Government take such action as will secure to thousands who visit the grounds the facilities, by transportation companies, that they are entitled to.

During the present year a special appropriation of \$2,500 was provided by the City Government to be used in preparing additional ground for the burial of soldiers who served in the civil war. No soldier's remains go to a pauper's grave.

The need of cemetery improvements is patent, but requires no extravagant outlay. Improvements once made will endure for many years. The Commission realizes the importance of its task, and asks that the City Government give such necessary financial support as to provide properly for the care and custody of all cemeteries and burial-grounds.

EMERGENCY WORK.

The following communication, relating to emergency work by the Street Department, was addressed to His Honor the Mayor on April 21 by the Superintendent of Streets:

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 21, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I respectfully ask your careful consideration of a plan which I have in mind for making available a portion of the Street Department force for emergency work. From the 3,000 employees of this Department, a regiment of 1,000 could be formed to act as wrecking crews, or for auxiliary work in case of call. This idea is, of course, more immediately suggested by the possibility, in the event of a war with Spain, of an attack on this port; but, aside from the present situation, I believe that such an emergency-call force would be a useful addition to the protective forces of the city. Twice during my term of office I have had occasion to make sudden call on the Street Department men to assist in emergencies: First, at the Tremont-street explosion, where, within a few minutes, I was able to bring men and carts to assist in the clearing away of the wreckage; and the second time, at the Merrimac-street fire, where, by direction over the telephone, a hundred men were summoned to the scene in less than fifteen minutes, to aid in the search for the buried firemen.

These two instances, where the services of but a few men were required, serve to show that, in the event of a wide-spreading disaster, a body of 1,000 strong, able-bodied men, accustomed to hard labor, ready and willing for the service, who could be called to any point at very short notice, might prove of immense value.

If this plan should meet with your approval, I will take advice as to the most useful equipment in the way of the tools and wrecking apparatus, and report further details to you.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

HOME OWNERSHIP IN MASS.

In the January "Bulletin," recently published, the Bureau of Statistics of Labor presents an interesting summary of home ownership in Massachusetts.

The population of the State in 1890 was 2,238,943; the total number of families 479,790, and the average number of persons to a family, 4.67. Of the whole number of families, 34,576 lived on farms, and the remainder, 445,214, lived in homes distinct from farms. Of the families living in homes distinct from farms, 299,531 hired their homes, while the others, 145,683 in number, were home owners. Of those owning homes, 88,379 owned free of encumbrance, while 57,304 owned mortgaged homes. Of the families on farms, 5,206 hired the farms on which they lived; the others, 29,370, owned; and of the families owning farms, 20,425 owned free of encumbrance, while 8,945 owned mortgaged farms.

Of the entire number of heads of families in the State, of each nativity respectively

(whites only), 33.47 per cent. of those born in Ireland; 18.60 per cent. of those born in Canada or British Provinces, of English descent; 13.35 per cent. of those born in Canada or British Provinces, of French descent; 24.29 per cent. of those born in England or Wales; 30.09 per cent. of those born in Germany; 23.78 per cent. of those born in Scotland; 21.67 per cent. of those born in Norway, Sweden or Denmark; 26.74 per cent. of those born in France; 9.24 per cent. of those born in Russia or Poland; and 9.26 per cent. of those born in Italy, owned either a farm or a home; while of the number of each nativity who owned, the following percentage owned free: Ireland, 58.47 per cent.; Canada or British Provinces (English descent), 43.76 per cent.; Canada or British Provinces (French descent), 33.70 per cent.; England or Wales, 50.81 per cent.; Germany, 51.70 per cent.; Scotland, 54.49 per cent.; Norway, Sweden or Denmark, 30.31 per cent.; France, 56.52 per cent.; Russia or Poland, 32.63 per cent.; and Italy, 58.85 per cent.

Of the heads of families (whites only) born in the United States, 43.86 per cent. were either home or farm owners; and of these, 65.78 per cent. owned free of encumbrance.

PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS.

The Advisory Committee on Small Parks, of which ex-Mayor Hewitt is chairman, appointed last June by Mayor Strong, makes an interesting report as to the necessity of additional small parks and playgrounds in the City of New York.

The report states that in the original plan of the city the children seem to have been forgotten. Within the last thirty years, all unoccupied space has been covered by improvements, leaving the children no other opportunity for play, but such as can be found in the streets. This being dangerous, as well as obstructive to traffic, incurs the interference of the police, which engenders a sense of hostility between the children and the guardians of public order, and leads to the growth of a criminal class of persons who become enemies of law and order. The report states that the committee, having especially noted the improvement in the neighborhood of the new small parks recently brought into use, has become convinced that the failure to provide for the reasonable recreation of the people, and especially for playgrounds for the children, has been the most efficient cause of the growth of crime and pauperism.

The committee specifically recommends the establishment of thirteen public playgrounds in various parts of the city, and that the playgrounds of new schools hereafter

built be thrown open to the public out of school hours and be made the general places of recreation for the neighborhood.

PUBLIC GOLF RULES.

The following rules governing the use of the golf links at Franklin Park have been formulated by the Board of Park Commissioners:

GENERAL RULES.

Persons using the links must have had experience as players and hold permits from the Park Commissioners, which may be obtained at the Park Department office, Pine Bank, Jamaica Park. Application blanks may be obtained from the greenkeeper or at the above office.

A person not familiar with the game, before applying for a regular permit, must obtain a learner's permit, which will entitle him to receive instruction from the greenkeeper, who is authorized to give lessons for usual fees. Persons holding learner's permits must not obstruct regular players in the use of the grounds, and the greenkeeper is authorized to exclude from the grounds any holder of a permit who is not sufficiently familiar with the game to play without incommoding or endangering other players.

The greenkeeper may allow strangers to play if experienced in the game and accompanied by a person holding a regular permit.

The greenkeeper is authorized to charge a fee of twenty-five cents for two rounds of the links.

The greenkeeper will be responsible for the conduct of all caddies, and will keep a record of their names and numbers of their badges.

No caddie will be allowed to solicit employment without his badge, and he must not solicit employment beyond the first tee.

All complaints must be made to the greenkeeper, and if well founded he shall suspend the offending caddie from employment for a certain number of days, commensurate with the gravity of the offence, taking away his badge for the period he is suspended.

The pay of a caddie shall be fifteen cents for one round of links or nine holes, and twenty-five cents for two rounds of the links or eighteen holes.

GROUND RULES.

Players must not loiter after the first tee, but play off in turn of their arrival as rapidly as possible to make way for those following.

No player shall play from the tee until the parties in front have played their second stroke or are out of range.

No player should play to the putting green until the parties in front have holed out and moved away, and players who have holed out should not try their putt over again or stay on the green, but move away at once.

Players looking for a lost ball must allow any other match coming up to pass them.

A party playing three or more balls must allow a two-ball match to pass them.

Turf cut and displaced by a stroke must be at once replaced by the player making the stroke.

The greenkeeper shall have full charge of the course and the conduct of the games, and complaints of violations of the rules governing the course or games by any player may be made to him.

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Monday, April 25, 1898, Chairman Conry presiding, and all the members present.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1.) Conrad J. Rueter, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the City Hospital for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

(2.) Frederick E. Atteaux, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

(3.) Charles E. Folsom, to be a member of the Board of Assessors for the term ending April 30, 1900, to fill a vacancy.

(4.) Frank L. Bowker, to be Surveyor of Marble, Freestone and Soapstone for the term ending April 30, 1899, in place of William B. Bayley, deceased.

(5.) Ebenezer Barrett, to be a Measurer of Grain for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

(6.) John F. Clark, a constable of the City of Boston, in connection with his duties in the Building Department, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

(7.) Joseph P. Carmody, to be Inspector of Pressed or Banded Hay and Straw for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

Severally laid over, under the law.

The following messages were received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 25, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Mr. Walter Hunnewell a member of the Board of Trustees for the Pauper Institutions Department for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Number of Constables Limited.**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,**

City Hall, April 25, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I think it proper to notify you that, in view of the excessive number of applications for appointment as constables, and in view of the fact that the number has been gradually

increasing and is now larger than legitimate necessity seems to require, I have decided to limit the number of appointments to 100.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Instruction in Swimming.**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,**

City Hall, April 25, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have called the attention of the newly established Bath Department to the desirability of providing instruction in swimming, particularly for the benefit of school children, and the Board is heartily in favor of the idea and is making plans to carry it out. While this instruction in swimming will be given chiefly during the vacation season, when the School Committee does not exercise control over the children in the public schools, it seems to me very desirable that some co-operation should be secured from the School Committee—at any rate, to the extent of endorsing the proposed instruction in swimming and recommending the scholars in the public schools to avail themselves of it during the summer. The Chairman of the School Committee has intimated that a request from the City Council would doubtless be influential in inducing the School Committee to take action upon a matter which might otherwise be considered outside of its ordinary province, and I therefore desire to suggest the passage of the accompanying order for such purpose.

In some foreign cities instruction in swimming is given systematically under the direction of the school authorities, and it seems to me that the expensive bathing facilities already in the possession of the city should be utilized to the greatest possible extent, and that a great amount of good could be done at a very small additional expenditure by affording proper facilities for instruction in swimming to the 75,000 school children of this city.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Council approves the proposal of the Bath Department to furnish, so far as possible, instruction in swimming to the scholars in the public schools during the summer vacation, and hereby request the School Committee to give its endorsement to such proposal, and to co-operate, so far as it can properly do so, in the carrying out of such plan.

The message was sent down, and the order was passed and sent down for concurrence.

Street Railway Tracks at Union Station.**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,**

City Hall, April 25, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Referring to the petition of the West End

Street Railway Company, addressed to your Board, under date of April 22, asking leave to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power on certain tracks of said company on Summer street extended and on Dorchester avenue extended, and also asking authority to erect and maintain the poles for carrying the wires therefor, I think it proper to urge speedy action thereon on the part of your Board, as it is very necessary for the work of construction upon these streets to proceed at once. The new locations of the tracks of this company in the streets named, in substitution for the locations in Federal street, of which it has been deprived, have already been fixed by me, under legislative authority, in accordance with a plan showing the same, which I transmit herewith, to be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

After mature consideration it has been decided, in order to allow ample room in Dorchester avenue for teams receiving baggage from the Union Station, to place the two street railway tracks immediately next to the sidewalk on the easterly side of this avenue; in order to avoid undue obstruction of the movement of street cars over this important route, it has been thought best to raise the level of the tracks about two inches above the level of the street, as shown in profile, so that teams will not ordinarily drive along the tracks, as such use of the tracks, owing to the fact that teams could only turn out on one side, would tend to delay passenger travel.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 25, 1898.

By virtue of Section 16, Chapter 516, of the Acts of the General Court of 1896, the West End Street Railway Company is hereby requested to remove and relocate its existing tracks between Summer street and Federal-street bridge, and for that purpose is hereby authorized to construct, maintain and use a double track, with all necessary turn-outs and connections, on Dorchester avenue as extended, and on Summer street as extended, from said bridge over Fort Point Channel to Atlantic avenue, with curves and connections connecting at either end with the existing tracks of said company—all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated April 20, 1898, and filed in the office of the City Clerk; and location of such new tracks in accordance with such plan is hereby approved.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Accompanying the above was the plan referred to.)

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 1 o'clock P.M., on Friday, April 22, 1898, Alderman Dyar presiding, in the absence of Alderman Conry.

The call for the meeting was read, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 21, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Friday next, April 22, at 1 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of taking action on an order authorizing the transfer of certain ferry-boats to the United States Government, and to transact such other business as shall come before you.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, April 21, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received:

Eulogy of Governor Greenhalge — Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 16, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith, without my signature, the order passed by your body providing for a eulogy in honor of the late Governor Greenhalge. I vetoed an order for the same purpose a year ago, upon the ground that, when the Commonwealth had held a public memorial service at the appropriate time in memory of a Governor who died in office, it seemed to me not only unnecessary, but undesirable, that further exercises of the same character should be held by authority of the City Government. The memorial services held under the direction of the Commonwealth, at which the eulogy was pronounced by Senator Lodge, seemed entirely sufficient, and additional exercises a year later, under the auspices of the City Government of Boston would, I think, be entirely out of place, particularly in view of the fact that Governor Greenhalge was not in any way associated with this city.

I desire to add that I have approved a similar order providing for a eulogy upon ex-Governor Russell, only upon the ground that no similar memorial exercises had been held under the direction of the Commonwealth, and that, while not a resident of

Boston, he had been for many years intimately associated with this city in practising his profession here.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The order was indefinitely postponed.

Street Paving.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 21, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to orders requesting estimates of the cost of asphaltting Weston street and paving Western avenue.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 21, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with requests contained in enclosed orders of the Common Council, I beg to submit the following estimates of cost of construction:

Weston street, Ward 18, Tremont to Cabot street, paving with asphalt and regulating	\$4,500
* Western avenue, Ward 25, Barry's corner to Cambridge, paving with granite blocks and regulating	46,200

*This does not include the space occupied by the street-car tracks, the cost of paving which would be paid by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

City Hospital Employees.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 21, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a letter addressed to me, under date of April 6, by the Trustees of the City Hospital, in response to the order passed by the Common Council on March 31.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL,

Boston, April 6, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In behalf of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, I have the honor to submit through you, to the Common Council, the following report:

On Friday, April 1, the President of the Trustees received from the Clerk of the Common Council the following order:

"Ordered, That the Trustees of the City Hospital be requested to report to the Common Council, at its next meeting, whether or not there are any employees in the Hospital Department who are not citizens of the United States, giving the name and resi-

dence in each case, and whether or not, in their opinion, the work of the City Hospital would be seriously injured if none but citizens of the United States were employed."

This is the first and only request that has been made upon any one connected with the Hospital Department for any facts or statistics bearing upon this order, and in accordance with the request received, under instructions from the Trustees, I make immediate reply.

On April 1 there were upon the time books of the hospital the following male employees: In the hospital proper, 134; at the South Department, 30; total, 164. Number of employees in the hospital proper not engaged in professional capacity, and who were not citizens of the United States, 11; ditto in the South Department, 2; total, 13. The following is a list of the names and residences of each of these employees, and the departments in which they are employed:

Jessie Shaw, jobber, 39 Worcester square.
Edmund Soley (colored), porter, 80 Poplar street, Chelsea.

Albert Evans, telephone operator, 57 Worcester street.

Joseph Bennett, centre orderly, hospital.
Charles Shaw, steward's department, 79 Rutland street.

John Miller, window boy, hospital.
Charles Lunstedt, window boy, hospital.

Harry Gavel, window boy, hospital.

Andrew Morris, kitchen man, hospital.

John Lewis, temporary fireman, 2 Girard street, Roxbury.

John W. Lister, Pathological Department, hospital.

Department for Contagious Diseases:
Thomas R. Anderson, window boy, hospital.

James Thompson, laundry man, hospital.

The thirteen persons who are not citizens have all been interviewed; several have already taken out their "first papers," and the remaining number declare their intention of doing so.

Some of the number who are not citizens were employed before they were 21 years of age, in subordinate capacities at the hospital, and have since acquired age without becoming citizens, and have, by excellence of service, been promoted to higher positions than those they first occupied.

The Trustees are asked if, in their opinion, the work of the City Hospital would be seriously injured if none but citizens of the United States were employed. The ordinary employees, such as mechanics, porters, choremen, firemen, etc., could, doubtless, be secured from those who are citizens or residents of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

CONRAD J. RUETER,

Secretary of the Trustees.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

War Leave for Employees.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 21, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In view of the actual opening of hostilities between this country and Spain, it seems to me that the City of Boston should

encourage by any means within its power a prompt response on the part of our citizens to the call for the enlistment of volunteers which may be expected at once. I think that the city may well set an example in patriotic liberality to all employees by granting leave of absence to any of its employees who may desire to enlist and filling their places only temporarily so that they can be restored to them on the expiration of their military or naval service. I therefore recommend the prompt passage of the accompanying order authorizing such action to be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to grant leave of absence to any employees of the city who are members of militia organizations called into the service of the United States, or who may enlist as volunteers in the military or naval service of the United States, such leave of absence to continue until the termination of hostilities between this country and Spain, and the places of such employees to be supplied only temporarily during their absence so that they may be restored to the same.

The message was sent up. The order was passed and sent up.

Ferry-boats for Coast Defence.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 21, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a letter addressed by Lieutenant-Commander Colby, of the United States Navy, to the Superintendent of Streets, asking whether the city will turn over to the United States Government, if they are wanted, two propeller ferry-boats and one side-wheel ferry-boat, to be used as gun-vessels for the defence of the coast. I have to-day had a personal interview with Lieutenant-Commander Colby in regard to the matter, and, while no definite arrangement is offered at the present moment, I am advised by him that the government would either expect to purchase these boats at a price to be agreed upon with the city, if the city was willing to sell, or would return them to the city at the close of hostilities. I believe that in the present crisis it is a patriotic duty incumbent upon the city to furnish every assistance in its power to the government, and I have no doubt that the general sentiment of our citizens will fully support the immediate transfer of these ferry-boats to the government, without any charge for their use if they are to be returned, and at a price representing their actual value if they are to be purchased. I need not urge the necessity of immediate action, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
SECOND DISTRICT,

Boston, April 4, 1898.

MR. BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets, Boston.

SIR: I have the honor to ask that in case the United States Government wanted the two propeller ferry-boats and one side-wheeler for the defence of the coast, would the City of Boston consent to turn them over to be used as gun vessels.

Respectfully,

H. G. O. COLBY,

Lieutenant-Commander, U. S. N.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to turn over to the United States Government any ferry-boats of the city, for the defence of the coast, without charge for the use of the same, if they are to be returned in their present condition, and at such price if the government desires to purchase them, as he may approve.

The message was sent up. The order was passed and sent up.

Removal of Engine 21.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 21, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The widening of Columbia road has made it necessary that Engine House No. 21 should be removed at once from its present location. A parcel of land immediately in the rear of the present site can now be purchased upon reasonable terms, and in order to enable such purchase to be made, and the removal of the engine house to be perfected. I recommend the passage of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be and is authorized in the name and behalf of the city, and on such terms as he deems best, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to purchase a parcel of land on Allbright court, so-called, in the rear of the engine-house lot on Columbia road, formerly Boston street, and containing 6,751 square feet, and to use the same as a part of the engine house lot; and that the same be paid for from the appropriation for the Fire Department.

Ordered, That the amount that may be awarded for the land taken from said engine-house lot, and for damage to the buildings thereon, by the laying out of said Columbia road, be added to the appropriation for the Fire Department.

The message was sent up. The order was passed and sent up.

Entertainment of Guests.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 21, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The American Association for the Advancement of Science, which is the recog-

nized scientific body of this country, is to hold its fiftieth anniversary meeting in Boston on August 22 to 27 next. The occasion is of special interest on account of the fact that this association was originally organized in Boston, and that it now returns to the place of its birth to celebrate its semi-centennial. A large and distinguished committee, under the honorary presidency of the Governor of the Commonwealth, has been formed for the purpose of making the proper arrangements for this meeting and assisting in the entertainment of the members of the association and of their guests from abroad.

As this occasion will be one of special interest and note, and as it will bring several thousand persons to Boston, it seems to me particularly desirable that the city should contribute liberally to assist in defraying the necessary expenses, and shall extend all proper hospitalities to those who are coming to Boston upon this occasion. Other cities have provided liberally for similar meetings of the association, and it is particularly appropriate that Boston, as the birthplace of the association, should do her full part toward the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary. The Committee on Arrangements proposes to raise the sum of \$10,000, and it has been suggested that the city should contribute one-fourth of this amount. I heartily recommend the passage of the accompanying order making such appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to expend not exceeding the sum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars toward the expense of entertaining the members and guests of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on the occasion of the meeting of said association in this city on August 22 to 27 next; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

The message was sent up. The order was passed and sent up.

Police Captains' Salaries.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 21, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith for your information, in connection with the order increasing the salaries of captains of police passed by your body, a communication which I have this day sent to the Board of Police stating my attitude upon this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 21, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF POLICE:

GENTLEMEN: I desire to notify your Board that I have approved, with a good deal

of doubt and hesitation as to the propriety of doing so, at any rate at the present time, the order passed by the City Council providing that the salary paid to captains of police shall be fixed at \$2,500 per annum, and to state the grounds upon which I have so acted.

The act establishing the Board of Police, while it otherwise gives to the Board practically unrestricted authority over the Police Department, provides that "the pay of the police shall not be increased or diminished except by the concurrent action" of the city and of the Board. According to the letter of the law, your Board has full control of the finances of the Police Department, as the city is required, upon its requisition, to pay all expenses incurred, regardless of the amount appropriated for the Police Department, although during the present administration your Board has shown a disposition, which seems to me proper and commendable, not to stretch its financial authority unduly and to keep as nearly as possible within the limits of the appropriation made by the City Council. The comprehensive character and duties of your Board doubtless led the City Council to invite an expression of your views before acting upon the proposal to increase certain salaries in the Police Department, and your official expression, in your communication of April 14, addressed to the City Council, of the opinion that the salary of police captains should be \$2,500, doubtless influenced strongly the action of the Common Council in passing the order (which had already unanimously passed the Board of Aldermen) by the overwhelming vote of 61 yeas to 3 nays.

When the order reached me I did not feel disposed to question the judgment of your Board, in the exercise of its official responsibility, that the salary of police captains should be \$2,500, but I hesitated to approve the order, first, because of the fear that, whatever might be the merits of this particular increase of salary it would lead to demands for other increases, not only in the Police Department, but in others; and, second, because of the statement in your communication that only a portion of such increases in salaries could be paid this year within the appropriation already made for the Police Department. While I have not felt warranted upon the whole, in view of the action of your Board and of the overwhelming vote by which the order was passed in both branches of the City Council, — indicating that any executive objection would be easily overridden, — in withholding my approval from the order, I do feel warranted in expressing to your Board as strongly as possible my feeling that the concurrent action necessary to give effect to

this increase should not be taken by you until you have either satisfied yourselves that such increase can be provided for within the limits of the appropriation already made, or until a further appropriation to cover such increase is made by the City Council. While I recognize the legal right of your Board to make a requisition upon the city treasury to provide for the payment of such increased salaries outside of the appropriation already made for your Department I feel fully warranted, in view of the general financial situation of the city, and the impossibility at the present time of seeing any means of providing for expenditures in excess of appropriations already made, in asking your Board to postpone concurrent action upon any increases of salary until these can be provided for within your appropriation.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sent up.

Care of Gymnasia.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 21, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

An order has already been passed by the City Council providing for the transfer of the care and control of certain bath-houses and gymnasia from the Park Department to the Bath Department, but it seems desirable to provide specifically by ordinance for the transfer of the indoor gymnasium on Paris street, East Boston, as this was originally placed by ordinance under the charge of the Park Commissioners. I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order for that purpose.

In view of the desirability of placing the administration of any other indoor gymnasium which the city may acquire under the Bath Department, as it will be desirable in every case to have baths in connection with indoor gymnasia, I further recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance making an amendment for this purpose in the ordinance establishing the Department of Baths.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the care and control of the gymnasium on Paris street, East Boston, be transferred from the Park Department to the Bath Department.

An ordinance to amend Chapter 1 of the Ordinances of 1898, entitled "An Ordinance to Establish a Department of Baths."

Be it ordained, etc., as follows:

Section 2 of Chapter 1 of the Ordinances of 1896 is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence, and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Said Board shall establish and maintain bath-houses and gymnasia, and shall have

the care and custody of all bath-houses, whether for all-the-year-round use, or floating bath-houses in salt water for summer use, and of all gymnasia other than those situated on parks or playgrounds and placed by statute under the control of the Park Department now or hereafter established by the city, and shall have the care and custody of all urinals or public convenience stations now or hereafter established by the city, and shall have and exercise over such baths and urinals all the powers now vested in the Board of Health."

The message was sent up. The order was passed and sent up.

Consideration of the passage of the ordinance was assigned to next week.

Award of Contracts.

Penal Institutions Department.

Proposals for supplying the Penal Institutions Department with coal for the ensuing year were opened at the office of the Penal Institutions Commissioner, Wednesday, April 20, 1898, at 11 o'clock, as follows:

	C. A. Campbell & Co.	L. G. Burnham & Co.	Sturtevant, Nor- ton & Co.	E. B. Townsend.
For House of Correc- tion, South Boston.				
Tons.	Per ton	Per ton	Per ton	Per ton
25—Broken . . .	\$4 73	\$4 73	—	—
75—Range . . .	5 23	5 22	—	—
1,450—Soft . . .	3 22	3 16	\$3 55	—
225—Gas . . .	3 55	3 63	3 55	—
180—Soft . . .	3 55	3 16	3 55	—
For House of Correc- tion, Deer Island.				
500—Broken . . .	4 20	4 15	4 00	\$4 13
500—Range . . .	4 65	4 55	4 25	4 49
3,000—Soft (Hospital).	2 63	2 69	2 75	2 87
300—Gas . . .	3 10	3 20	3 00	—

The contracts have been awarded as follows:

L. G. Burnham & Co., for House of Correction, South Boston:

	Per ton.
25 tons broken coal . . .	\$4 73
75 tons range coal . . .	5 22
1,450 tons soft coal . . .	3 16
180 tons soft coal . . .	3 16

Sturtevant, Norton & Co., for House of Correction, Deer Island:

	Per ton.
500 tons broken coal . . .	\$4 00
500 tons range coal . . .	4 25
300 tons gas coal . . .	3 00

Sturtevant, Norton & Co., for House of Correction, South Boston:

	Per ton.
225 tons gas coal . . .	\$3 55

C. A. Campbell & Co., for House of Correction, Deer Island:

	Per ton.
3,000 tons soft coal . . .	\$2 63

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

The following were approved April 18, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to grant the Dorchester High School Regiment the use of the Ward 17 ward-room, temporarily, for drill purposes, their regular drill hall being too small to enable them to execute certain movements.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be hereby authorized to transfer the unexpended balance of the appropriation for Endicott street, Thacher to Causeway street, paving, to a special appropriation for Hull street, Salem to Snowhill street, paving.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be and it hereby is authorized and directed to allow and pay to Josephine Muldoon, widow of the late Patrolman Thomas F. Muldoon, deceased, October 31, 1896, an annuity of \$300 per annum, commencing on the first day of November, 1896, as provided by Section 2 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1887.

Ordered, That in place of the item for Mayor, Public Celebrations, Patriots' Day, April 19—\$1,400—contained in the appropriation and tax orders for 1898-99, which was vetoed by the Mayor, the following item be substituted, viz.: Mayor, Public Celebrations, Patriots' Day, April 19—\$1,000—and said appropriation is hereby made, subject to the provisions contained in said appropriation and tax orders.

Ordered, That all streets or portions of streets lying within the territory in the central portion of the city, bounded by a red line on a plan marked "Plan of Street Watering, Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets, March 23, 1898," and filed in the office of said Superintendent, be watered in whole at the expense of the abutters, and that all streets and portions of streets in the remainder of the city, lying outside of said red line on said plan, be watered in whole at the expense of the city.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to grant the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, on the evening of April 26 and morning of April 27, to Jamaica Plain Council, Knights of Columbus.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to grant the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, on the evening of May 5 and morning of May 6, 1898, to Quinobequin Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The following were approved April 20, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer pay to the Treasurer of the Woman's Education Association the sum of \$150, the same amount to be charged to the City Council, Incidental Expenses. Said sum to be used by the Woman's Education Association to label the trees on the Common and Public Garden.

Ordered, That the salary paid to each captain of police on the police force of the city from and after May 1, 1898, shall be \$2,500 per annum.

The following were approved April 22, 1898:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to turn over to the United States Government any ferry-boats of the city, for use for the defence of the coast, without charge for the use of the same, if they are to be returned in their present condition, and at such price, if the government desires to purchase them, as he may approve.

Ordered, That the care and control of the gymnasium on Paris street, East Boston, be transferred from the Park Department to the Bath Department.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to pay to Catherine M. Manning the sum of \$87.84, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Canterbury street for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,501, fol. 66.

The following were approved April 23, 1898:

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, be and they are hereby authorized, in the name and behalf of the city, and for a nominal consideration, to release the land on Prince street, Jamaica Plain, owned by the heirs or devisees of Francis V. Balch, deceased, from the restrictions imposed thereon by an instrument executed by said Balch, dated December 31, 1896, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,430, page 153.

Ordered, That there be appropriated the sum of one million (1,000,000) dollars for the construction of sewerage works, under authority of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and acts in amendment or addition thereto.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Fitchburg Railroad Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Water street, Piers 6 and 7, Ward 5, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinance, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied as a freight shed.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to Jesse Tirrell to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Bay State Iron Company's wharf, Ward 14, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for manufacturing purposes.

An ordinance to amend the Revised Ordinances of 1892 by providing for a Department of Public Music:

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

A Department of Public Music is hereby established, to be in charge of a Board of five members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor, and shall serve without pay. The members of said Board may be appointed by the Mayor at any time after the date of the passage of this ordinance, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, to serve until the first day of May next. On or before said first day of May, 1898, the Mayor

shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, one member to serve for the term of five years, one for the term of four years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of one year, each term beginning with the first day of May; and annually after the current year one such member shall be appointed as aforesaid for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May in the year of his appointment. Said Board shall have the charge and control of the selection of public music to be given either indoors or in the open air for parades, concerts, public celebrations and other purposes, under authority of the City Council, except entertainments for children on the Fourth of July; shall determine the parties to furnish the same, and shall make all contracts, and expend all moneys to be paid from the city treasury for such music.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved April 20, 1898:

Permits for the use of Fanueil Hall, as follows:

To Globe Newspaper Company, on May 2, 1898; to Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, on April 18, 1898.

Petroleum licenses, as follows:

To Thomas Mayo, at rear of 149 Green street, Jamaica Plain; to Standard Oil Company, at 61 Broad street, at the works formerly occupied by the Beacon Oil Company and others, on Chelsea street, East Boston; and at the works formerly occupied by the Maverick Oil Company on Chelsea street, East Boston.

Permits to project signs, etc., as follows:

Ward 12 Republican Club, V-shaped transparency, at 99 West Brookline street, Ward 12.

Harry Cohen, three barber poles, at 24 Lowell street, Ward 8.

W. Benner, two barber poles, at 56 Howard street, Ward 6.

Nichols Broome, sign, at 26 Porter street, Ward 2.

Charles Jacobson, illuminated sign, at 11 Compton street, Ward 9.

Murphy & Co., illuminated sign, at 65 Elm street, Ward 6.

John T. Manning, two umbrella signs, 22 Winter street, Ward 7.

Perry & Co., sign, at 3 Corbett street, Ward 24.

Permits to project bay windows, etc., as follows:

H. Dickhaut, one, 82 Minden street, Ward 22.

Wm. L. Henry, two, and a cornice, Main street, corner Furbush court, Ward 4.

Charles M. Titus, one, and a cornice, Clifton street, corner Burrell street, Ward 17, both to project over Burrell street (two feet over sidewalk).

Bernstein & Channin, two, 89 North Marginal street, Ward 6 (eighteen inches over sidewalk).

The following were approved April 20, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George R. Sneaden, to construct, maintain and use a coal-hole opening not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with an iron

cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 52 Warren avenue, Ward 10; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Lewis W. Wolfson, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening three feet by three feet six inches, with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 251 Marion street, Ward 2; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley to move a wooden building, mansard roof, forty-five feet in length, by thirty-six feet in width, by thirty feet in height, from Brandon street, near South street, across Brandon street and private land to lot on Linden street, a private street, Ward 23, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley to move a wooden building, hip-roof, fifty feet in length, by forty feet in width, by thirty-five feet in height, from Columbia road, near Blue Hill avenue, through said road and avenue and Glenway street to the corner of Glenway and Erie streets, Ward 20, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks along certain streets; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built as specified, the owner to furnish the material, viz.:

Frank E. Greene, Harrison avenue, near Zeigler street, Ward 17; brick.

Richard J. Gookin, 934 Dorchester avenue, Ward 16; brick.

James A. Gookin, 272-286 East Cottage street, Ward 16; brick.

James J. Graham, 57 Mount Vernon street, Ward 16; brick.

D. Milton, 273-279 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 21; brick.

William Wood, 2269 Dorchester avenue, Ward 24; brick.

Frederick J. Rockwell, Park street, corner Kilton street, Ward 20; artificial stone.

Henry H. Fay, 418 Beacon street, Ward 11; artificial stone.

C. F. Barton, corner Norfolk and Edson streets, Ward 24; artificial stone.

John L. Gebhard et al., 34-36 Wyman street, Ward 22; artificial stone.

Bedford E. Fulmore, 20-22 Boynton street, Ward 23; artificial stone.

William S. Locke et als., southerly side Third street, Ward 14; brick.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Falmouth street at the north-easterly corner of Norway street, Ward 10, in front of the estate of Henry G. Nichols; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of brick, and report to the Board a schedule of the cost thereof.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Vernon street, both sides, between Cabot and Tremont streets, Ward 18, in front of estates abutting thereon; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of brick, the owners of the several estates to provide said material.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Winter street, Ward 20, in front of the Lyceum Hall Primary School-house; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, the edgestone to be furnished by the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

The following were approved April 22, 1898:

Constables' bonds of John B. Cadigan, James H. Cruft, Charles P. Harrington.

Permits to project bay windows, as follows:

To Edward H. Bangs, three windows, from building on Massachusetts avenue, corner of Norway street, ward 11; to A. F. McDermott, one window, from building 186-200 Hampden street, ward 17.

Permit to Timothy W. Coakley for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of April 25.

Permit to F. R. Brown & Co., to run two passenger barges between Forest Hills Station and Calvary Cemetery on Memorial Day.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to grant leave of absence to any employees of the city who are members of militia organizations called into the service of the United States, or who may enlist as volunteers in the military or naval service of the United States, such leave of absence to continue until the termination of hostilities between this country and Spain, and the places of such employees to be supplied only temporarily during their absence, so that they may be restored to the same.

Whereas, a bill (House Bill 363), limiting the number of licenses in the City of Boston has passed the House of Representatives, and believing that said bill is to the detriment of the City of Boston and its citizens; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the City Council, do hereby protest against the passage of this bill and urge the Boston senators to use their voice and vote against it.

Ordered, That a copy of this preamble and resolve be transmitted to the Honorable Senate of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow employees of the Street Cleaning and Sanitary Divisions, whose services can be dispensed with, a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on a day to be later agreed upon by the members of the Knights of Labor and the American Federation of Labor, to participate in the annual picnic.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to locate and maintain electric lights on the North End Park and Terraces.

Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to put the North End Park in suitable condition for public use as soon as possible.

Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove the band stand from the North End Park, and to locate a suitable number of seats on the northerly pier of said park.

ENACTED WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The following orders were presented to the Mayor, April 12, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to David J. Mahoney to erect, maintain and use three wooden hitching-posts on the Bennington street side of estate on the easterly corner of said street and Neptune road, Ward 1; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate 347 Fourth street, South Boston, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain an electric light at the corner of Clifton and Batchelder streets, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation of Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 130 Eustis street, Roxbury, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

PROPOSALS FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The School Committee, through the Committee on School-houses, invites proposals for erecting and completing a two-room school building in the yard of the Noble School, Princeton street, East Boston; and for erecting and completing a two-room school building in the yard of the Frothingham school, Prospect street, Charlestown District. The office copy of the contract and plans for the work may be seen at the Public Buildings Department, Old Court House, at which office forms of proposal can be obtained. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, at 12 M., April 30, 1898.

COLLECTION OF TAXES.

The following table shows the percentage of each year's tax which had been collected at the end of the fiscal year in which it was levied, and the percentage collected at the end of each succeeding fiscal year to January 31, 1898.

Abbreviations: R.E., tax on real estate; P.E., tax on personal estate; P., tax on polls; T., total tax levy.

Amount Collected at end of	TAX OF 1892.				TAX OF 1893.				TAX OF 1894.				TAX OF 1895.				TAX OF 1896.				TAX OF 1897.			
	R.E.	P.E.	P.	T.	R.E.	P.E.	P.	T.	R.E.	P.E.	P.	T.	R.E.	P.E.	P.	T.	R.E.	P.E.	P.	T.	R.E.	P.E.	P.	T.
First year.....	90.76	94.04	34.29	90.11	88.84	92.11	28.95	88.10	89.38	93.82	32.47	88.98	88.29	93.07	31.49	87.90	87.42	92.81	27.19	87.04	87.91	91.73	24.42	87.10
Second year...	90.36	96.91	46.12	97.51	99.35	96.99	43.15	97.47	99.38	97.62	43.88	97.67	99.23	97.62	41.40	97.51	99.30	97.19	37.13	97.36				
Third year....	99.40	96.96	46.40	97.56	99.41	97.03	43.28	97.63	99.43	97.64	43.68	97.72	99.46	97.65	41.44	97.68								
Fourth year...	99.41	96.97	46.42	97.57	99.42	97.03	43.31	97.64	99.43	97.65	43.69	97.72												
Fifth year....	99.41	96.97	46.43	97.57	99.42	97.03	43.31	97.64																
Sixth year.....	99.41	96.97	46.43	97.57																				

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on May 20, 1898, an examination may be taken at any city in the United States where the Commission has a

competent Board of Examiners, to establish a register from which a selection may be made, to fill a vacancy in the position of Superintendent of Public Documents, in the office of the Public Printer, the salary of which is \$9.58 per diem.

Persons desiring to enter this examination should at once write to the Board of Civil Service Examiners at the Post Office Building, this city, for application blanks, Forms 304 and 375, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D. C.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following list contains the titles of bills concerning the City of Boston, adversely reported upon by the various committees and sustained by the Legislature, together with the number of page of THE CITY RECORD on which the bills were previously noted or printed; also such bills as have been approved by the Governor.

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- Petition of Mayor Quincy for Provisions for Laying-out Alleys in the City of Boston, p. 64.
- Petition, relative to the Power of Officers of the Law Department of the City of Boston to enter into certain agreements.

Leave to Withdraw.

REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON CITIES.

- H. B. 291, to Limit Height of Buildings near Copley Square in City of Boston, p. 80.
- H. B. 631, relative to the Construction of Tenement Houses in the City of Boston, p. 123.
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H. B. 761, to Provide for the Better Enlargement of the Building Laws in the City of Boston, p. 92.

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BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON, IN PROGRESS OF PASSAGE, BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted, House.	Enacted, Senate.
1. S. B. 43, relative to the Holding of Caucuses, p. 77.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Mch. 10, 15. Closed.	March 18. S. (B.)	April 4.						
2. S. B. 47, to Require Construction of a Tunnel or Tunnels between Boston and East Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 14, 28. March 4. Closed.								
3. S. B. 62, relative to the Finances of the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H. (B.)	March 21.	April 8.	April 12. S.				
4. S. B. 93, relative to Malden Bridge, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 10.	March 10. Closed.	April 1. S. (B.)	April 20. Am.						
5. S. B. 110, to Provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 63.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)	March 30.	April 15.	April 18. S.				
6. S. B. 118, relative to the Support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston, p. 65.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, 28. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	March 30.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 21. Am.		
7. H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Cities. Jan. 14.	Jan. 21. Feb. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	April 18. Am.	April 20.					
8. H. B. 363, to Amend an Act Limiting the Number of Places which may be Licensed for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, p. 122.	Liquor Law. Jan. 25.	Feb. 18. Closed.	March 9. H. (B.)	April 4.	April 20. Am.					
9. H. B. 416, resolve to Provide for an Addition to the Normal Art School Building in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Education.	Feb. 17. Closed.	March 22. H. (R.)							
10. H. B. 505, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 84.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.				
11. H. B. 670, to Establish an Art Department in the City of Boston, p. 62.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Mch. 4, 15. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	March 30.	April 15. Am.	April 20. S.				
12. H. B. 753, relative to Ferries, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.						
13. H. B. 768, relative to Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. March 14. Closed.	April 13. S. (B.)	April 14.						
14. H. B. 910, to Provide for the Reconstruction of the Municipal Government of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws, Feb. 11.	Feb. 11. Closed.								

Board Meetings.

ELECTION DEPARTMENT.

Proposals for furnishing the Election Department with 100 steel buildings, to be used for voting purposes, were opened at the office of the Board of Election Commissioners on Monday, April 25, as follows:

W. H. Keyes & Co.	\$247 00
Berlin Iron Bridge Company	252 20
Van Dorn Iron Works Company	267 00
M. H. Gulesian	303 41
Marley Brothers	333 00
James Flynn	364 50
New England Structural Company	424 00
E. Van Norden Company	482 00
Geo. T. McLaughlin Company	485 00
G. W. & F. Smith Iron Company	487 00

The contract was awarded to Van Dorn Iron Works Company, W. H. Keyes & Co., and the Berlin Iron Bridge Company having withdrawn their bids.

M. W. BURLIN, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending April 23, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	24.9

Number of deaths:

Males	116
Females	103

Total 219

Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897 248

Decrease 29

Of the 219 decedents, 212 were white and 7 colored; 145 were born in the United States, 72 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 2 unknown; 45 were of American parentage, 148 of foreign parentage, and 26 were of unknown parentage.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	37	7
Scarlatina	24	0
Typhoid fever	8	3
Measles	39	2
Totals	108	12

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	25
Pneumonia	24
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	20
Bronchitis	10
Marasmus	5
Violent causes	10

Total from principal causes 96

Total from infectious diseases 12

Total from other causes 111

Total from all causes 219

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 16, 1898.

The undersigned request permission to project from building No. 30 Cooper street, corner North Margin street, Ward 6, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over corner Cooper and North Margin streets. Dimensions: Twenty-three feet high, 14 feet wide and 3 feet over line of street.

BORIS ROSENSTEIN,
LOUIS SISKIND,
3312 Washington street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 18, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the second day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk: said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

NOTICE TO HOUSEKEEPERS AND TENANTS.

City Hall, April 21, 1898.

Housekeepers and other occupants of dwellings are requested to place their house and cellar dirt and sweepings in the streets opposite their premises between the hours of sunrise and 2 o'clock P.M., of the following days: Monday, May 2; Tuesday, May 3; Wednesday, May 4; Thursday, May 5; Friday, May 6, when they will be removed by the city carts. After which time no person will be allowed to place any dirt, ashes, filth or rubbish of any kind whatever, in any of the ways, streets or places of the city, without a permit from the Superintendent of Streets. Dirt of any kind not to be placed in the streets on Saturday.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

On and after the above-named days, ashes, etc., in order to be removed by city carts, must be placed in receptacles not larger than an ordinary flour barrel, and in a position on a level with the grade of the adjoining sidewalk.

Vault filth, offal, bricks and mortar, gravel and earth, garden rakings and shrubbery, are not included in the above, and will not be removed by the city if placed in the streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, Mass., April 20, 1898.

GENTLEMEN: The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for leave to construct an additional curve track at the corner of East Broadway and K street, South Boston, and also additional curves at the junction of L street and East Fourth street, South Boston, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated April 14, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

A petition from certain South Boston citizens in aid of the same is filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,

By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney.

By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 22, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will on Monday, the ninth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, South Boston News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 20, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 83 Pinckney street, Ward 8, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second story over said street. Dimensions: Ten feet high, 7 feet wide and 22 inches over line of street.

EDWARD A. SMITH,

73 Pinckney street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 25, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the ninth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

REMOVAL OF HOUSE OFFAL.

READVERTISEMENT.

Boston, April 22, 1898.

Sealed proposals for the collection and removal of house offal from the Brighton District will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Streets until 12 o'clock M. of Monday, May 2, 1898, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. Proposals must state the terms for collection and removal per year, it being understood that the offal is to be removed to some point without the city limits, and in no event will offal be allowed transportation across the ferries or through any streets of the city proper. The contractor must provide his own market for the sale or disposal of all offal collected.

The city will furnish the offal carts, and the contractor the necessary horses and men. Form of contract and the official map of the district may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, 47 City Hall. The contract is to cover a term of three (3) years, beginning June 1, 1898, dependent on the proper appropriations from time to time by the city, or unless a different method of disposing of said offal is adopted by the Superintendent of Streets. Proposals must be accompanied by a properly certified check for \$100, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, should he deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.—FERRY DIVISION.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Boston, April 22, 1898.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, Room 47, City Hall, Boston, until Saturday, April 30, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing and delivering in the sheds on the ferry wharves of the City of Boston, 7,000 tons, more or less, of Georges Creek Cumberland coal, or its equivalent, 1,000 tons to be delivered on or before May 14, 1898, the balance as ordered on or before January 31, 1899. Proposals will state the particular kind and price per ton of 2,240 pounds, delivered as above, including all cost and expenses of weighing by a weigher appointed by the City of Boston, and stevedoring the same to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets. Said proposals must be accompanied by a properly certified check for \$500, made payable to the City of Boston, said check to be forfeited to the city in case of failure to appear and sign the contract within five days from date of award; a bond, with sureties or a deposit of money or other security satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract; the Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, should he deem it for the best interests of the city so to do.

BENJAMIN W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

April 23, 1898.

The undersigned respectfully petition for permission to project from building 40 and 42 North street, Ward 6, a permanent awning to project over the sidewalk. Said awning to be built of galvanized iron—to cover a frontage of about forty feet and to project the width of the sidewalk.

W. H. RUDD, SON & CO.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 25, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the ninth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, April 11, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

O street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, Ward 14; Blue Hill avenue, at Neponset bridge, Ward 24 (one pole).

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 22, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the second day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 20, 1898.

The undersigned request permission to project from building No. 3 School street, Ward 6, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second story over School street. Dimensions: Six feet high, 3 feet wide and 1 foot over line of street.

DAMRELL & UPHAM.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 20, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the ninth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 21, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Spencer street, at Dorchester, from Wheatland avenue to Talbot avenue, be laid out as a highway, and constructed by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the sixth day of May, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



THE CITY RECORD.



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Number 18.

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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
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Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The Board of Aldermen on May 2, 1898, confirmed the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor (see THE CITY RECORD, page 275):

Conrad J. Rueter, to be a Trustee of the City Hospital for five years, beginning May 1, 1898.

Frederick E. Atteaux, to be a Trustee of the Cemetery Department for five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

John F. Clark, to be a constable for one year, beginning May 1, 1898.

Frank L. Bowker, to be a Surveyor of Marble, Freestone and Soapstone for one year, beginning May 1, 1898.

Ebenezer Barrett, to be a Measurer of Grain for one year, beginning May 1, 1898.

Joseph P. Carmody, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for one year, beginning May 1, 1898.

NEW ROOMS FOR EAST BOSTON COURT.

The Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners for the County of Suffolk, on May 2 passed an order assigning as the place for holding the sessions of the East Boston District Court, the rooms in the city building on Paris street, recently occupied by the

Austin School, the same to be occupied by said court from and after May 9, 1898.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, on Tuesday, April 26, at 7.30, President Huggan in the chair, and all the members present except Mrs. Ames.

The Chair read the following communications:

(1.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

April 21, 1898.

Ordered, That the School-house Committee of the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to erect a two-room portable building in the school yard of the Morton-street School, to be used for primary classes.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

April 21, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

April 22, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

(2.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

April 21, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to erect a flagstaff in the yard of the Florence-street School, Ward 23.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

April 21, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

April 22, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

(3.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

April 14, 1898.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, requested to ask the School Committee to allow the land adjoining the Plummer School to be used by the children of the First Section, East Boston, as a playground.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

April 14, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

(4.) OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

April 16, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

(5.) OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,

City Hall, April 15, 1898.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Esq., Secretary
School Committee.

MY DEAR SIR: I would respectfully call your attention to Chapter 174 of the Acts of the Legislature of this year, entitled "An Act Relative to the Taking of Land for School Purposes in the City of Boston."

Respectfully,

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Placed on file.

(6.) OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK,

City Hall, April 15, 1898.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Esq., Secretary
School Committee.

MY DEAR SIR: I would respectfully call your attention to Chapter 228 of the Acts of the Legislature this year, entitled "An Act Relative to the Construction of School-houses in the City of Boston."

Respectfully,

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Placed on file.

(7.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

April 14, 1898.

Ordered, That the report of the Board of Health, in regard to the sanitary improvements needed in the Dudley School-house, be referred to the School Committee, with a

request that said committee take immediate action towards providing said improvements.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, April 18, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

Old Court House, April 13, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In answer to the order of the Common Council, bearing date of 7th inst., concerning the sanitary condition of the Dudley School-house, the Board of Health begs to state that, on examination of this school-house in December last and again on the 12th inst., we find no traps to sinks. The water-closets and urinals situated in the basement are inadequately flushed, and some of them are out of order. The basement is unventilated, and offensive odors from the closets and urinals reach the school rooms. The ventilating apparatus for the school rooms appears to be ineffective, and complaints are made of strong down drafts through the exhaust ducts, making the school rooms at times very uncomfortable.

To remedy this faulty condition the Board would respectfully recommend that the ventilating shafts be extended through the roof, and provided with sufficient power by fan or heat to secure an adequate and constant upward current of air. That the urinals and closets in the basement be repaired, and provided with better means of flushing and ventilation.

Very respectfully,

The Board of Health,

SAMUEL H. DURGIN, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations, the resignations of three teachers were accepted; the nominations of two special assistants and four temporary teachers were confirmed; the nominations of four teachers on probation were confirmed; the nomination of one permanent teacher was confirmed; the transfer of three teachers was confirmed; and nine teachers were granted leave of absence.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Truant Officers, it was

Ordered, That John H. Westfall, truant officer, be granted leave of absence for the purpose of serving in the navy during the present war, and that his salary be continued until September 1, 1898, with the understanding that he shall be immediately reinstated in his present position upon his return.

On the recommendation of the Committee on School-houses, it was ordered:

(1.) That the \$35,812 appropriated January 4, 1897, out of the amount granted the School Committee, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, for Elm street, Charlestown, primary school-house site, be transferred to new primary school-house, Charlestown, site.

(2.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made: New primary school-house, Baker street, \$30,000.

(3.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made: New primary school-house, Warren District, \$50,000.

(4.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made: New primary school-house, Webster avenue, \$50,000.

(5.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made: New primary school-house, Thomas N. Hart District, \$50,000.

(6.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriations be made:

Quincy-street School-house, addition	\$72,000
New primary school-house, Munroe street	50,000
Temporary wooden building in yard of Morton-street School-house	2,700
Temporary wooden building in yard of old Gibson School-house	2,700

(7.) That the Committee on School-houses be directed to advertise for proposals for selling to the city a lot of land in Roxbury, containing about twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet, for a site for a new grammar school-house, within the territory bounded approximately by South Huntington avenue, Evergreen street, Day street and Hutchins avenue, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897; and said committee are hereby authorized to give a hearing, as provided for by said act, and make a report thereon to this Board.

(8.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made: New primary school-house, Forest Hills, \$30,000.

(9.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made: Old Gibson School-house lot, enlargement, \$5,510.08.

(10.) That the sum of twenty-six thousand three hundred and twelve (26,312) dollars, voted by this Board January 4, 1897, as payment for premises situated and numbered two and three on Howard place, premises situated and numbered seventeen on Elm street, in that part of Boston formerly Charlestown, be transferred to the appropriation for primary schools.

(11.) That the sum of nine thousand five hundred (9,500) dollars, voted by this Board January 4, 1897, as payment for premises situated and numbered twenty-three on Elm street, in that part of Boston formerly Charlestown, be transferred to appropriation for primary schools.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, February 8, a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, that the School Committee be requested to select a site and establish a new grammar school in Ward 23, in the vicinity of Hyde Park avenue and Walk Hill street, reported that the City Council be re-

spectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that a site containing 30,000 square feet has already been acquired in that locality, on which it is proposed to build a new primary school-house this year, which your committee believe will provide for the present needs of that district.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, February 8, a communication from the City Council that the School Committee be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the erection of a new grammar school building near the primary school-house on Morton street, reported that in making up the list of new school-houses to be erected during the present year, they gave the situation in Dorchester very thorough consideration. They are well aware of the rapid growth of that section of the city, and are fully impressed with the necessity of providing it with adequate school accommodations. They must, however, give an equal consideration to the needs of other sections of the city and as the Board cannot build this year all the school-houses that have been asked for, they are obliged to make such recommendations as they believe will meet the more urgent necessities. Your committee have endeavored to recommend all the additional school accommodations for Dorchester that a due regard for the conditions existing elsewhere would permit, and propose to erect a two-room temporary building in the yard of the Morton-street School-house to relieve the crowded condition of that building. They must, therefore, reluctantly report that it is inexpedient to erect a new grammar school-house as suggested in the communication referred.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, April 12, a petition signed by Frederick Charles Alpin and thirteen others, that the use of the school-house lot on Paul Gore street, Jamaica Plain, as a playground, be not granted this year, reported that they do not intend to recommend that such use of the lot be authorized this year, and recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom were referred, February 8, a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the construction of a new eight-room primary school-house on Leon street, Ward 19, and, February 23, an order, requesting them to report the name of an architect for a new building on this site, and, March 22, a petition, signed by M. H. Cleary and 133 others, urging the construction of such a building, reported that they have given the matter careful consideration, and had hoped to be able to make a favorable report thereon, but the demand for additional school accommodations in other sections of the city is so urgent, and the necessities elsewhere so great, that they are obliged to report that the sum to be expended this year for new accommodations is insufficient to warrant this work being undertaken in connection with that already planned.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

On the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the annual parade of the School Regiment take place on Friday, May 13, 1898, and that the annual prize drills take place on May 31, June 1, 2 and 3, 1898.

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred, April 12, 1898, an order concerning the printing of the Outlines of Lessons in Drawing for 1898-99, reported the following order:

Ordered, That the Outlines of Lessons in Drawing for 1898-99 be issued as a school document, with illustrations, and that 2,000 copies of said document be printed.

The Board adjourned at 11.03 P.M., to May 10, at 7.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTION IN SWIMMING FOR LONDON SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The London School Board has done a great deal to encourage the children under its care to learn to swim. Tickets signed by the head teacher, and stamped with the name of the school, are issued to those who can afford it at one penny (two cents) each, but to those who are too poor a special voucher is given freely, the Board redeeming them when a sufficient number has been presented. Many youngsters are not satisfied with getting a free ticket, which they can only have once a week, but manage to pay for a bath at the 1d. rate in addition. The time spent in learning swimming counts as part of the regular school hours.

Swimming instruction is given at most of the baths by competent instructors. The charge of 6d. per lesson, or 5s. per course of twelve (12 cents and \$1.25 respectively), as at Edinburgh, is a very usual one, children paying half-price. In 1895 the London Schools' Swimming Association taught over 10,000 boys and girls to swim—many of the class who would not otherwise have seen the inside of a swimming bath. The association is worked entirely by School Board teachers, who not only give their services voluntarily, but are often out of pocket in defraying the many expenses entailed. Nearly 300 schools are affiliated to the Central Council at the low fee of 1s. per annum. These schools are situated all over the London postal district, and are grouped into suitable branches, of which there are now twenty-two, each school communicating with the Central Council through the Branch Secretary. Each branch sends one representative to the Central Council for every six schools affiliated. Hoxton has eleven schools, which pay 2s. 6d. affiliation fee to the branch, which pays their affiliation fee to the Central Council. A very pretty first class certificate, designed by Walter Crane, is awarded to every boy swimming a hundred yards, and to every girl swimming fifty

yards, an examination fee of 3d. being charged.

The "Daily Chronicle" Challenge Shield is held for one year by the boys' school having the largest number of these certificates, compared with the number above the age of ten years on the roll of the school. The "Fabian" Challenge Shield is held by the girls' school fulfilling the same conditions. The event of the year is the central championship competition, and leaders in the swimming world agree that it is the best all-around show ever given by children, the diving and the competition of four boys' teams and four girls' teams for the Life-saving Society's medals and certificates being especially commended.

Teachers are encouraged to learn to swim by the granting of certificates to all who can dive (optional for ladies), swim one hundred yards (ladies fifty yards), part to be done on the back, and satisfy the judges of their power to teach swimming and life-saving. Candidates are expected to answer questions on the theory and method of teaching, and to criticize faulty swimming, as well as to be able to effectively rescue by any two of the four methods and to know thoroughly the resuscitation drill on the Sylvester method. Examiners are appointed by the Southern Counties Amateur Swimming Association, and the Life-saving Society and the London Schools' Swimming Association.

In 1895 the London Schools' Swimming Association expended £86 2s., while its income was only £59 9s. 6d. Subscriptions amounted to £20 9s. 6d., the remainder of the receipts coming from affiliation fees, sale of tickets and programmes at the annual competition, etc. The association provided medals for the branch championship at a cost of £22 19s. 8d. in 1895, but all the trophies are given by interested friends.—[From Report on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations, by the Mayor's Committee of New York City, 1897.]

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT.

The Report of the City Clerk Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1898, constituting Document 7, is summarized in the following table:

NUMBER OF PAPERS RECORDED.	
Mortgages, bills of sale, etc.	8,790
Assignments of wages	1,836
Married women's certificates	539
Liens on vessels	127
Fence viewers' certificates	8
Descriptions of devices and utensils used in trade	9
LICENSES ISSUED.	
Amusements	202
Minors' licenses (newsboys and boot-blacks)	1,935

MISCELLANEOUS.

Petitions and orders acted upon by Board of Aldermen (1897)	3,748
Number of liquor license bonds filed	1,261
Trustee writs and suits against city	1,023
Assignments for benefit of creditors filed	340
Number of laborers' liens filed	52
Petitions for assessment of damages by jury filed	70
Number of constables' bonds approved and on file	134
Accident notices filed	399
Permits to erect buildings for stables (issued)	27
Permits for bay-windows (issued)	108
Number of jurors drawn by Board of Aldermen (1897)	1,447

Of the 399 accident notices filed with the Department during the year, 164 were filed as a result of the explosion at the corner of Boylston and Tremont streets, March 4, 1897, for personal injuries and damages to property.

Fifty meetings were held by the Board of Aldermen, including special meetings.

The returns of election expenditures are as follows:

STATE ELECTION.

Number of reports filed	31
Amount expended (total)	\$30,265 70

CITY ELECTION.

Number of reports filed	31
Amount expended	\$27,885 95

HARBOR RULES.

The full text of the regulations governing navigation in Boston Harbor during the present crisis, as issued by Lieutenant Sewell of the United States Engineers Corps, is:

Submarine mines having been placed in position in connection with the defences of Boston harbor, the following regulations for the safe navigation of the channels by friendly vessels and for the protection of the defences are hereby established by authority of the Secretary of War.

1. No vessel will be allowed to enter or leave the harbor between the hours of 8 P.M. and 4 A.M. During this interval vessels must not come inside of Boston Light, nor pass below Spectacle Island.

2. Patrol boats will be stationed above and below the defences. These boats are authorized to stop vessels to inquire into their character or to instruct them how to pass through the mine fields. The orders of the patrol boats must be strictly obeyed.

3. Sailing vessels, and all small vessels drawing three feet or less, can pass safely through any part of the channels during the daytime.

4. For steam vessels drawing over three feet, the entrance to Nantasket Roads by George's Island, and the entrance from Broad Sound into President Roads, will be dangerous at all times, and must not be attempted.

5. Steamers must pass in and out by the main ship channel only, and, so far as possible, at high tide. Between Long Island and Deer Island a special channel will be buoyed, and must be followed by all steamers.

6. The safe anchorage grounds in Nantasket Roads are now much restricted; vessels desiring to anchor there can obtain

special instruction from the patrol boats; the same is true of President Roads. The custom, common among sailing vessels, of entering these anchorage grounds with anchors trailing, must be totally discontinued.

7. All vessels are warned that disregard of the foregoing instructions will subject them to serious risk of destruction by submarine mines, and may draw upon them the fire of the batteries on shore.

REGULATIONS RELATING TO GUNPOWDER.

The following revised regulations relating to the handling and sale of gunpowder have been promulgated by the Fire Commissioner:

Section 1. No person, except on military duty in the service of the United States, or of this Commonwealth, or as authorized in the license issued therefor by the Fire Commissioner, and in accordance with these regulations, shall sell gunpowder within the city, or bring into, or carry or convey or keep in, the city more than one pound of gunpowder.

Sect. 2. Any person licensed to bring gunpowder into the city may bring into the harbor of said city, and there keep in a vessel approved by said Commissioner and in such place on the waters adjoining South Boston as he shall approve, gunpowder in such quantities as shall be authorized by the Board of Aldermen and specified in his license, and in such manner as shall be approved by said Commissioner; but no such vessel shall at any time be brought within 600 feet of any wharf or any part of the mainland.

Sect. 3. Any person licensed to convey gunpowder in a boat may convey, in a boat which has been approved by said Commissioner, and which displays at the bow and stern a red flag so long as it has any gunpowder on board, and which has the powder covered with canvas or other suitable covering, gunpowder not exceeding six quarter-casks each of twenty-five pounds and each cask tight, and enclosed in a strong leather bag closely tied and legibly marked with the word "gunpowder;" and may deliver the same on board of any vessel lying at any wharf or at anchor in the harbor, or may deliver to any person licensed to receive the same at any wharf designated in the license, not exceeding four of said quarter-casks, and shall deliver to the person in charge of the vessel or wharf a copy of the following section of these regulations at the time the powder is so delivered.

Sect. 4. No person in charge of a vessel on which more than one pound of gunpowder has been placed shall allow such vessel with gunpowder on board, to remain for more than three hours within 600 feet of any wharf or mainland of said city, and no person in charge of any wharf shall allow more than one pound of gunpowder to remain on the wharf for a longer time than is necessary for its removal.

Sect. 5. Any person licensed to convey gunpowder in a vehicle may, in a vehicle

approved by said Commissioner, convey within the city gunpowder not exceeding four quarter-casks of twenty-five pounds each, each cask tight, and enclosed in a strong leather bag closely tied and legibly marked with the word "gunpowder;" and such person shall keep such bags tied as aforesaid and deliver them only to a person licensed to keep gunpowder, and at a place designated for such keeping.

Sect. 6. Any person licensed to sell gunpowder at wholesale or retail may keep gunpowder not exceeding three quarter-casks of twenty-five pounds each, to sell in casks only, each cask tight, and enclosed in a strong leather bag closely tied and legibly marked with the word "gunpowder," and may keep in addition, for retailing, thirty pounds of gunpowder in tin or copper canisters, with tin or copper coverings thereon, said casks and canisters deposited in a copper chest with a copper handle at each end, and a tight copper cover furnished with copper hinges and locked with a copper padlock, and, unless otherwise specified in his license, placed on the lower floor within six feet of the door over which the sign provided for in Section 9 is placed; and no person, except a person so licensed, shall open said chest, and then only for as short a time as is consistent with proper care in placing or removing said casks tied as aforesaid, or said canisters unopened.

Sect. 7. Any person licensed to keep gunpowder for use or to sell at wholesale may keep on hand not exceeding four quarter-casks of twenty-five pounds each, to sell in casks only, each cask tight, and enclosed in a strong leather bag closely tied and legibly marked with the word "gunpowder," and deposited in a copper chest with a copper handle at each end, and a tight copper cover furnished with copper hinges and locked with a copper padlock, and, unless otherwise specified in his license, placed on the lower floor within six feet of the door over which the sign provided for in Section 9 is placed; and no person, except a person so licensed, shall open said chest, and then only for as short a time as is consistent with proper care in placing or removing said casks in bags closely tied as aforesaid.

Sect. 8. Any person licensed to sell gunpowder at retail may keep gunpowder not exceeding thirty pounds thereof in tin or copper canisters with a tin or copper cover thereto, and in a tin, copper, or zinc chest approved by said Commissioner, which shall, unless otherwise specified in his license, be kept within six feet of the door over which the sign provided for in Section 9 is placed; and no person, except a person licensed thereto, shall open said chest, and then only for as short a time as is consistent with proper care in placing or removing said canisters unopened.

Sect. 9. Every person licensed to keep and sell gunpowder shall have and keep in a prominent place upon the vessel, or over the outside of the principal entrance from the street, of the building in which such powder is kept, a sign, on which shall be painted in capitals the words "Licensed to keep and sell gunpowder."

Sect. 10. No person shall sell to any child under the age of sixteen years, without the written consent of a parent or guardian of such child, any cartridge or fixed ammunition of which any fulminate is a part.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending April 30, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.4
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	26.2
Number of deaths:	
Males	112
Females	86
Total	198
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	261
Decrease	63

Of the 198 decedents, 188 were white and 10 colored; 124 were born in the United States, 71 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 unknown; 48 were of American parentage, 125 of foreign parentage, and 25 were of unknown parentage.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	24	5
Scarlatina	19	1
Typhoid fever	7	3
Measles	44	0
Totals	94	9

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	28
Pneumonia	23
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	21
Bronchitis	5
Marasmus	7
Total from principal causes	85
Total from infectious diseases	9
Total from other causes	104
Total from all causes	198
Deaths of children under 1 year	36
Deaths of children under 5 years	53
Deaths of persons over 60 years	35
Deaths in public institutions	49

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN BOSTON, APRIL, 1898.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate, and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of April, 1898, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 776; total number of mortgages, 650; total amount of mortgages, \$3,325,718.

	Number of Transfers.
Boston	174
South Boston	69
East Boston	63
Roxbury	101
Dorchester	212
West Roxbury	74
Brighton	51
Charlestown	32
Total	776

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Monday, May 2, 1898, in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Chairman Conry presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages were received:

Appointments.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation on the part of the Board:

(1.) Samuel Hichborn, Edward B. Daily, John H. Donovan, to be members of the Board of Assessors, for the term ending April 30, 1901.

(2.) Charles F. Folsom, to be a member of the Board in charge of the Department of Municipal Statistics, for the term ending April 30, 1903.

(3.) Alton F. Dow, Measurer of Grain, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

(4.) Thomas F. Brennan, A. D. Clark and Thomas Colbert, Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the law.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 2, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Joseph J. Corbett a member of the Board of Election Commissioners for the term ending April 30, 1902.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 2, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Henry S. Russell Fire Commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1901.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 2, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Ernest C. Marshall Penal Institutions Commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1901.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 2, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

You are hereby notified that I have this

day appointed John R. Murphy Water Commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1901.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Severally sent down.

Bathing in Public.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 2, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Section 59 of Chapter 43 of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 provides that "No person shall swim or bathe in any of the waters surrounding or within the city so as to be visible from any dwelling-house, wharf or street." This ordinance was passed before the establishment of bath-houses for beach bathing at the Marine Park, South Boston, and at the North End Park, as well as at other points, and is not applicable to present conditions. As large numbers of people are guilty of a technical violation of the ordinance in its present form, I desire to recommend that it be amended in accordance with a draft submitted herewith, so as to permit bathing at bathing establishments or bath-houses maintained by or under the authority of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

An ordinance to amend Chapter 43 of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 relative to bathing.

Section 59 of Chapter 43 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

"Provided, however, that swimming or bathing from any bathing establishment or bath-house conducted by or under the authority of any department of the city government shall be allowed under such rules and regulations as may be established by the officer or officers in charge of said department, with the approval of the Mayor."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Acts Relating to Boston.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 2, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Last year the City Council authorized the printing as a city document of the special acts relating to the City of Boston passed by the Legislature of 1897. These acts were printed in a uniform style with the volume of "Special Statutes Relating to the City," compiled by the City Solicitor by authority of the City Council, the last edition of which included the laws passed in 1896. It seems very desirable to have the special laws affecting the city published annually as a city document, serving also as a supplement to the above-mentioned compilation, so that it may be kept con-

stantly up to date. Instead of recommending the passage of an order providing merely for the publication as a city document of the special acts of the present year, I desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying amendment to the ordinance, so that such publication may be permanently provided for.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

City of Boston, in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 28 of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 relative to the Printing Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Boston, as follows:

Section 2 of Chapter 28 is hereby amended by inserting in the twenty-second line thereof, after the words "list of the documents therein," the following:

"Said Superintendent shall annually print, in a style uniform with, and as a supplement to, the 'Statutes Relating to the City of Boston,' an edition of one thousand copies of the laws passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts each year relating to the City of Boston; shall, from said copies, deliver, as soon as printed, 300 copies thereof to the Mayor, and shall deliver the remainder thereof to the City Messenger for distribution."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Bicycle Path Across Common.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 2, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Various petitions have been presented to the City Government in the past asking for the laying out of a pathway for the use of bicyclists across the Common, from about the corner of Charles and Boylston streets to the corner of Park and Tremont streets. I believe, after looking into the matter with some care, that such a path, in connection with a place on the Common at the latter corner next the Subway station at which bicycles could be checked, would prove a great accommodation to a large number of persons who use, or would like to use, bicycles as a means for going to and fro daily from their business, and that the laying out of such a path, if its use were governed by proper regulations, would not materially interfere with the use of the Common by pedestrians, or endanger their safety. In order to bring the subject before the City Council for its consideration, I desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying order for this purpose, and I trust that it may be favorably acted upon at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized, after a plan for the same has been made by the City Engineer and approved by the Mayor, to construct a new path, or to set aside in part or in whole any existing paths, across the Common from the corner of Charles and Boylston streets to the corner of Park and Tremont streets, for the use of bicyclists exclusively, and that such use thereof be authorized under such rules and regulations, which shall, among other things, restrict riders to a speed not exceeding seven miles per hour, as may be established by said Superintendent, with the approval of the Mayor.

The communication and order were referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, April 28, 1898, Mr. Bigelow of Ward 25, senior member, presiding in the absence of President Connolly.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Public Landing—Strandway.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 28, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, in reply to your order requesting the Board to prepare an estimate for the construction and maintenance of a public landing outside the Strandway, for the accommodation of yachts and small craft.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

March 16, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In regard to the order of the Common Council, requesting this Board to prepare an estimate for the construction and maintenance of a public landing outside the Strandway for the accommodation of yachts and small craft, we beg to report that the wall will probably be completed at Q street, the site of the proposed landing, in about six weeks. A ground plan for wharf, buildings, gangways, etc., has been prepared by the Engineer of this Department, the estimate of cost for which is approximated at \$19,000. The cost of maintenance and the cost of floats will be borne by the Park Boat Service, under our contract with Mr. Sheldon, excepting wear and tear of the structures, which will be borne by the Department.

The plan provides landings for two steamboats and one for steam launches and sufficient accommodation for 200 row-boats or yacht tenders. It is thought that this landing can be completed by about July 1, and that, in view of the fact that Mr. Sheldon's temporary landing will be available to the

public, further temporary accommodations are unnecessary.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Ball Playing—Charlestown Playground.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 28, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, in reply to your order, referred to me, requesting the said Board to permit ball playing at the Mystic Playground, Charlestown.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

April 27, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: With regard to the order of the Common Council, requesting this Board to permit base ball playing at the Mystic Playground, we beg to report that, at the earnest representations of abutters, whose property was being damaged by ball games by the big boys, we have voted to limit the sport to boys under twelve years of age.

We have already pointed out that any use which would curtail the usefulness of the playground for small boys and girls would be a pity, as it is located in a district lacking in open spaces for children. The larger boys can find accommodation at Charlestown Playground, which has sufficient area to permit of its being used for a ball ground.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

New School, Ward 23.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 28, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee, in reply to your order, referred to me, requesting the School Committee to select a site and establish a new grammar school in Ward 23, in the vicinity of Hyde Park avenue and Walk Hill street.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

April 26, 1898.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, February 8, a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, that the School Committee be requested to select a site and establish a new grammar school in Ward 23, in the vicinity of Hyde Park avenue and Walk Hill street, report that the City Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that a site containing 30,000 square feet has already been acquired in that locality, on which it is proposed to build a

new primary school-house this year, which your committee believe will provide for the present needs of that district.

For the Committee,

THOMAS F. STRANGE, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON S. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Sent up.

Bicycle Track—Marine Park.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 28, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, in reply to your order requesting the Board to submit an estimate of the cost of placing a bicycle track in Marine Park.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

Jamaica Park, March 16, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In regard to the order of the Common Council, requesting this Board to send to the Council an estimate of the cost of placing a bicycle track on Marine Park, our Superintendent reports that after looking over the ground closely he is unable to find any space on which a bicycle track could be constructed. The want of space of itself, apart from other considerations of importance, will not permit of it.

The cost of a cinder bicycle track of medium width, say twenty feet, including a reasonable amount of grading, would be about \$1.10 per lineal foot; if of macadam, the cost would be about \$1.30 per lineal foot.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

New School—Leon Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 28, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee, in reply to orders of the City Council, requesting them to appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the construction of a new eight-room primary school-house on Leon street, Ward 19, and to report the name of an architect for a building on this site.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

April 26, 1898.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom were referred, February 8, a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the construction of a new eight-room primary school-house on Leon street, Ward 19, and February 23, an order requesting them to report the name of an architect for a new

building on this site, and, March 22, a petition signed by M. H. Cleary and 133 others, urging the construction of such a building, report that they have given the matter careful consideration, and had hoped to be able to make a favorable report thereon, but the demand for additional school accommodations in other sections of the city is so urgent, and the necessities elsewhere so great, that they are obliged to report that the sum to be expended this year for new accommodations is insufficient to warrant this work being undertaken in connection with that already planned.

For the Committee,

THOMAS F. STRANGE, Chairman.

Accepted.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO.

Sent up.

Sale of City Property.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 28, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying order, authorizing the Superintendent of Streets, with the approval of the Mayor, to sell the property owned by the city in East Boston, now used for a paving and sewer yard, and appropriating the proceeds received from such sale for the construction of buildings on the wharf property in East Boston, acquired by the Street Department last year, to be occupied by the Paving, Sewer, Street-Cleaning and Sanitary Divisions of the Street Department.

The new site was purchased last year on account of the greater convenience of having these yards located upon the water front, and it is desirable that buildings to make the new location available should be provided as soon as possible; and the only way to secure the amount required to erect these buildings during the present year seems to be by applying the proceeds from the sale of the present yard to their construction.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to sell the estate owned by the city on Paris, Marion and Chelsea streets, East Boston, now used as a yard for the Paving and Sewer Divisions of the Street Department.

Ordered, That the proceeds received from such sale be appropriated for the construction of buildings upon the estate purchased last year for the use of the Street Department on Chelsea street, East Boston, the same to be used for the Paving, Sewer, Street-Cleaning and Sanitary Divisions of the Street Department.

The orders were passed and the message and orders sent up.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

The following were approved April 27, 1898:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to expend not exceeding the sum of \$2,500 toward the expense of entertaining the members and guests of the American Association of Science on the occasion of the meeting of said association in this city on August 22 and 27 next. The expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved April 25, 1898:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets made by C. A. Perkins; said poles to be located, as follows:

Lamartine street, Ward 22, seven poles, forty-five feet by sixteen inches, width of sidewalk eight feet, plan dated November, 1889.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove seven poles from Lamartine street, said poles being shown by red dots marked "removed," on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated November, 1889, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The following were approved April 27, 1898:

Permits to project signs, etc., as follows:

John W. Broome, two barber poles, at 6 Blossom street, Ward 8; G. O. Goldsmith, a sign, at 47 Pitts street, Ward 8.

Orders authorizing permits to move wooden buildings, as follows:

John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company, from one location to another on Quincy street, Ward 16.

H. S. Angus, from Rockland street to Mount Vernon street, Ward 25.

H. S. Angus, from one location to another on Mount Vernon street, Ward 25.

H. S. Angus, from No. 17 to No. 16 North Harvard street, Ward 25.

J. J. & P. M. Ahern, from 301 Boston street to Clapp street, corner Massachusetts avenue, Ward 16.

J. J. & P. M. Ahern, from 153 Columbia road to 305 Quincy street, Ward 20.

John Soley, from corner Columbia road and Stanwood street to north side of Devon street.

John Soley, from 36 Columbia road, Ward 20, to Baker place, Ward 16.

John Soley, from Boston street, corner Edward Everett square, to Massachusetts avenue, near Clapp street, Ward 16.

John Soley, from 245 Princeton street, Ward 1, to 431 Chelsea street, Ward 1.

T. J. Billings, from Columbia road and Hancock street to Boston street, Ward 16.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates, said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built from the materials specified, with granite edgestones, viz.:

Charles E. Barnes, 43 Virginia street, Ward 16; artificial stone.

J. McAnirlin, 225 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 21; artificial stone.

W. W. Morse, 446 Talbot avenue, Ward 24; artificial stone.

Wood, Pollard & Co., 617-631 Atlantic avenue and 197-199 Summer street, Ward 7; artificial stone.

Wm. J. Carlin, 1508-1518 Tremont street, Ward 19; artificial stone.

Joseph I. Stewart, Geneva avenue, corner Bloomfield street, Ward 20; artificial stone.

John L. Manson, 5-11 Edson street, Ward 24; artificial stone.

S. E. Paige, on Jay street, Ward 14; brick.

Charles M. Titus, Clifton and Burrill streets, Ward 17; brick.

B. F. Nay, 221-223 London street, Ward 2; brick.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to lay and maintain underground conduits for electric wires and cables, provided with suitable manholes, in A street, Ward 13; Broadway, Wards 14 and 15; L street, Ward 14; Fourth street, Ward 14; Fifth street, Ward 14; Dorchester street, Wards 14, 15 and 16; Dorchester-avenue extension, Ward 7; F street, Ward 15; Eighth street, Ward 15.

The surface of said streets shall be disturbed for the purpose of laying or repairing cables, or conduits therefor, only at such times and in such manner and place of opening as the Superintendent of Streets shall indicate and issue permits therefor; and the surface of said streets shall not be disturbed as above until a plan has been filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets showing the location of said underground conduits and manholes in the aforesaid streets.

All the work of laying said conduits to be done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 36, Section 14, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The bonds of the following-named constables:

Herbert W. Stebbins, Peter P. Fee, Joseph Guttentag, Robert Reid, Cornelius A. Dugan, Edward L. Hopkins, Abraham T. Silberstein, Parker N. Jenkins, Joseph I. McLaughlin, William A. Mason, Benj. F. S. Bullard, Alvin I. Phillips, John J. Rogers, George G. Drew, George W. Crawford, Alvah H. Peters, Morris F. Lewinberg, Morris Silverstein, John Mundy, Michael McEleney, Wm. H. Chick, Charles A. Saverly.

Ordered, That leave be granted to the Water Department to close the roadway on Geneva avenue, between the railroad bridge and Olney street, to public travel during the time necessary for the laying of main pipes on said avenue.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized, under the provisions of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1897, to determine the amount of the assessments for street watering to be laid upon the estates abutting upon the streets included within the part of the city designated to be watered by assessment, by the order approved April 18, 1898.

The following was approved April 29, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to William H. Henry, to construct, maintain and use two bulkhead openings, four feet by four feet each, with wooden covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Main street, corner of Furbush court, Ward 4; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to make a cross-walk on Chandler street, between Columbus avenue and Clarendon street, and one on Boylston street, from Bothnia street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to renumber the buildings on Burrell street, Ward 17, formerly Hudson and Pontine streets.

ENACTED WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The following were presented to the Mayor April 20, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees on the north side of Centre street, at the junction of Aldworth street, and one tree on the east side of Centre street, in front of Boylston terrace; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree in front of estate 353 West Third street, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree in front of 27 Mercer street, South Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

CITY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION.

The annual manual, showing the organization of the City Government of Boston, has recently been issued for the year 1898. In it are included a directory of the departments, committees of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, together with the rules and orders of both branches. The manual gives, also, a list of the numbers and locations of boxes of the Boston Fire-Alarm Telegraph.

Canvass of Bids.

School Department.

Proposals for erecting two-room temporary school buildings were received by the Committee on School-houses at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee on April 30, 1898, as follows:

TWO-ROOM BUILDING, FROTHINGHAM DISTRICT.

Chute & Pratt	\$4,984 00
Timothy Sullivan	4,347 25
Gerry & Northup	4,221 00
John McNamara & Sons	4,172 00
John J. Flynn	3,900 00
Alexander L. McLaren	3,899 00
Gifford & Lawrence (plumbing not included)	3,767 00
Edward Lynch & Co.	3,260 00

TWO-ROOM BUILDING, EMERSON DISTRICT.

Chute & Pratt	\$4,984 00
Timothy Sullivan	4,347 25
Gerry & Northup	4,167 00
John McNamara & Sons	4,073 00
John J. Flynn	4,000 00
Alexander L. McLaren	3,984 00
Gifford & Lawrence (plumbing not included)	3,617 00
Edward Lynch & Co.	3,150 00

The bids were taken under advisement.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Street Department.

Bids for furnishing 500,000 gutter blocks on wharves were opened April 28, as follows:

Bidder.	Bid per 1,000.
Rockport Granite Company	\$43 90
Quincy Quarry Company	42 50
James Grant & Co. (for 250,000)	39 50
James Grant & Co. (for balance)	42 50

The bids were taken under advisement.

Proposals for furnishing 7,000 tons of George's Creek Cumberland coal, or its equivalent, at the ferry wharves, were opened April 30, as follows:

Bidder.	Bid per ton, 2,240 lbs.
Garfield and Proctor Coal Company (Ocean Mine)	\$3 14
John Morrison	3 15
G. M. Winslow & Co. (George's Creek)	3 18
L. G. Burnham & Co. (George's Creek)	3 24
Loyal Hanna Coal and Coke Company (Loyal Hanna, Sonman Shaft)	3 25
J. A. Bradford & Co. (George's Creek)	3 48

The bids were rejected.

Proposals for collecting and removing offal in the Brighton District were opened May 2, 1898, at 12 M., as follows:

Bidder.	Bid per year.
Geo. T. Barnes	\$3,000
Daniel McKinnon	3,500
D. B. Morrill	3,500
John McShane	4,300
Allen Clark	4,500

The bids were taken under advisement.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that it is desired to establish eligible registers, from which selections may be made, to fill vacancies in the position of surfmen in the life-saving service along the entire coast of the United States, except in the second, fourth and sixth districts.

No person shall be examined who has not had at least three years' experience as a surfman, sailor or boatman. The compensation for these positions is \$60 or \$65 per month during the active season.

Persons desiring to become eligible for these positions should at once apply to the keeper of their nearest station for application blanks, which should be properly executed and promptly filed with the keeper.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STATE MILITIA.

The Governor's orders regarding the State militia are as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Boston, April 28, 1898.

The definite orders which have been awaited from Washington were received by me at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the 27th instant. They are embodied in a letter from the honorable Secretary of War, in which, under Act of Congress, "to provide for temporarily increasing the military establishment of the United States in time of war and for other purposes," approved April 22, 1898, and calling for 125,000 volunteers, the Secretary, under direction of the President, request me to provide from the Commonwealth the quota of volunteers, as follows:

Four regiments of infantry and three heavy batteries, to serve in the arms of service designated, for the period of two years, unless sooner discharged, the mustering officer to be instructed to receive no man under the rank of commissioned officer who is in years over forty-five or under eighteen, or who is not in physical strength and vigor.

The Secretary expresses the desire that as far as practicable the National Guard be given preference. The act above referred to provides that when the members of any company, troop, battery, battalion or regiment of the organized militia of any State shall enlist in the volunteer army in a body, the officers in service with such militia organization thus enlisting may be appointed by the Governors of the States, and shall when so appointed be officers of corresponding grades in the same organization when it shall have been received into the service of the United States as a part of the volunteer army.

This communication of the Secretary and the Act of Congress therein referred to make plain the desire of the National Government that the present call for volunteers shall be met, so far as practicable, by the prompt enlistment of men constituting the organized militia of the Commonwealth.

Massachusetts will respond promptly and with enthusiastic loyalty to this call or to any future call for volunteers in a war waged not for conquest or revenge, but for justice and humanity.

The desire to volunteer is universal in the militia, but it is also true that with some, especially those on whom others are solely dependent, there may be reasons which would render it their duty rather to remain in the service of the Commonwealth.

To meet this summons to arms in the service of the United States, I hereby designate as the four infantry regiments to be offered the privilege of volunteering under this call the:

Second Regiment Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, Col. Embury P. Clark commanding.

Ninth Regiment Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, Col. Frederick B. Bogan commanding.

Eighth Regiment Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, Col. William A. Pew commanding.

Sixth Regiment Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, Col. Charles F. Woodward commanding.

The designation of the three heavy batteries will be made in later orders.

The commanding officers of these regiments are required forthwith, but without assembling any portion of their commands, to cause an individual canvass to be made of the subordinate officers and enlisted men, to ascertain and make careful record of those desiring to volunteer. These shall be held subject to future orders, and at the earliest possible day will be mustered into the service of the United States, and may thereupon be honorably discharged from that of the Commonwealth.

It is my present purpose to ask the General Court to consider whether it is wise and practicable to provide by suitable legislation for the restoration to their former positions in the militia of those so volunteering when honorably discharged from the service of the United States.

To fill the regimental complement required by United States statutes, additional volunteers to the number so prescribed shall be recruited preferably from those who have already had military training in the same organization or in other militia organizations not included in the above designation or from the great body of patriotic citizens outside the militia of the State. All those who for any reason shall not so elect to volunteer will remain in the service of the Commonwealth, and may be permitted to retain the present designation of their several organizations therein, the volunteer regiments formed as above to receive later such designations as may be ordered or permitted by the United States Government. The organizations thus retained in the service of the Commonwealth may be promptly recruited to their full strength, in order to be ready at all times for coast defence and such other service as may be legally required of them, or to respond in like manner as above to further calls for volunteers by the National Government.

I enjoin upon all officers or enlisted men the paramount duty of securing and maintaining in the volunteer force and in the State militia the highest military efficiency and the best citizenship. To this end all other considerations should be rigidly subordinated.

In both services alike there will be abundant opportunity for the display of that finer type of patriotism which not only dares and endures, but subordinates selfish interests and ambitions in a great cause.

May God save and bless the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the greater nation of which it is a part.

(Signed) ROGER WOLCOTT,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Boston, April 29, 1898.

Supplementing my order of April 28, designating the four infantry regiments to be offered the privilege of volunteering in the service of the United States, under the request of the Secretary of War, to provide the quota from the Commonwealth of four regiments of infantry and three heavy batteries, I hereby designate the First Regiment Heavy Artillery, M. V. M., Col. Charles Pfaff commanding, to be offered the privilege of volunteering, as at present organized and to the number now enrolled, to fill the quota of heavy batteries specified in said call, as modified by later instructions received from the Secretary of War, the method of conducting the volunteering and all other provisions relating thereto, to be as set forth in my order of April 28, above referred to, which, for this purpose, is made a part thereof.

ROGER WOLCOTT.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

The following is the text of a communication from the Governor to Police Commissioner Clark regarding the issuing of liquor licenses in the City of Boston:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

ROBERT F. CLARK, ESQ., Boston, Mass.

DEAR SIR: I write to inform you that it is my present intention to reappoint you as a member of the Boston Board of Police. I do this with absolute confidence in your personal integrity and honesty of purpose. I deem it, however, my duty to state frankly my disagreement with certain features of the policy of your Board, as understood by me, in relation to the issuing of liquor licenses. I have understood it to be the policy of your Board to issue the maximum number of licenses permitted by law, and to interpret the statute as indicating such to be the intent of the Legislature. My interpretation is absolutely different. I regard the intent of the Legislature as strictly prohibitive of a greater number than one to 500 of the population, rather than as indicating a desire that the number should reach the limit. I think that my view is sustained by the action of the Legislature upon bills now pending, which, if finally enacted, would reduce very largely the number permitted. I have never understood how any proper conception of the public welfare makes necessary or should permit the great number of licenses that have been issued in certain streets and localities, including certain sparsely settled districts on the border of other municipalities.

I should ask some action by your Board that would firmly take the ground that in many parts of the city the public needs do not require so many licenses as now exist,

and that in other parts of the city an aroused and respectable influence opposes the granting of more licenses than now exist. If it be said, as has been said, that the pressure upon your Board is great to issue the maximum number of licenses permitted by the law, the reply to me seems an easy one, that it is the duty of your Board and of other public officers to resist improper pressure. If it be urged that the profits of a smaller number of licenses would be excessive, I should welcome the exercise on the part of the Board of the authority it already possesses to increase the license fee.

I recognize fully the difficulty surrounding this entire question of regulating the liquor traffic in a great city, but, so far as I have any authority or influence, I desire to insist that all action taken by the Board shall be taken solely with a view of "promoting the welfare and morality of the entire community."

It gives me pleasure to say that except so far as what I have written may be regarded in the light of criticism, I have little but favorable comment to make upon the administration in other departments of the police force, which I regard as good in personnel and excellent in discipline.

Very truly yours,
ROGER WOLCOTT.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

The following communication, embodying the draft of a bill allowing the restoration to public service of persons leaving it for military service, has been transmitted to the Legislature by the Civil Service Commissioners:

TO THE HONORABLE THE SENATE AND
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN
GENERAL COURT ASSEMBLED:

Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Civil Service Commissioners by Section 2 of Chapter 320 of the Acts of the Legislature for 1884 (the Civil Service Act), that "they shall from time to time suggest to the General Court such legislation as may seem to them to be desirable for the efficient carrying out of the principles of this act," the Commissioners respectfully recommend the early passage of an act, in substance as follows:

An Act to Allow the Restoration to the Public Service of Persons Leaving it for Military Service in Time of War:

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Any person appointed to or employed in the public service of the Commonwealth, or of any city thereof, classified under the civil service rules, as provided by Chapter 320 of the Acts of the Legislature for the year 1884, and acts in amendment thereof, who may resign or leave such service for the purpose of enlisting and serving in the army or navy of the United States, or in the militia of the Commonwealth in time of war, may at any time within one year after his honorable discharge from such military or naval service be appointed to his former position or employment in the public service, or to a similar position, without application or examination under the civil service rules.

The object and effect of the proposed act are to prevent the permanent loss of any present position or employment in the public service classification to any present occupant or employee who may enlist for military service in the present emergency, under the call of the President or Governor. Under present law, the voluntary resignation from such office or employment would oblige the person so resigning to compete for reappointment with all other applicants. The proposed law will prevent this effect, and allow the occupant to retain all rights now belonging to him under the civil service rules. There are between 4,000 and 5,000 men in the public service of the Commonwealth and cities, employed as clerks, prison officers, inspectors, police and fire officers, and in similar positions under civil service rules, and 2,000 or 3,000 men employed as public laborers in cities, under the classification. It may be presumed that many of these men are in our militia. The Commissioners feel that the proposed act is patriotic and proper, and can be enacted without detriment to the public service. It will remove any possible reluctance to enlist on account of unwillingness to leave present public employment and forfeit the tenure of office secured under the civil service rules, by providing that the right to return to such office shall not be prevented or prejudiced by the fact that the incumbent has volunteered for the military service of his country.

It might be possible to provide for this right by an amendment of the civil service rules, but, under the present law, such amendment, after submission to, and approval by, the Governor and Council, would require publication for two months before it could take effect.

The Commissioners feel that, under existing circumstances, the Legislature will agree with them that the suggested right of return to vacated positions and employment in the public service should be provided by law as early as possible, and that this can best be secured by legislative enactment.

For the Commissioners,

CHAS. THEO. RUSSELL, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING.

The bill (H. B. 1224) accompanying the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston, relative to authorizing the city to incur indebtedness outside the debt limit to complete its new Public Library building, and referred to the Committee on Cities, reads as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. To provide for the completion of the central library building on Copley square, in the City of Boston, the Trustees of the Public Library of said city may incur indebtedness to an amount not exceeding \$100,000; and for the purpose of meeting the same the City Treasurer of said city shall, from time to time, on request of the Mayor upon application by the said Trustees, issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding \$100,000 outside of the limit of indebtedness fixed by law for said city. Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per centum per annum, to be fixed as provided by law.

Sect. 2. Said Treasurer shall sell such bonds or certificates, or any part thereof, from time to time, and retain the proceeds thereof in the treasury of said city, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred by said Trustees for the purposes aforesaid.

Sect. 3. Except as hereinbefore otherwise provided, the provisions of Chapter 29 of the Public Statutes, and of Chapter 129 of the Acts of the year 1884, shall apply to the issue of such bonds, and to the establishment of a sinking fund for the payment thereof at maturity.

Sect. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following list contains the titles of bills concerning the City of Boston, adversely reported upon by the various committees and sustained by the Legislature, together with the number of page of THE CITY RECORD on which the bills were previously noted or printed; also such bills as have been approved by the Governor.

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BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON, IN PROGRESS OF PASSAGE, BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.

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1. S. B. 43, relative to the Holding of Caucuses, p. 77.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Mch. 10, 15. Closed.	March 18. S. (B.)	April 4.						
2. S. B. 62, relative to the Finances of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H. (B.)	March 21.	April 8.	April 12. S.	April 21.			
3. S. B. 93, relative to Malden Bridge, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 10.	March 10. Closed.	April 1. S. (B.)	April 20. Am.	April 21.	April 25. H.				
4. S. B. 110, to Provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 63.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (B.)	March 30.	April 15.	April 18. S.	April 25. Am.	April 27.		
5. S. B. 118, relative to the Support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston, p. 65.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, 28. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	March 30.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 21. Am.		
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12. H. B. 768, relative to Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. March 14. Closed.	April 13. S. (B.)	April 14.	April 25.	April 27. H.				
13. H. B. 910, to Provide for the Reconstruction of the Municipal Government of the City of Boston, p. 124.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws, Feb. 11.	Feb. 11. Closed.								

Awards of Contracts.

Children's Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, April 26, 1898.
The following contracts for furnishing the Children's Institutions Department with coal were approved at the meeting of the Trustees, held April 26, 1898:

L. G. Burnham & Co., for House of Reformation:

	Per ton.
125 tons range coal	\$5 25
400 tons soft coal	3 16

D. Doherty, for Marcella-street Home:

500 tons broken coal	\$5 57
60 tons range coal	6 02

For Parental School:

60 tons range coal	\$6 62
25 tons egg coal	6 47
12 tons nut coal	6 62
12 tons broken coal	6 15

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Street Department.

Bids for furnishing 6,500 cubic yards filling on St. Stephens street were opened April 26, 1898, as follows:

Bidder.	Bid per cubic yard. Cents.
J. T. Gilligan	20
J. C. Coleman & Son	50
P. O'Hara & Co.	60
J. Doherty	63
Neill McBride	87

The contract was awarded to J. T. Gilligan.

Bids for laying engine-house floor at the Pumping Station, Cow Pasture, Dorchester, Mass., were opened April 30, 1898, at 12 M., as follows:

Bidder.	Bid.
New Jersey Steel and Iron Company	\$6,484
Builders' Iron Foundry	8,775
New England Structural Company	10,709
Coffin Valve Company	11,500
I. P. Morris Company	13,950
Geo. T. McLauthlin Company	14,220
Lake Erie Engineering Works	16,650
Lockwood Manufacturing Company	21,500

The contract was awarded to the New Jersey Steel and Iron Company.

Water Department.

City Hall, May 2, 1898.

The Water Commissioner, under authority of the Mayor, has contracted, without advertising, with the Warren Foundry and Machine Company for 870 tons of 12-inch B pipe, at \$17 per net ton delivered, this pipe being purchased for a new line from Dorchester to Moon Island, to reinforce the harbor supply.

W. E. SWAN, Secretary.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an examination will be held by its Board of Examiners at the Post Office, Boston, Mass., on June 4, 1898, commencing at 9 o'clock, for the position of fireman in the custodian service. Only citizens of the United States can be examined.

Persons desiring to enter this examination should apply to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners at the Post Office, in the city above-named, for the Manual, and for application blanks (Forms 304 and 394), which should be properly executed and at once forwarded directly to the Commission at Washington.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order was promulgated by the Board of Police on May 2:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE.

May 2, 1898.

General Order No. 508.

I. The Board of Civil Service Commissioners, having certified that Patrick J. Gaddis is eligible for promotion to the rank of Inspector in the Police Department, it is therefore ordered that the said Patrolman Gaddis be, and he hereby is, appointed an Inspector in the police force of the City of Boston. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

II. The Board of Civil Service Commissioners, having certified that John H. Harris is eligible for promotion to the rank of Inspector in the Police Department, it is therefore ordered that the said Patrolman Harris be, and he hereby is, appointed an Inspector in the police force of the City of Boston. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

This order will take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock to-day.

Board Meetings.

Baths Department.

Old Court House, April 12, 1898.

At the regular meeting of the Board the following business was transacted. It was:

Voted, That the city be divided into districts under one or more of the Commissioners, as follows: Dr. Duff to have charge of the Charlestown District; Mr. Lane, East Boston; Mrs. Logan and Mr. Tracy in South Boston; Mrs. Hecht in the North End; Mr. Ahl in the West End and Mr. Woods in the South End.

Voted, That all bath-houses be repainted in new colors before being sent to the summer locations, and to have all work done by the Repair Division.

Voted, That as far as possible all houses be kept open at the top to admit light and air.

Voted, That the wharf at East Boston be leased for the year ending April 30, 1899, at the usual rent of \$600 per year from the owner, Mrs. E. K. Kenrick, of East Boston.

Voted, To condemn, as being old and unsafe for use this year, houses Nos. 6 and 8.

Voted, That the new house be called No. 8 and be placed where the old one was located last year at Malden Bridge, Charlestown.

Voted, To place bath-house No. 10 at East Boston dock in Border street, in place of No. 6, condemned. No. 10 was formerly at Mount Washington avenue, which location was discontinued this year because of Union Depot.

Voted, To ask the Finance Committee for the following amounts of money for improvements: \$65,000 for East Boston Gymnasium, \$10,000 for South Boston Gymnasium, \$30,000 for three convenience stations, \$4,000 to finish Dover-street bath-house, \$4,000 to build a new floating house next winter.

Voted, To prepare estimates for fresh water shower baths in all places used for swimming for this year; all arranged for temporary use.

April 21, 1898.

At a regular meeting, held in room 19, City Hall, it was

Voted, That all places where swimming was to be had, under the control of the Board, be kept open every day of the season, Sundays and holidays included, from 5 A.M. to 9 P.M., subject to tides, and that an extra day's pay for Sundays and holidays would be allowed all attendants.

April 26, 1898.

At a regular meeting, held in room 57, City Hall, it was

Voted, That the Board take charge of all towels and suits to be used at all places under its control and have same washed and ironed in the new laundry of the Dover-street bath-house, when same opens June 1.

Voted, To purchase all towels or suits in good condition from employees who had such goods last year at the bath-houses.

Voted, To hire a man and team to collect and distribute towels at all places for the season.

Voted, Subject to the approval of the Mayor, to appoint Mr. Hartvig Nissen, at

a salary of \$400 for the season, as special instructor in swimming at the various beaches during the summer vacation.

Voted, To give free instruction to all children between eight and ten years of age, male and female, at all places where swimming is held for this season.

Voted, To have three instructors to assist Mr. Nissen at the different houses.

Voted, To invite Dr. Hartwell to attend all meetings of the Board in the capacity of consulting advisor in all matters in reference to baths, urinals, and gymnasia.

Voted, That the Chairman or Chairman pro tempore be given full power to approve all bills, pay-rolls and requisitions for supplies for the Department of Baths.

A communication was received from His Honor the Mayor notifying the Board of the action of the City Council in transferring the East Boston Gymnasium from the Park to the Bath Department.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street on April 14, 1898, Dr. Baldwin in the chair.

Present: Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Sanderson and Connelly, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

It was voted that the Chairman be authorized to sign a draft for the monthly bills of \$5,653.37 at Austin Farm and \$2,516.11 at Pierce Farm, and the pay-rolls of \$2,184.48 at Austin Farm and \$1,408.39 at Pierce Farm. The bills for the board of insane in other hospitals, amounting to \$37,277.82, were referred to the Committee on Insane in Other Hospitals for their approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for the amount.

A request from the State Board of Lunacy and Charity for pauper statistics was referred to the Acting Institutions Registrar.

A letter was read from the Water Board, stating that it would cost the institution at Austin Farm \$2,000 to make the necessary changes in the water supply. The Chairman reported that an appropriation for that amount had been asked from the Board of Aldermen.

It was voted that a consulting staff be appointed for the Hospital.

Patients in Hospital April 13, 1898:

AUSTIN FARM.			
	Males.	Females.	
In house	109	237	346
On visit	3	6	9
Total	112	243	355

PIERCE FARM.			
	Males.		
In house	169		
On visit	1		
Total	170		

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, April 22, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, De Normandie, Lincoln and Prince and the Librarian.

Communications received: From the Mayor, Circular No. 40; from the City Clerk; from the Board of Health; from the Trustees under the will of Francis B. Hayes; from Prof. S. H. Woodbridge; the Librarian's weekly report; the Librarian's annual report.

Bills authorized: For books, amounting to \$1,466.80; for the removal of steam engine ashes, amounting to \$238.58.

The President was authorized to draw a draft upon the City Treasurer in the sum of \$1,500, to be used for meeting current petty expenses, under the order of the City Council, approved March 31, 1898.

Services dispensed with of William Kil-murry, of the janitor department, from and after April 23.

Resignation received of Arthur E. T. Smith, of the special libraries, to take effect May 30.

Salaries increased, under the rules: Fernald Hutchins, Grade D, \$5.50 to \$6 per week, beginning January 17; Letitia M. Kiernan, issue department, Grade D, \$5.50 to \$6 per week, beginning January 3.

Transfer of Langdon L. Ward, custodian of Station "P.," to serve in the Branch Division at the Central Library, and the Librarian was authorized to employ for the present, service for Station "P.," at not exceeding thirty-five cents per hour, to an amount not exceeding \$10 per week.

It was voted that the Central Library building be closed at 9 P.M., beginning May 1, until further instruction.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$494.93; to trust funds, \$554.34; to Station "P.," \$61.24; to Fellows Athenaeum, \$6.74; miscellaneous articles, \$1,407.88; photographs, \$227.70.

It was voted that the Librarian be authorized to assent to the arrangements proposed in the communication from the trustees under the will of Francis B. Hayes, with reference to the sales of the Hayes library and the disposition of the proceeds.

Certain suggestions were received, read and referred to the Librarian for such action as may be feasible.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

Tuesday, April 12, 1898.

A special meeting of the Corporation, called by order of the President, was held in the Trustees' room at 4.30 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Prince and the Librarian.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation, amounting to \$8,566.44; to trust funds, amounting to \$1,879.49; to special appropriation, "Branch Library, Broadway Extension Improvement," amounting to \$48.05.

Various applications for special cards were received, considered and disposed of.

The question of an appropriation for permanent improvements at the Central Library building, and incidentally the question of improvements of a permanent character in outlying departments of the library system, was then considered, and it was

Voted, That the Mayor be earnestly requested to take such action as may be in his judgment expedient to procure at least

\$100,000 to be used in making necessary improvements for the more convenient administration of the Central Library building.

Voted, That the President be authorized to transmit to the Mayor for his fuller information with respect to the above application and with respect to the condition of the library system as a whole, the communication of which a draft was submitted by him to-day.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Overseering of the Poor Department.

Boston, May 3, 1898.

The Board of Overseers of the Poor, at its meeting held May 2, 1898, organized by the unanimous re-election of the following officers:

Chairman, William P. Fowler; Treasurer, Frederic W. Lincoln; Secretary, Benjamin Pettee; Committees for the ensuing year were also appointed.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Park Department,

Jamaica Park, April 25, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held April 25, 1898:

A communication from Mayor Quincy, transmitting an order of the City Council relating to the transfer of the East Boston Gymnasium on Paris street to the Bath Department, was received, and it was

Voted, That the Superintendent make arrangements for the transfer of the property and employees to the Bath Department, to date from and after April 23, in accordance with the Mayor's request.

A communication from the Electrical Construction Division, stating that the work of installing electric lights at the men's bath-house and pier, North End Beach, can be completed in about six weeks, was received, and it was

Voted, To order the work to be undertaken at once and pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

Voted, That the playing of baseball games at Mystic Playground, excepting by children under twelve years of age, be prohibited.

Voted, That Messrs. Spillane and Muldoon be authorized to enter an unnamed road into the Riverway, as shown on a plan of the Board of Survey, on file in the City Engineer's office, provided that they construct said road at its junction with the Riverway with gutters, curbstones and catch-basins, in accordance with a plan of the same, dated April 23, 1898, on file at the office of this Board, and on the further condition that the said work, including the surfacing of the road at its junction with the Riverway, be done in accordance with the directions and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Parks.

Jamaica Park, April 18, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held April 18, 1898:

The Superintendent was authorized to erect backstops, provide water and put the Christopher Gibson playground into con-

dition for use, as requested in the order of the Common Council.

Voted, To request the Superintendent of Streets to deposit filling on the playground as opportunity offers.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to expend not exceeding \$1,500 for trees and shrubs.

Voted, That the Superintendent erect an iron fence along the top of the quarry at Franklin Park, at an estimated cost of \$749.

Voted, That the Superintendent be directed to build walls and plant the borders of Franklin Park to the Morton and Canterbury street lines, and to lay foundations for walls wherever the economical disposition of loose stone will permit.

The Superintendent reported on the request of C. U. Cotting that the Board maintain a strip of shrubbery on land belonging to the City of Boston, between Longwood avenue and Bernier street; that the planting of such a strip would be beneficial, and it was

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to plant the strip as recommended by him.

Voted, To notify the Superintendent of Streets that the Board will continue to care for the planted strips, including the trees, on Seaver street.

The Superintendent submitted a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, agreeing to pay the cost of planting the trees on Commonwealth avenue, adjacent to the Reservoir grounds, and the Superintendent was authorized to do the work and arrange with the Street Department for payment.

Voted, That the playing of baseball games in the glade at Franklin Park, excepting by children under 12 years of age, be prohibited, in view of the improvement of said grounds for picnic purposes, and that all such games in the future be played at Franklin Field.

Mr. Wheelwright submitted drafts of proposed leases to the South Boston and Mosquito Fleet Yacht Clubs of sites on the Strandway, which had been prepared by him in consultation with the club officers and counsel. The leases were approved, and it was

Voted, That the site on the Strandway, shown on a plan dated April 8, 1898, and entitled South Boston Yacht Club location, be leased to said club on the terms and conditions set forth in the indenture of lease approved this day; and that upon the acceptance of the site by said South Boston Yacht Club the lease be executed and submitted to the Mayor for approval.

Voted, That the site on the Strandway, shown on a plan dated April 15, 1898, and entitled Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club location, be leased to said club on the terms and conditions set forth in the indenture of lease approved this day, and that upon the acceptance of the site by said Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club, the lease be executed and submitted to the Mayor for approval.

GEORGE F. CLARK, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following abstracts are taken from the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, April 18.

Petitions were received for sewers, as follows: From E. F. Porter, for one in Melbourne street; F. H. Colpitts, in Malvern street; C. H. Greenwood, in Kilton street; J. H. Brennan, in Barry street.

An order was received from the Common Council, requesting an estimate of the cost of laying out Church place, from Cabot street to Haskins street; and an order from the School Committee, requesting the Commissioners to take a piece of land on Munroe street for an addition to the primary school-house lot.

Thursday, April 21.

Public hearings were given in the matter of relocating Boston street, at Dorchester, between Mt. Vernon street and Columbia road; in the matter of relocating Francis street, at Roxbury, from Huntington avenue to Brookline avenue; in the matter of the laying out of an outlet for the sewer in West Selden street and for the surface drain in West Selden street.

An order was passed for the construction of outlets for sewer and surface drain in West Selden street, and for a sewer in Summer-street extension. An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Spencer street, at Dorchester, from Wheatland avenue to Talbot avenue; returnable for a hearing at this office, May 13, at 11 o'clock.

Friday, April 22.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out Jersey street, from Brookline avenue to Audubon road; in the matter of locating anew North Harvard street, at Brighton, between Western avenue and Charles river; in the matter of the construction of a surface drain in Spalding street, at West Roxbury.

An order was passed to construct a surface drain in Spalding street, and one to lay out Spring lane, at West Roxbury, as Hubbard street.

Monday, April 25.

Petition was received from J. J. Costello that Melbourne street, at Dorchester, may be laid out.

Petition of J. C. Cook and others for a sewer in Rockville Park, Roxbury.

It was voted to pay the Franklin Park Land and Improvement Company and Arthur Wainwright the sum of \$17,000 for all land taken from and all damages occasioned to their estate by the laying out of Columbia road, an agreement to that effect having been approved by the Mayor.

Tuesday, April 26.

A public hearing was given in the matter of locating anew Tenean Creek, from King street to Centre street. An order locating the same anew was passed.

It was voted to pay the Water Commissioner of the City of Boston the sum of \$8,016 for the portion of the reservoir estate on Thomas Park, at South Boston, taken for school purposes.

Thursday, April 28.

The Board passed the following orders: Sewer in Notre Dame street; surface sewer in Keyes street; sewer in Dorchester avenue; catch-basin in Tonawanda street.

Petitions were received from W. T. Maguire for a catch-basin in Hano street; from E. A. Rowell for a sewer in Meyer street; and from Frank Vesce for a catch-basin in Saratoga street.

Voted, To appoint, subject to the approval of the Mayor, for employment as rodman in the Surveying Division of the Street Laying-out Department, with the pay of \$1.50 a day, George G. Blackmer, of 40 Parkman street, Ward 24. The same was approved by the Mayor.

Friday, April 29.

Public hearings were given in the following matters:

The laying out of Stanley street, at Dorchester, from Quincy street to Bellevue street, and constructing the same; relocating Washington street, at Dorchester, between Ashmont and Fairmont streets, and constructing the same; the location of a new channel for the Canterbury branch of Stony Brook; and in the widening of Ruth street, at East Boston.

Orders were passed relocating Canterbury Branch of Stony Brook; laying out Merlin street; and a sewer in Kilsyth road.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Spencer street, Millet street and Spalding street, all returnable for hearings May 13, at 11 o'clock.

The following awards were made for damages occasioned by the laying out of Columbia road, agreements to accept the same having been approved by the Mayor: John A. Fowle, \$144; Valentine M. Soyard, \$153.

On the advice of the Law Department, it was voted to settle the damages occasioned the estate of Louis Schworer by the widening of Whitney street, at the sum of \$1,000.

Saturday, April 30.

It was voted to pay the Wilder estate \$39,000 for land taken from and damages occasioned to its property by the laying out of Columbia road, an agreement to accept the same having been approved by the Mayor.

An order was received from the Common Council, requesting the Board to lay out as a public thoroughfare Tileston avenue and Mattapan street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, April 25, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending April 23:

Cases pending	6
Number of applications	64
Total	70

Number of admissions:

To State Almshouses	31
Long Island Almshouse	10
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	3
Boston Insane Hospital,	3
Foxboro' Asylum	1
Worcester Lunatic Hospital	7
	55

Number of applications refused	3
Number of applications withdrawn,	7
Cases pending	5
	70

Legal settlements investigated	80
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Statistics for the week ending April 30:

Cases pending	5
Number of applications	75
Total	80

Number of admissions:

To State Almshouses	32
Long Island Almshouse	9
Charlestown Almshouse	2
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	4
Boston Insane Hospital	14
Foxboro' Asylum	1
Worcester Lunatic Hospital	6
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	1
	69

Number of applications refused	0
Number of applications withdrawn	10
Cases pending	1
	80

Legal settlements investigated	95
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E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

Boston, May 4, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building the sewer in Astor street, Roxbury, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond of \$1,800 for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Tuesday, May 10, 1898, with his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

May 4, 1898.

Sealed proposals for building a wooden wharf at the Strandway, for the Department of Parks, in accordance with form of contract and specifications to be furnished by the Park Commissioners, will be received at the office of the Park Commissioners, Pine Bank, Jamaica Park, until 2.30 P.M., of Monday, May 16, 1898, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

Each bid is to be accompanied by a certified check for five hundred (\$500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston; said check to be returned to the bidder, unless he fails to execute the contract, should it be awarded to him.

Specifications may be obtained and plans may be seen at the office of the Park Commissioners, Pine Bank, Jamaica Plain.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,
LABAN PRATT,
JOHN T. WHEELWRIGHT,
Board of Park Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF BOATS AND YACHTS.

Boston, May 2, 1898.

The Board of Park Commissioners are considering the erection of a public landing at Q street, South Boston, to be maintained by the Department in connection with the Park Boat Service, and in order that the Board may be guided in the preparation of plans for this landing it is desirable to know the probable demand for locker accommodations; the Board will, therefore, receive applications for locker and landing privileges from all persons desiring to make use of these facilities. Applicants will please state the number of boats to be accommodated and the size of the locker room needed.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,
LABAN PRATT,
JOHN T. WHEELWRIGHT,
Board of Park Commissioners.

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NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 25, 1898.

For fifteen years we have maintained a direct wire from the extreme top of our hotel across to the East Street Engine-house. Last year the Commissioner of Wires, in carrying out his instructions for the removal of all wires, caused it to be taken down. At the same time the fire-alarm box was removed from our neighborhood, so that with a large amount of property, and sometimes 400 or 500 guests, we are left entirely without any direct or immediate fire-alarm service.

In the interest of this large property and a number of our guests, we desire that the wire may be restored and that connection may be made with the East Street Engine-house as soon as may be convenient, and that the Commissioner of Wires be instructed to carry out this order.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) TILLY HAYNES,
For the United States Hotel Company.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 2, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, May 9, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard; said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Boston Post and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
(Signed) J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
A true copy. Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, Mass., April 28, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use underground conduits for carrying its feed wires on Tremont, Montgomery, Clarendon, Chandler and Dartmouth streets, between Milford and Boylston streets, with all necessary manholes and appliances and connections connecting with the overhead system of said company, all substantially as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated April 20, 1898, and filed herewith, the aforesaid plan and method of construction having been approved by the Commissioner of Wires.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney.
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

Boston, May 2, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 493 linear feet of sewer work in Carlos street, between Chapman and Lauriat avenues, Dorchester, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Tuesday, May 10, 1898, with his bid and a certified check for \$150, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDINANCES OF 1898—CHAPTER 5—CONCERNING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEPARTMENT OF
MUSIC.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC MUSIC.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

A Department of Public Music is hereby established, to be in charge of a Board of five members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor, and shall serve without pay. The members of said Board may be appointed by the Mayor at any time after the date of the passage of this ordinance, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, to serve until the first day of May next. On or before said first day of May, 1898, the Mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, one member to serve for the term of five years, one for the term of four years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of one year, each term beginning with the first day of May; and annually after the current year one such member shall be appointed as aforesaid for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May in the year of his appointment. Said Board shall have the charge and control of the selection of public music to be given either indoors or in the open air for parades, concerts, public celebrations and other purposes, under authority of the City Council, except entertainments for children on the Fourth of July; shall determine the parties to furnish the same, and shall make all contracts and expend all moneys to be paid from the city treasury for such music.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, April 18, 1898.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

PERLIE A. DYAR, Chairman pro tem.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 21, 1898.

Concurred.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

Approved April 23, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

DRAW SPAN AND STEEL SUPERSTRUCTURE—
CHARLESTOWN BRIDGE.

Sealed bids for building a draw span and two spans of steel superstructure for Charlestown Bridge will be received by the Boston Transit Commission, at its office 20 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., until 12 o'clock M. of Thursday, May 12, 1898, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read. No bid will be received or deposited unless accompanied by a properly certified check for the sum of \$5,000, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the City of Boston, which check will be returned to the bidder unless he fails to execute the contract should it be awarded to him. The Commission will not agree to send blue prints of plans to bidders, but they may be seen on application at the office of the Chief Engineer, 50 City Hall, Boston, and notice to contractors, bid, contract, specifications and bond, can be obtained at said office, on and after Monday, May 2, 1898. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and reserves the right to award the contract as it deems for the best interest of the City of Boston. GEORGE G. CROCKER, Chairman; CHARLES H. DALTON, THOMAS J. GARGAN, GEORGE F. SWAIN, HORACE G. ALLEN, Boston Transit Commission. B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

April 29, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing bank gravel and sand from May 16, 1898, to February 1, 1899, according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent in the sum of \$2,000 for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Friday, May 6, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the Contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS,

50 City Hall, Boston, April 27, 1898.

The cities of Boston and Cambridge invite proposals for rebuilding sidewalk and fence on Canal Bridge, between Boston and Cambridge, according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to the Commissioners on Boston and Cambridge Bridges, in the sum of \$1,000 for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office on or before 11 A.M. of Saturday, May 7, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of said cities if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJAMIN W. WELLS,

WILLIAM J. MARVIN,

Commissioners on Boston and Cambridge Bridges.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY
OF BOSTON:

April 29, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Millett street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway from Park street to Athelwold street, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the thirteenth day of May, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY
OF BOSTON:

April 29, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Spalding street, at West Roxbury, be laid out as a highway from South street, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the thirteenth day of May, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY
OF BOSTON:

April 29, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Spencer street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway from Park street to Athelwold street, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the thirteenth day of May, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS,

Boston, April 29, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25, in the Old Court House, at 3 o'clock P.M., on Friday, May 6, 1898, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plans numbered W 48, 49, 50, made by the Board of Survey, and filed January 3 and May 22, 1894, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall; said territory is in that part of Boston formerly Dorchester, and is bounded, approximately, by Dorchester avenue, and King, Train, Fairview, Shelton and Wrentham streets.

JOHN P. DORE,

JOHN H. DUANE,

GEORGE H. INNIS,

Street Commissioners.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

ATTENTION.

Basement of Court House, May 2, 1898.

In compliance with the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 65 of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts, I hereby give notice to all inhabitants or persons having a usual place of business in the City of Boston who use scales, weights or measures, milk and oyster cans, or coal and charcoal baskets, for the purpose of buying or selling any goods, wares, merchandise or other commodities, or for public weighing, to bring them to this office to be adjusted and sealed. For any services performed under the provisions of the above section no fees shall be charged. At any time after this notice the Sealer of Weights and Measures shall go to the houses, stores and shops of persons mentioned in the foregoing section who have neglected to comply with the notice given thereunder, and having entered the same with the assent of the occupants thereof, shall adjust and seal their scales, weights and measures, and shall be entitled to receive for said services the compensation set forth in Section 22 of Chapter 65 of the Public Statutes. The said Sealer of Weights and Measures shall go once a year, and oftener, if necessary, to every hay and coal scale, dormant or other platform balance, in the City of Boston, that cannot be easily or conveniently removed, and test the accuracy of and adjust and seal the same, and shall receive therefor the compensation set forth in said Section 22. All persons who neglect to comply with the above notice will be liable to the penalties provided by law.

DANIEL P. SULLIVAN,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Boston, May 2, 1898.

The undersigned respectfully petition for permission to project from building No. 61 Clinton street, Ward 6, a permanent awning to project over the sidewalk. Said awning to be built of galvanized iron, to cover a frontage of about thirty feet, and to project the width of the sidewalk.

BYRAM, FISHER & CO.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 2, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, May 16, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CLERK OF COMMITTEES' DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, May 2, 1898.

The Committee on Railroads will give a public hearing in the Aldermen's room on Friday, May 6, 1898, at two o'clock P.M., to all parties interested in the petition of the West End Street Railway Company for a location for tracks on Walnut and Humboldt avenues and Seaver street.

MILTON C. PAIGE, Chairman.

TO TAXPAYERS.

ASSESSORS' OFFICE,

City Hall, May 1, 1898.

Your attention is called to our circular (now being distributed throughout the city) relative to making returns on property subject to taxation as early as possible, before June 15, at two o'clock P.M.

Per order of the Board of Assessors,

FRANK A. DREW, Secretary.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume I.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1898.

Number 19.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments was issued by His Honor the Mayor on May 7:

Circular No. 41.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: In view of the action of the City Council, requesting me to "direct the heads of the several departments to allow a half-holiday, without loss of pay, on Saturdays between the first day of May and the first day of November to all city employees whose services can be dispensed with," you are hereby directed to take such action. Employees whose services cannot be dispensed with on Saturday afternoons are not, however, to be allowed extra pay.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

May 7, 1898.

ASSISTANT CLERK OF COMMITTEES.

Wilfred J. Doyle was on May 1 appointed by the Clerk of Committees, John F. Dever, to be Assistant Clerk of Committees, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John P. Brawley.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The following appointments, made by His Honor the Mayor, were confirmed by the Board of Aldermen on May 9, 1898:

Charles F. Folsom, to be a member of the Board in charge of the Department of Municipal Statistics, for the term ending April 30, 1903.

Thomas F. Brennan, A. D. Clark and Thomas Colbert, to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Frank A. Drew and John M. Maguire, to be Assessors, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

The first Annual Report of the Pauper Institutions Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1898, constituting Document 25, has recently been issued. An abstract of the report is given below:

The Pauper Institutions Department was created by Act of the Legislature of 1897, Chapter 451, which took effect in June of that year. Previous to this time the Pauper Institutions of Boston formed part of a general "Institutions Department," in charge of the Institutions Commissioner.

The Trustees decided, soon after organization, that one of the most important improvements would be the total discontinuance of all prison labor at Long Island; and in August the system which had long prevailed of sending daily to Long Island a detail of prisoners from Deer Island to work on the farm or in the buildings was abolished, and such work is now carried on by the able-bodied inmates. The change has elevated the standard of the institution and no longer permits the mingling of those sentenced to an institution and those voluntarily seeking the aid of the city.

In the employment of inmates the Trustees have demanded that the able-bodied shall labor, while the sick and infirm shall be properly cared for. As a result of a strict discipline in the performance of work done at the institutions, the almshouse at Long Island is perceptibly cleaner than formerly, while the Charlestown Almshouse leaves little to be desired.

Another change instituted by the Trustees is the making of bread for both institutions in the institutions themselves, resulting in a marked improvement in the quality.

The Farm Department is being gradually developed, and the Trustees hope soon to see its usefulness expanded to the fullest extent. By another summer it is expected that enough milk will be provided by the increased herd of cows to supply all the needs of the island.

A portion of the island was set apart for the use of the children who took advantage of the excursions given during the summer months under the Randidge bequest. It is recommended that permanent structures be provided for shelter to replace the temporary tents. These excursions are to be continued during the summer of 1898, and the Trustees have granted a portion of Long Island for the use and benefit of the children.

After reciting the changes which have already been made in the conduct of the institutions, the Trustees make the following recommendations:

1. Additional kitchen and laundry accommodations.
2. Increase of electric plant.
3. Ventilation of men's building.
4. Better wharf accommodations.
5. A new piggery.
6. Employment of more paid officers.
7. Extension of training-school for nurses.
8. New male ward in hospital.
9. An isolated ward for contagious diseases.
10. Erection of new mortuary.
11. The almshouse at Charlestown to be for women only.
12. Adequate means for fire protection.

The report includes a financial statement showing the expenditures for the almshouses and hospital at Long Island and Charlestown, together with a comparison of expenditures of the institutions for the fiscal years of 1897 and 1898, which shows a substantial decrease in the cost of carrying on the same in the latter year.

With the report of the Trustees are submitted: The report of the Superintendent of Long Island, embodying statistics with regard to population, ages and occupations

of persons admitted to the island; a list of articles manufactured, and the amount of the various products raised on the farm; the report of the visiting staff of Long Island; rules for admission to the hospital; the report of the Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse, and statistics relating thereto; and the report of the visiting physician of the Charlestown Almshouse.

These detailed reports cover specifically the work carried on during the year at both institutions, the changes made and the recommendations suggested.

The expenditures of the Department for the year were as follows:

Almshouse and hospital, Long Island	\$84,097 74
Almshouse, Charlestown	14,165 06
Pauper expense, i.e., support of paupers outside city; office fittings, printing, etc.	2,370 71
Total	\$100,633 51

IMMIGRATION DURING APRIL.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston, from transatlantic ports, for the month ending April 30, 1898:

NATIONALITY.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Austria-Hungary —			
Galicia and Buokwina	4	3	1
Other Austria	17	5	12
Hungary	3	3	—
Belgium	2	2	—
Denmark	12	6	6
France (including Corsica)	2	—	2
Germany	9	9	—
Italy	1	1	—
Norway	22	18	4
Russia (proper)	70	57	13
Finland	48	41	7
Poland	11	7	4
Sweden	163	106	57
Switzerland	1	1	—
United Kingdom —			
England	262	126	136
Ireland	852	438	414
Scotland	88	44	44
Total from Europe	1,567	867	700
Quebec and Ontario	6	5	1
Nova Scotia	1	1	—
Total British North American possessions	7	6	1
Cuba	2	—	2
Total	2	—	2
Grand total	1,576	873	703
Tourists or passengers en route	41	—	—
Debarred passengers	8	—	—
Total immigration for the month of April,	1,625	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	Males.	Females.
North Atlantic Division —		
Maine	14	16
New Hampshire	16	22
Vermont	1	—
Massachusetts	614	572
Rhode Island	40	27
Connecticut	28	7
New York	53	15
New Jersey	4	5
Pennsylvania	14	11
Total	784	675
South Atlantic Division —		
Maryland	1	—
Total	1	—
North Central Division —		
Ohio	21	5
Indiana	6	1
Illinois	26	14
Michigan	12	4
Minnesota	9	—
Iowa	1	—
Missouri	2	1
North Dakota	3	2
Nebraska	2	1
Total	82	28
South Central Division —		
Alabama	1	—
Total	1	—
Western Division —		
Montana	2	—
Wyoming	1	—
Oregon	2	—
Total	5	—
RECAPITULATION.		
North Atlantic Division	784	675
South Atlantic Division	1	—
North Central Division	82	28
South Central Division	1	—
Western Division	5	—
Total	873	703

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Building Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1898, has recently been issued, and constitutes Document 4. The report contains sixty-nine pages, and is summarized briefly, as follows:

The number of permits granted for first and second class buildings was 643; for third class buildings, 2,070; for alterations, 2,399; for setting of steam boilers, engines, etc., 1,416; for plumbing, 5,293; for gasfitting (since October 1, 1897), 4,680, making a total of 16,501 permits granted during the year.

The number of examinations made upon buildings in process of construction, 30,648; of alterations, 10,181; of boilers, engines, etc., 1,581; plumbing work, 1,639; gasfitting work (since October 1, 1897), 5,219; of elevators, 2,704; egress, 1,804; plans, 6,541;

specials, 476; fires and accidents, 1,775, making a total of 76,941 examinations during the year. These examinations occasioned the making of 9,725 reports.

A total of 3,930 notices for violation of statutes regarding unsafe buildings, walls, etc., were issued by the Department during the year. Of the 6,514 plans submitted, 4,918 were approved and 1,596 were disapproved. Seven appeals referred to the Board of Appeal were sustained and one was not sustained.

The number of first and second class buildings completed during the year was 318, at an estimated cost above the land of \$7,614,250. The number of third class buildings completed was 1,539, at an estimated cost of \$6,691,126. The number of alterations completed during the year was 1,925, at an estimated cost of \$2,386,992. The plumbing jobs completed numbered 2,254, at an estimated cost of \$555,167; boilers, engines, etc., set, 1,116; estimated cost, \$610,736.

An estimated increase of \$17,758,271 in tax valuation, by construction and improvements, was thus made during the year.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending May 7, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	20.4
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	20.2
Number of deaths:	
Males	110
Females	98
Total	208
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	201

Increase 7

Of the 208 decedents, 198 were white and 10 colored; 119 were born in the United States, 87 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 2 unknown; 41 were of American parentage, 146 of foreign parentage, and 21 were of unknown parentage.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	32	4
Scarlatina	9	2
Typhoid Fever	5	2
Measles	52	0
Totals	98	8

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	20
Pneumonia	28
Whooping cough	3
Heart disease	22
Bronchitis	4
Marasmus	2
Violent causes	10

Total from principal causes	89
Total from infectious diseases	8
Total from other causes	111

Total from all causes 208

Deaths of children under 1 year	35
Deaths of children under 5 years	54
Deaths of persons over 60 years	46
Deaths in public institutions	57

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, May 9, 1898, in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M.

Alderman Dyar, in the temporary absence of Chairman Conry, took the chair.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation on the part of the Board, viz.:

(1.) The following-named persons to be members of the Board in charge of the Department of Public Music, viz.:

Carl Zerrahn, for the term ending April 30, 1903.

John A. O'Shea, jr., for the term ending April 30, 1902.

J. Thomas Baldwin, for the term ending April 30, 1901.

James M. McLoughlin, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Alfred De Voto, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

(2.) John F. Bowen, Walter A. Goddard, Philip O'Brien, Benjamin F. Powell and Henry W. Shepard, to be constables of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

(3.) William Gleason, to be a Measurer of Grain, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the law.

The following messages were received:

Constables Removed.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 9, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby notified that Walden Banks, Arthur W. Bemis, Paul C. Brooks, Joseph Conneton, George C. Dyer, Herbert J. Emerson, William A. Fort, Elijah D. Foss, Richard A. Friel, Henry I. Hall, James Needham, Charles P. O'Brien, John Shea, Alvah L. Stimson and Charles J. Whitney have this day been removed from the position of constable of the City of Boston, they not having filed their bonds, as required by law.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

License to Sell Newspapers — Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 9, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed at your last meeting granting a license to John H. Seisler "to sell newspa-

pers at the corner of Washington and Court streets," for the reason that, under the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 68 of the Public Statutes, it is not necessary for a person over twenty-one years of age to have a license to sell newspapers.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The veto was sustained.

Condition of North End Beach.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 3, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in regard to orders passed by your body relating to the placing of the North End Beach in condition for public use as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Jamaica Park, April 26, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: We have received from you two orders of the Board of Aldermen relating to the placing of North End Beach in condition for public use as soon as possible.

With regard to this matter we beg to say that we have adopted a plan with this object in view, and have commenced the work of grading and surfacing the grounds. We have also notified the Electrical Construction Division to install, without delay, the electric lamps and wires needed to light the men's bath-house and the promenade piers.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, May 5, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received:

Heating Apparatus, North Grove-Street Fire-House.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 5, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner, in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of new heating apparatus for Chemical No. 11, on North Grove street.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER.

May 4, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Referring to the request of the Honorable Common Council, the cost of

new heating apparatus for Chemical 11, on North Grove street, would be about \$300; but at present I cannot recommend the expenditure, inasmuch as in the near future that territory ought, in my opinion, to be protected by a larger piece of apparatus, requiring extensive changes and enlargement of the present quarters.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Edwin Street—Macadamizing.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 5, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of macadamizing Edwin street, Ward 24.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, May 5, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the request contained in the enclosed order of the Common Council, I beg to report that the estimated cost of macadamizing and regulating Edwin street, Ward 24, is \$12,100.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Fourth of July Sailing Regatta.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 5, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a petition of the Yacht Racing Association of Massachusetts, handed to me some time since, asking that a portion of the appropriation for the celebration of July Fourth be set apart for a sailing regatta.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Accompanying was the petition referred to and a copy of the resolutions passed by the Association, as follows):

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL:

Whereas, The Yacht Racing Association of Massachusetts, representing the Massachusetts, Dorchester, Nahant, Jefferies, Chelsea, Boston, Quincy, South Boston, Winthrop, Revere, Savin Hill, Old Colony, Cohasset, Atlantic, Wellfleet, Squantum, Mosquito Fleet, Hull, American, Lynn, Manchester, Burgess, Bunker Hill, Columbia, East Gloucester, Squam, Wollaston, Duxbury, Kingston, Cape Cod, Plymouth Yacht Clubs, embracing among their memberships several thousand voters and taxpayers in the City of Boston, has noticed with deep regret the systematic cutting down from year to year of the annual appropri-

tions, for the City of Boston's Fourth of July sailing regattas, and

Whereas, The City of Boston's Fourth of July regatta has been for a number of years the principal yachting event of each season and has interested thousands of people, and the cutting down of this appropriation is a serious blow to the interest of this, the grandest of sports, and

Whereas, The City Government has for the past two years placed the management of this event in the hands of our association at a great saving of expense and trouble to the city, and to the benefit and satisfaction of the yachting public; therefore, be it

Resolved, Believing yachting to be America's favorite sport, and that the City of Boston is the head centre of yacht racing of this country, we believe that the money appropriated for this regatta is well spent and consistent for a Fourth of July celebration; and we pray your honorable body to provide for the usual regatta on that day, with as large an appropriation as is possible, and to place the management of the same with this Association.

A. T. BLISS, Secretary,
111 Milk street, Boston.

Adopted at Young's Hotel, Boston, March 17, 1898.

Referred to the Committee on Fourth of July.

Artificial Swimming Pools.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City Hall, May 4, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The advisability of constructing artificial swimming pools at a number of suitable points, to be supplied with water from the regular water service of the city, has recently been considered by the Bath Commission, and at my suggestion this Board has passed a vote approving of the proposal to construct the first of such swimming pools in Orchard Park, Ward 17. This seems to me one of the best places in the city to try the experiment, if it may be regarded as one, of opening such swimming pool, for use during the summer months. The fact that sanitary conditions do not permit of public bathing in the South Bay seems to me to render this location a particularly suitable one for the purpose, and I have little doubt that a swimming pool at this point would be considerably used, at least by boys, and I think it also might prove useful in connection with the instruction in swimming which it is proposed to give to school children during the coming summer.

The City Engineer estimates that a pool, seventy-five feet long by forty feet wide and four feet deep, containing an area of 3,000 square feet, with a concrete bottom and sides, could be constructed for about \$2,000, and this expense seems a small one in view of the probable benefits. One of the voting booths could be fitted up at small expense to serve as a bath-house, at any rate for the present season. I therefore desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying

order, authorizing such use of Orchard Park. If the loan order reported by the Finance Committee is passed in its present form, the expense will be provided for.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The message was sent up, and the President, in connection with the same, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds is hereby authorized to construct, with the approval of the Mayor, a swimming pool and bath-house in Orchard Park, Ward 17, and to place the care and control of such pool and bath-house in the hands of the Bath Department; and the Bath Department is hereby authorized to allow the public use of such pool and bath-house, under such regulations as they shall deem proper and the Mayor shall approve.

Passed.

Street Watering by Cars.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City Hall, May 5, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying order for the purpose of enabling the Superintendent of Streets to enter into arrangements at once for the use upon electric street railways within the city of the system of street watering by means of sprinkling cars, which has been in successful operation in a number of the cities of this State. As this method of street watering is cheaper than any other, if it can be applied under the conditions existing in our streets, it is particularly desirable that it should be put into operation with the adoption of the assessment plan of providing for street watering.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to make contracts with any street railway company or companies operating street railway cars in the city for the use of sprinkling cars or similar apparatus on their tracks, and in connection with such contracts, to enter into such obligations or bonds for the proper protection of the parties thereto as the Mayor may approve.

The message was sent up and the order was passed.

Veto of Order for Picture.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City Hall, April 30, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my approval the order authorizing a portrait of the late Assistant Clerk of Committees to be procured at an expense not exceeding \$100 to be hung in the office of the Clerk of Committees. I am informed that action of this character has only been

taken heretofore in the case of heads of departments; and while I regret to feel obliged to withhold my assent from any proper memorial of the late Assistant Clerk of Committees, it seems to me that the precedent of allowing such an expenditure would be a bad one, and that I ought not to approve the order on that account.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The Council refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto.

Veto of Transfer Orders.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City Hall, May 2, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my approval two orders passed by your body, one authorizing the transfer of the sum of \$1,400 from the appropriation for Cabot street, Linden Park to Vernon, asphaltting, to an appropriation for Hammett street, Ward 18, macadamizing, and the other authorizing a transfer of the sum of \$2,400 from the same appropriation to a special appropriation for Burk street, Ward 18, macadamizing.

I withhold my approval from these orders because I am advised by the Superintendent of Streets that it would be far better to transfer this unexpended balance to the regular appropriation for street improvements for Ward 18, so that it would be available for use wherever most needed in the ward. He also advises me that it is doubtful whether it would cost as much as \$1,400 to put Hammett street, which is a comparatively unimportant street, into fair condition.

If the transfer is made to the regular street improvement appropriation for the ward, these particular objects will receive due consideration, but it does not seem to me desirable for the City Council to specifically order such small street improvements as are covered by these orders.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The question came on the passage of the two orders, notwithstanding the Mayor's objections.

A motion that the order be indefinitely postponed was carried.

Fence — Worcester Square.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City Hall, May 5, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a memorial in reference to the need of a fence around Worcester square.

Respectfully,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The petition in question of Alonzo Boothby and many others, asking for the construction of a fence around Worcester square, was referred to the Committee on Public Grounds Department.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

The following were approved May 2, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edgar G. Fisher, attorney, the sum of \$56.03, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Chapman avenue, Dorchester, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,408, fol. 82.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Lizzie McKenney the sum of \$32.03, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate, 310 West Third street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds.

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on Building Department be hereby authorized to give public hearings on the question of extending the present building limits of the City of Boston, to send for persons and papers, employ a stenographer and report their findings in print; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand (75,000) dollars be appropriated for watering the streets of the city, designated to be watered at the expense of the abutters in the order of the City Council, approved by the Mayor, April 18, 1898, the same to be met with the assessment for watering the streets to be laid upon the several estates within the part of the city designated to be so watered as aforesaid.

The following were approved May 3, 1898:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be and is authorized in the name and behalf of the city, and on such terms as he deems best, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to purchase a parcel of land on Allbright court, so-called, in the rear of the engine-house lot on Columbia road, formerly Boston street, and containing 6,751 square feet, and to use the same as a part of the engine-house lot; and that the same be paid for from the appropriation for the Fire Department.

Ordered, That the amount that may be awarded for the land taken from said engine-house lot, and for damage to the buildings thereon, by the laying out of said Columbia road, be added to the appropriation for the Fire Department.

Ordered, That the old small-pox hospital lot on Swett street, excepting the 42,000 square feet now occupied by the Board of Health, be transferred from the charge of the Board of Street Commissioners to the charge of the Fire Commissioner.

Order authorizing the issue of a permit to a Mr. Glancy to build a wooden building on St. Mark street, corner of Perry street, Ward 23, in excess of range allowed, etc., to be used as a stable.

The following were approved May 4, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to sell the estate owned by the city on Paris, Marion and Chelsea streets, East Boston, now used as a yard for the Paving and Sewer Divisions of the Street Department.

Ordered, That the proceeds received from such sale be appropriated for the construction of buildings upon the estate purchased last year for the use of the Street Department on Chelsea street, East Boston, the same to be used for the Paving, Sewer, Street Cleaning and Sanitary Divisions of the Street Department.

The following were approved May 5, 1898:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Fitchburg Railroad Company to build, outside the building limits, a temporary elevator on Water street, Ward 5, in excess of range and height allowed, and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to William E. Harvey and others to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Jones avenue, corner of White Terrace, Ward 24, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied as a club-house.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to W. B. Hasty to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Park street, corner of Adams street, Ward 24, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for office purposes, main building occupied for stable purposes.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved May 2, 1898:

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of Eastman street, Dorchester, between Columbia road and the bend in said street, as shown by red lines on a plan and profile of said street marked "City of Boston, Eastman street, Dorchester, April 22, 1898, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade on the way at Dorchester, known as Old road, between Elmo street and Columbia road, as shown by dotted red lines on the plan and profile of said Old road, signed by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated July 31, 1889, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of Michigan avenue, Dorchester, at Columbia road, as shown by dotted red lines on the plan and profile of said avenue, signed by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated January 11, 1875, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish a re-

vised grade of Seaver street, Dorchester, between Blue Hill avenue and Columbia road, as shown by dotted red lines on the plan and profile of said Seaver street, signed by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated December 10, 1881, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of Seaver street, Dorchester, at southeasterly side of Columbia road, as shown by dotted red lines on the plan and profile of said street, signed by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated January 12, 1878, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of Sayward street, Dorchester, at Columbia road, as shown by dotted red lines on the plan and profile of said street, signed by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated June 10, 1883, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of East Cottage street, Dorchester, at Edward Everett square, as shown by dotted red lines on the plan and profile of said street, signed by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated May 1, 1873, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of Old Harbor street, South Boston, from Dunham street, to Columbia road, as shown by dotted red lines on the plan and profile of said street, signed by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated December 4, 1883, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of Stanwood street, Dorchester, at Columbia road, as shown by dotted red lines on the plan and profile of said street, signed by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated March 20, 1884, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of Bodwell street, Dorchester, at Columbia road, as shown by dotted red lines on the plan and profile of said street, signed by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated May 31, 1884, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of Wolcott street, Dorchester, at Columbia road, as shown by dotted red lines on a plan and profile of said street, signed William Jackson, City Engineer, dated January 3, 1896, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish the grade of Bellevue street, Dorchester, between Columbia road and Stanley street, as shown by red lines on a plan and profile of said Bellevue street, marked "City of Boston, Bellevue street, Dorchester, April 22, 1898, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish and revise the grade of Quincy street, Dorchester, between Mount Everett street and the New England Railroad, as shown by red lines on a plan and profile of said Quincy street, marked "City of Boston, Quincy street, Dorchester, April 25, 1898, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish and revise the grade of Glendale street, Dorchester, between Bird street and Glen street, as

shown by red lines on a plan and profile of said Glendale street, marked "City of Boston, Glendale street, Dorchester, April 22, 1898, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish and revise the grade of Geneva avenue, Dorchester, between Wilder street and Vaughan avenue, as shown by red lines on a plan and profile of said Geneva avenue, marked "City of Boston, Geneva avenue, Dorchester, April 22, 1898, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

The following were approved May 3, 1898:

Ordered, That the consent of the Board of Aldermen be hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in the City of Boston, by the overhead system, so-called, on Summer street as extended, and Dorchester avenue as extended, from Fort Point Channel to Atlantic avenue.

And permission is hereby granted to the said West End Street Railway Company, to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, dated April 20, 1898, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage thereof; otherwise, it shall be null and void.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use a double track on Tremont street, from Columbus avenue to Huntington avenue, with necessary cross-overs, switches and connections, and curves connecting with the car-house of said company at Roxbury Crossing; said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated March 22, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company

shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise, it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use additional curved tracks at the corner of Washington street and Columbus avenue, and at the corner of Warren street and Dudley street; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated March 1, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise, it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use curved tracks at the junction of Shawmut avenue and Dover street; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated March 28, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise, it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use curved tracks at the intersection of Park street and Dorchester avenue, connecting with existing tracks and car-house of said company; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton,

dated March 23, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise, it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use a track, with necessary curves, on Norfolk street, near Nelson street, in place of existing track; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated October 1, 1897, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise, it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down a single track on Hyde Park avenue, near and northerly of Ashland street, for the purpose of constructing a turn-out, with necessary switches and connections; said track and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by Hodges & Harrington, dated February 19, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise, it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Woodbury & Leighton to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached, as follows: One on the roadway on Court street, at or near No. 65, and on the northerly side of Pemberton square, about fifteen feet north from Tremont street, Ward 6, for use in building the new Subway station in Scollay square, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The following were approved May 3, 1898: Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

E. S. Converse, two lanterns, at 101 Milk street, Ward 6.

M. Tishler, drum sign, at 22 Milk street, Ward 6.

Harry A. Long, clock sign, at 123½ Eliot street, Ward 7.

Morris Salis, pole, at 261 North street, Ward 6.

C. A. Brooks, sign, at corner of Chauncy and Essex streets, Ward 7.

Antonio Cirillo, illuminated sign, at 130 Causeway street, Ward 8.

Clarence E. Drew, illuminated sign, 24½ North street, Ward 6.

Permits to project bay-windows, etc., viz.:

Hugh Giblin, three, at 835 Dorchester avenue, Ward 16; W. B. Thomas, two, at southeast corner of Massachusetts avenue and Beacon street, Ward 11.

Permit to F. R. Brown & Co. to run passenger barges between Forest Hills Station and Calvary Cemetery, on Sunday, May 29.

Constables' bonds of ninety-five persons (see appointments, THE CITY RECORD, page 236).

The following were approved May 4, 1898:

Ordered, That there be paid to Susan J. Pierce the sum of \$222.75, in full compensation for all damages occasioned by the taking of her land for sewer purposes, Dorchester intercepting sewer, in accordance with an order of the Board of Aldermen, passed and approved August 19, 1891, as shown on plan dated July 28, 1891, on file in the office of the City Engineer, upon her proving her title to said land to the satisfaction of the Law Department and upon her giving to the city an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses to herself and those holding leases under her, on account of the taking of said land as aforesaid; the said sum to be charged to the sinking fund.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Chelsea bridge, twenty-seven poles, fifty feet in height by fifteen inches in diameter, width of sidewalk, eight feet; date of plan, April 26, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of passage of this order.

Ordered, That the time allowed the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts in which to erect poles on Columbus avenue, under the orders passed by this Board, September 28, 1896, and November 24, 1897, and on Chelsea street, Ward 3, under the order passed December 28, 1897, be and the same is hereby extended to June 30, 1898.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Suburban Light and Power Company to project two arc electric lights, six (6) feet from building, at 1142 Columbus avenue, for illuminating purposes.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates, said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestones, the owners to furnish the said materials, viz.:

S. S. Pierce Company, 208 Dartmouth street, Ward 10; artificial stone.

Mrs. F. H. Eaves, 5 Wabeno street, Ward 21; artificial stone.

Alonzo Boothby, 1061 Commonwealth avenue, Ward 11; artificial stone.

Gesnir Corbett, 27 Boylston street, Ward 22; gravel.

J. Wallace Bragdon, 507 East Fifth street; brick.

Permits to use Faneuil Hall, in accordance with the following petitions:

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evenings of April 18, May 9, 16, 23 and 31; also for the evenings of May 6, 13, 20, 27, and June 3.

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, for the use of Faneuil Hall, on June 4, 5 and 6.

William Quinton, Captain Seventh Infantry, U.S.A., for the use of Faneuil Hall for recruiting purposes for three weeks.

John Grainey, for the use of Faneuil Hall for recruiting purposes, on Friday evening, April 29.

ENACTED WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following order was presented to the Mayor April 20, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Clerk of Committees, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the celebration of Patriots' Day, according to the programme submitted by the special committee appointed for the purpose, and to expend on that account the sum of \$1,000 appropriated for the purpose.

Celebration, North End	\$650
Sailing regatta, Dorchester Bay	200
Incidentals	150

Total \$1,000

The following order was presented to the Mayor April 22, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the salary of the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendents and Chief

Inspector of Police, of the Police Department of the City of Boston, be established as follows, to take effect on May 1, 1898, viz.: Superintendent, \$4,000 per annum; Deputy Superintendents, each, \$3,000 per annum; Chief Inspector, \$2,800 per annum.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be hereby requested to establish the pay of reserve men at \$2 a day for the first year, and \$2.50 a day thereafter until appointed as a regular patrolmen.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following orders were passed to the Mayor April 20, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Caleb B. Symmes to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, two by four feet, with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 107 Main street, Ward 5; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John C. Ropes et al., trustees, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, five feet by six feet, with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 15-17 Lagrange street, Ward 7; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The following was presented to the Mayor April 22, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Permit to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to attach its wires to five trees on Rutland street, between No. 48 on said street and Tremont street.

The following order was presented to the Mayor April 26, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove three trees on Kenilworth street, in front of the Dudley Associates' club-house; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

SCHOOL-HOUSE SITE.

Sealed proposals for selling to the city a lot of land in Roxbury, containing about 25,000 square feet, for a site for a new grammar school-house, within the territory bounded by South Huntington avenue, Evergreen street, Day street and Hutchins avenue, will be received at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee until 12 M., on May 21, when they will be publicly opened and read.

On June 2, at 4.30 P.M., at the office of the Secretary, the Committee on School-houses will hold a public hearing to consider such proposals as may have been received, and the suitability of the lands offered.

Special Notices.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on June 7, 1898, examination may be taken at any city in the United States, where the Commission has a competent Board of Examiners, to establish an eligible register for the grade of expert computer and geodesist. There is at present a vacancy in the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, Treasury Department, at a salary of \$2,400 per annum, which it is desired to fill.

The Department states that it is desirable that applicants should not be over thirty-five years of age.

The Commission also announces that on June 7, 1898, examination may be taken in any city of the United States, where the Commission has a competent Board of Examiners, to establish an eligible register for the grade of nautical expert. There is at present a vacancy in the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, Treasury Department, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum, which it is desired to fill.

Persons desiring to apply for these examinations should at once write to the Board of Civil Service Examiners, Post Office Building, this city, for application blanks, Forms 304 and 375, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D.C.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE.

May 2, 1898.

General Order No. 509.

Robert F. Clark, having been duly appointed, confirmed and qualified a member of the Board of Police for the City of Boston for the term of five years ending the first Monday in May in the year 1903, has assumed the duties of the office, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

May 6, 1898.

General Order No. 510.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Charles Hill, of Division 15, for violation of Rule 26 of the Police Manual, to wit, neglect of duty, the Board orders the complaint to be dismissed.

II. The following transfers in the Department are hereby ordered to take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock P.M., 9th inst., viz.:

Reserve Officer David B. Deady, from Division 2 to Division 16; Patrolman George H. Guard, from Division 10 to Division 16; Patrolman Bartholomew A. O'Brien, from Division 11 to Division 12; Patrolman George F. Finn, from Division 11 to Division 12; Reserve Officer Charles M. Tighe, from Division 16 to Division 2.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following list contains the titles of bills concerning the City of Boston, adversely reported upon by the various committees and sustained by the Legislature, together with the number of page of THE CITY RECORD on which the bills were previously noted or printed; also such bills as have been approved by the Governor.

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- H. B. 604, relative to Inspectors in the City of Boston acting under the direction of the Board of Health, p. 86.

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- H. B. 761, to Provide for the Better Enlargement of the Building Laws in the City of Boston, p. 92.
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- S. B. 11, for Providing a Temporary Presiding Officer for Boston Aldermen, p. 43.

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- H. B. 413, relative to Appointments in the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 82.

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON, IN PROGRESS OF PASSAGE, BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted, House.	Enacted, Senate.
1. S. B. 43, relative to the Holding of Caucuses, p. 77.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Mch. 10, 15. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	April 25. Am.	April 27. Am.	April 29. S.	May 2.	May 9.		
2. S. B. 62, relative to the Finances of the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 4.	March 2. Closed.	March 16. H. (B.)	March 21.	April 8.	April 12. S.	April 21.	May 5.	May 10.	
3. S. B. 93, relative to Malden Bridge, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 10.	March 10. Closed.	April 1. S. (B.)	April 20. Am.	April 21.	April 25. H.	May 3.	May 5. Rej.		
4. H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Cities. Jan. 14.	Jan. 21. Feb. 10, 17. Closed.	May 5. S. (B.)	May 6.	May 10. Am.					
5. H. B. 416, resolve to Provide for an Addition to the Normal Art School Building in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Education.	Feb. 17. Closed.	March 22. H. (B.)							
6. H. B. 505, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 84.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.	May 9.			
7. H. B. 753, relative to Ferries, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.						
8. H. B. 768, relative to Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 93.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. March 14. Closed.	April 13. S. (B.)	April 14.	April 25.	April 27. H.	April 29.	May 2. Am.	May 10.	

Board Meetings.

Insane Hospital Department.

32 Tremont Street, May 9, 1898.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at Austin Farm on April 28, 1898.

Present: Mrs. Howard, Messrs. Connelly and Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

On motion of Mr. Connelly, it was voted to grant the request of Mrs. Myers for the transfer of her son from Westboro' to Pierce Farm.

A letter was read from the Pauper Institutions Trustees, asking what accommodations could be furnished for paupers at Austin and Pierce Farms in case of emergency. On motion of Mr. Connelly, the Secretary was instructed to state that there was at present no available room for such persons.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, the Superintendent was instructed to return to the Municipal Printing Department the requisition books.

The question of certain changes in the management of the hospitals was discussed, but no action was taken.

Dr. Lane was granted two weeks' leave of absence to attend the meeting of the American Medical Psychological Association and inspect the methods of caring for the insane in Wisconsin.

A letter from His Honor the Mayor, asking for the transfer of Mrs. Annie McHugh from Medfield to Austin Farm, was referred to the Committee on Insane in Other Hospitals, with full power.

Visiting committees were appointed as follows: May, Mr. Connelly and Mrs. Marion; June, Mrs. Marion and Dr. Knapp; July, Dr. Knapp and Mrs. Howard; August, Mrs. Howard and Dr. Baldwin.

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, April 29, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln, Prince and the Librarian.

Received: Order of the City Government, dated March 31; the Librarian's report.

Resignation received and accepted of Edna L. Bourne, of Grade B, Branch Division, to take effect June 18.

Appointment of Charles D. Campbell, on probation, in Grade E, of the Issue Department, at a salary of \$3.50 per week, beginning May 2.

Grade increases in salary authorized: Shelf Department, W. G. T. Roffe, \$21.50 to \$22.50; John F. Lucid, \$5.50 to \$6; Eliza F. A. Caiger, \$5.50 to \$6, each beginning May 2. Issue Department, Gertrude E. Sheffield, \$15.50 to \$17.50, beginning May 4; Lillian E. Ethier, \$6 to \$7, beginning May 2; Joanna Zaugg, \$6 to \$7, beginning May 2; Nina M. Stetson, \$5 to \$5.50, beginning May 3; Nellie Connolly, Joseph Lucid, Alphild Olson, Bertha Olson and Grace Williams, each \$5.50 to \$6, beginning May 2. Registration Department, Emily Fillebrown, \$6 to \$7, beginning May 2.

Unexpended balances of vacation of the year 1897 were authorized to form part of the vacation for 1898.

Voted, That Article VI., Sections 1 and 2 of the Rules and Regulations, relating to fines on books over detained, be amended as to the period during which such fines shall run by the substitution of the words "four weeks" in place of the words "three months" wherever they occur.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$1,049.32; to trust funds, \$204.92; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$75.54; to Station "P," \$64.99; miscellaneous expense, \$524.95.

An application for position as Inspector of Branches was received and referred to the Librarian.

The offer as a gift by Miss Lilian Whiting, of manuscripts, autograph letters, etc., from the estate of Miss Kate Field, was accepted. Applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

A draft of the Trustees' annual report for the year ending January 31, 1898, was adopted.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

The annual meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held at its rooms in Charity Building, Monday, May 2, 1898, at 3 P.M.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Dr. Campbell, Mr. Mullen, Miss Rogers, Mr. Sproules, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Kerrigan, Miss O'Brien, Mr. Day and Mrs. Wolcott.

The following certificate was read:

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,

City Hall, April 28, 1898.

BENJ. PETTEE, Secretary, Overseers of the Poor.

DEAR SIR: I respectfully inform you that appointments as Overseers of the Poor, duly made by the Mayor, were confirmed by the Board of Aldermen on the 25th instant, as follows:

Michael A. Kerrigan, for the term ending April 30, 1899, vice Charles Logue, resigned.

Louise G. O'Brien, for the term ending April 30, 1899, vice Henry V. Cunningham, resigned.

William P. Fowler, Edith P. Wolcott and Frederick W. Day, each for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1898.

Very respectfully,

JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Mr. Kerrigan, Miss O'Brien, Mr. Fowler, Mrs. Wolcott and Mr. Day were sworn to their duties.

The Board then organized by the unanimous choice of the following officers, by ballot:

Chairman, William P. Fowler; Secretary, Benjamin Pettee, who was duly sworn; Treasurer, Frederic W. Lincoln.

The following committees were nominated by the Chairman and confirmed by the Board:

Investigation and Relief—Mr. Fowler, Mr. Sproules, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Wolcott, Mr. Humphreys, Mrs. Thorndike and Mr. Mullen.

Finance and Accounts—Messrs. Stuart, Mullen and Day.

Employments and Settlements—Mrs. Thorndike, Mr. Day and Miss O'Brien.

Supplies—Messrs. Fowler, Sproules and Kerrigan.

Temporary Home—Miss Rogers, Mrs. Wolcott and Mr. Sproules.

Lodge for Wayfarers and the Woodyard—Messrs. Humphreys and Fowler and Miss Rogers.

Building—Mr. Sproules, Miss Rogers and Dr. Campbell.

Real Estate—Messrs. Mullen and Campbell and Miss O'Brien.

Medical—Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Thorndike and Dr. Stuart.

Burials—Dr. Stuart, Miss O'Brien and Mr. Kerrigan.

Boylston Education Fund Beneficiaries—Mrs. Wolcott, Mr. Humphreys and Mrs. Thorndike.

Holton Funds—Messrs. Mullen and Day.

Voted, To print the usual number of cards containing lists of committees and other information for the use of the Board.

Voted, To draw on the city treasury for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-rolls.

A copy of the records of the regular quarterly meeting of the Public Institutions Conference, held March 30, 1898, was received, and the Chairman read such portions as were likely to be of interest to the Board.

Voted, That the Secretary express to Mrs. Thorndike the sympathy of the Board in her severe illness.

Dr. Stuart, for the Committee on Finance, reported that the accounts for the month of April had been examined and found correct.

Miss Rogers read the monthly report of the Temporary Home.

Voted, That in case it becomes necessary to remove the pauper inmates from Long Island to the mainland temporarily, that the Committees on the Home and the Lodge be requested to co-operate with the Pauper Institution Trustees in making provision for them.

Dr. Stuart, for the Burial Committee, presented its annual report of number and cost of burials.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Printing, giving the information that a new form of requisitions for stationery and printing has been adopted, and that \$4 will be charged for each requisition book.

BENJ. PETTEE, Secretary.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, May 2, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Com-

missioners, held May 2, 1898:

Voted, That the loam space at the Fenway, opposite residences between Boylston street and Westland avenue, be increased to ten feet in width.

Voted, That the property sidewalks between Centre street and Pond street, on the Arborway, be surfaced with cinders, at an estimated cost of \$610.

A request of the Boston School Committee, for the use of the Franklin Park Playstead for the annual parade of the school cadets on May 13, was received, and it was

Voted, That as Franklin Field has been provided for parades, and because of the liability of injury to the planted ground near the Overlook, the School Committee be notified that the Board would permit the use of the playstead only in case Franklin Field is, in the opinion of the Superintendent, too wet for use.

The Board authorized the Bath Department to take the care and control of the baths and piers at the North End Beach, from May 1 to November 1, 1898.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, May 5, 1898.

A regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at their office, April 18, 1898, the full Board being present.

A recommendation from the Superintendent that Mr. Thomas J. Condon be appointed Deputy Superintendent was referred with power to the Committee on Rules and Service.

The Superintendent reported that more rooms are needed for the use of officers, and recommended that one of the larger rooms in the men's building be sub-divided and fitted up for their accommodation.

The Superintendent recommended that in the event of war, making the removal of inmates necessary, certain cases belonging to other towns should be returned to the places in which they have settlement.

It was voted that an Emergency Committee be appointed to prepare and have ready for immediate use, in case of necessity, plans for the removal of inmates from Long Island. This committee was afterwards appointed, and consists of Mr. Rutan (Chairman), Mrs. Lincoln and Dr. Grainger.

It was voted that nurses in the Long Island Hospital shall be regarded as entitled to the usual vacation of two weeks (with pay) granted to other city employees.

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse recommended that arrangements be made for an increase in the hot-water supply of that institution.

The Committee on Rules and Service reported that it was desirable to place a mailbox on the dock of the "J. Putnam Bradlee," for the convenience of the institutions on Long Island.

The following appointments were confirmed:

Dr. Albert A. Taft, Deputy Medical Superintendent, at a salary of \$1,000 per year, to succeed Dr. Hutchinson, resigned.

Julia Glenning, laundress, \$16 per month; Emma Grandstadt, house-maid, \$15 per month; Thomas H. Killion, painter, \$40 per

month; Bessie Staples, laundress, \$16 per month; Maggie Riley, assistant cook, hospital, \$15 per month; Carrie J. Foss, probationer, \$10 per month.

CENSUS FOR CHARLESTOWN ALMSHOUSE.

Number of inmates on March 30, 1898:

Men	53
Women	75
Total	128

CENSUS FOR LONG ISLAND.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Last report, April 9 . .	352	373	725

Number of inmates on April 16:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	75	148	223
Children	5	5	10
Dormitory for Women:			
Adults	—	211	211
Children	3	1	4
Men's Building	252	—	252
Totals	335	365	700

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following abstracts are taken from the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, May 2, 1898.

It was ordered that sewers be built in Hemenway street and in Carruth and Shenadoah streets.

The Board voted to pay Jeremiah O'Brien \$1,900 for land taken from, and all damages occasioned to, his estate on Columbia street by the laying out of Columbia road; same having been approved by the Mayor.

Tuesday, May 3, 1898.

It was voted to give hearings Friday, May 13, at 3 o'clock, in Room 25 of the Old Court House, in regard to the locations, etc., of streets in the Board of Survey Plats 2, 6, 3 and 5.

Petitions were received from W. A. Macauley and others, for a sewer in Selden street, at Dorchester; and from G. M. Stearns, for a sewer in Washington street, at Dorchester.

An award of \$105,000 was made to F. B. Greene and others, trustees of the estate of C. Allen Brown, for damages occasioned by the widening of Clinton street; settlement made in accordance with advice received from the Law Department.

Friday, May 6, 1898.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to relocate Stony Brook, between Colonial avenue and Franklin Field, returnable for a hearing at this office at 11 o'clock, May 20, 1898.

Catch-basins were ordered in the following ways: Algonquin, Washington, East First and P, Beacham, Tyler and Topliff streets, and in Howard and Atlantic avenues.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to take land for a surface drain in Sydney street, returnable for a hearing in this office at 11 o'clock, May 20.

Petition was received from L. T. Plunkett and others, that Fowler street may be laid out, at Dochester.

Petitions were received for sewers in Dit-

son street, Walnut avenue, Washington street, Allston street and in Temple and Perham streets.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out an extension of Spencer street, at Dorchester, from Wheatland avenue to Talbot avenue.

As advertised April 29, 1898, a hearing was given in the change of locations, etc., of streets shown on Board of Survey plans in Dorchester.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Special Communications.

REBUILDING OF MALDEN BRIDGE.

The following communication relative to the bill which provides for the rebuilding of Malden bridge has been addressed by His Honor the Mayor to each of the representatives from Boston in the Legislature:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

May 9, 1898.

DEAR SIR: In view of the fact that the provisions of Senate Bill No. 243, relative to the rebuilding of Malden bridge, are clearly opposed to the interests of the City of Boston, I feel warranted in appealing to you, as one of the Representatives from Boston in the Legislature, to be present at the session of the House, Tuesday afternoon, May 10, and to vote against the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to order this bill to a third reading. In view of the fact that the whole of this bridge lies within the limits of the City of Boston, and that it is proposed that this city shall bear the whole expense of the reconstruction, only some extraordinary neglect on the part of the city would seem to call for legislative interference.

I respectfully protest against the passage of this bill, first, because it proposes, unnecessarily, in my opinion, to increase the debt outside of the debt limit; secondly, because in the opinion of our City Engineer a fifty-foot bridge, which is the width of the Chelsea bridge from Charlestown to Chelsea, would be ample for the next twenty-five years at least; and, thirdly, because the city recognizes the need of reconstructing the bridge, and will, in all probability, under the Board of Apportionment bill which has now passed, make early provision for it.

The City Engineer estimates the cost of a bridge fifty feet wide at \$130,000—about half the cost of the bridge provided for by the Senate bill. I believe that the passage of this bill would inflict a great injustice upon this city, and that if the motion to reconsider is voted down, the matter will be satisfactorily dealt with by the city without legislation.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, May 2, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the month ending April 30, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	3	5	3	-	-	3	7	-	23	23	
2...	3	6	1	-	-	6	6	-	14	16	
3...	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	7	10	
4...	1	2	-	-	-	1	4	-	15	8	
5...	1	6	-	-	1	-	14	-	9	25	
6...	2	18	2	4	1	-	15	6	25	89	
7...	8	20	1	1	2	-	19	4	38	116	
8...	-	10	-	5	-	-	13	1	15	42	
9...	1	8	2	2	2	-	7	1	17	38	
10...	10	9	-	1	-	-	8	1	9	81	
11...	3	3	-	-	2	-	4	-	11	62	
12...	1	6	1	-	-	-	6	-	12	35	
13...	1	7	-	-	4	-	5	-	10	11	
14...	6	4	4	1	1	6	4	1	16	32	
15...	1	2	2	1	-	-	3	2	10	28	
16...	6	25	2	-	2	6	23	-	10	35	
17...	4	11	2	2	5	-	13	4	17	24	
18...	-	4	-	-	2	-	5	1	21	24	
19...	8	1	5	1	2	4	1	1	15	42	
20...	30	15	16	-	16	28	12	23	45	49	
21...	6	8	4	-	-	4	3	-	11	54	
22...	4	7	1	1	-	4	6	3	28	27	
23...	13	14	6	2	-	19	18	2	30	39	
24...	5	7	2	1	-	17	7	6	32	59	
25...	9	11	5	1	1	11	11	2	27	42	
T'ls..	126	213	59	23	41	109	218	58	467	1011	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, May 9, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending May 7, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	154
Number of discharges of mortgages	28
Number of assignments of wages	27
Number of married women's certificates	12
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	9
Number of ship liens	2
Number of attachments	1
Number of assignments of mortgages	6

The following accident notices have been filed:

May 3—C. L. Farnsworth, damage to carriage caused by city ash-team No. 203 at corner of Green and Bartlett streets, Charlestown, on April 11, 1898.

May 5—Margaret Kelleher, personal in-

juries, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk at Nos. 2 and 4 Causeway street.

Petitions for assessment of damages for land taken by the city have been filed by Herbert E. Wheat and Charles A. Kelley, administrator of the estate of John Fitzgibbon.

The following suits have been entered: John S. Keer, damages \$500; Jeremiah C. McCarthy, damages \$200; John F. Crosby, damages \$4,000; the two former being actions of contract and the latter an action of tort.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

City Hall, May 2, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending April 30, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	140
Number of discharges of mortgages	28
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of assignments of mortgages	9
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	9
Number of assignments of wages	49
Number of married women's certificates	11
Number of ship liens	4

The following persons have filed petitions for assessments of damages by a jury for land taken by the city for various purposes:

Willard P. Whittemore, Josephine V. Spencer et al., H. W. Suter, trustee, Emily E. Shepard et al., Herman Esslinger and Jacob Wezansky.

On April 30, John F. Crosby and Michael Gorman entered suits against the city, damages being placed at \$4,000 each.

City Hall, April 25, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters filed in the City Clerk's office for the week ending April 23, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	115
Number of discharges of mortgages	19
Number of assignments of wages	22
Number of married women's certificates	16
Number of bills of sale	2
Number of assignments of mortgages	8
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	4
Number of attachments	1

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Engineering Department,

ARCHITECTURAL DIVISION,

70 City Hall, April 25, 1898.

Work has been performed by the Architectural Division, as follows:

In accordance with a request made by the Chairman of the Trustees of the Pauper Institutions, an examination of the heating and ventilating plant of the buildings located on Long Island, Boston Harbor, has been made, and a report setting forth the present condition of the plant and the changes desirable to be made, has been furnished said Trustees.

In accordance with a request made by the Chairman of the Trustees for Children, an examination of the hot-water boiler and certain steam piping at the Marcella-street Home has been made, and a report furnished said Trustees. After the receipt of the report, the Trustees instructed this office to

receive bids for the work, which was stated to be necessary at this time. The bids were as follows:

Huey Brothers	\$732
I. Coffin & Co.	745
Boston Furnace Company	850

The work was awarded to Huey Brothers. Preliminary sketches and estimates have been furnished the Mayor on the following proposed constructions: Athletic house, South Boston; gymnasium and bath-house, East Boston; branch library, East Boston.

Preliminary sketches for an underground public convenience station to be located on Boston Common, near the corner of Park and Tremont streets, have been furnished to the Bath Commission.

Plans and specifications for the heating of the laundry building, Boston City Hospital, have been prepared and turned over to the Chief of the Repair Division of the Public Buildings Department. The work is now under way, supervised by this office.

Plans and specifications are now being prepared for the alteration of the prisoners' waiting room, Municipal Court-room, New Court-house, and will be turned over to the Repair Division this week.

Plans are being made for the extension of the boiler house for Boston City Hospital.

On account of the alteration work which has lately been completed at the building on Wareham street, now used by the City of Boston as a repair shop, the following bills for work which has been completed and accepted have been sent to the Public Buildings Department for payment:

Eastern Expanded Metal Company	\$550 00
Manhattan Concrete Company	331 96
E. Hodge Company	1,049 22

F. W. CHANDLER, Consulting Architect.

Fire Department.

Bristol street, April 30, 1898.

Official action was taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending April 30, as follows:

Four horses have been purchased of Welch & Hall for \$130 each, and one for \$150.

Captain C. O. Poland, of Hose Company 3, has been honorably discharged, and his name placed on the pension list at the rate of \$800 per annum.

F. T. Boutlier of the Fire Alarm Branch has been fined three days' pay on account of charges preferred against him by Superintendent Flanders.

John J. Short has been approved as special fireman at the Bowdoin Square Theatre.

Special drafts have been drawn on the City Auditor in favor of S. F. Hayward & Co. for one combination truck, one combination wagon and remodelling and repairs of Ladder Truck 15, at a cost of \$3,905.

Six pieces of hose have been condemned. John F. Hines, hoseman, of Engine 11, has been promoted to the position of lieutenant of Combination Company 7.

Fire Alarm Box 212 has been established in the Boston Base Ball Grounds.

The following transfers have been made to take effect at 10 A.M., April 29:

F. W. Robinson, Combination Company 3 to Ladder Company 8; George H. Feeney, Ladder 8 to Combination Company 3; E. J. Ryan, Engine 22 to Engine 11; William Hall,

Engine 15 to Engine 38-9; C. W. Miller, Engine 38-9 to Ladder 14; J. E. Brown, Ladder 14 to Ladder 2.

Ordered, That John Galway, dynamo man in the Fire Alarm Branch, be granted an indefinite leave of absence during active service with the First Massachusetts Regiment, Heavy Artillery, with loss of pay, to take effect at 8 A.M., April 26.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, May 9, 1898.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for week ending May 7:

Steers	246
New England cows	20
New England bulls	4
Sheep	637
Calves	496

Total 1,403

The following applications for stable permits have been filed at this office:

Charles E. Russell, 23 Hawthorne street, Ward 23, four horses; hearing May 19, at 11 o'clock. Ellen C. Sheehan, 55 Calumet street, Ward 19, two horses; hearing May 26, at 11 o'clock.

On May 5 the following petitions for the occupancy of stables were granted:

Rose M. Kelly, 5 Sachem street, one horse; Boston Industrial Home, Randolph street, forty-one horses; Thomas H. Lynch, Proctor street, four additional horses; Charles P. Nangel, Darling street, twelve horses; Thomas H. Conley, Amherst street, four horses.

BUREAU OF MILK INSPECTION.

Boston, May 2, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work of the Bureau of Milk Inspection during April, 1898:

Number of samples of milk collected and examined:

Taken from wagons	694
From shops and restaurants	423
Brought to office by citizens	41

Total 1,158

Number of samples of vinegar collected and examined 130

Number of examinations of butter and oleomargarine 145

Grand total 1,433

Number of complaints pending in the District Courts April 1 22

Number of complaints entered during the month of April 14

Total 36

Offences complained of during April:

Possession of milk not of good standard quality, etc. 7

Sale of milk without being registered as a dealer 1

Neglecting to properly mark milk wagon 2

Sale of adulterated cider-vinegar 1

Sale of oleomargarine colored in imitation of butter 2

Serving oleomargarine in a restaurant without notice 1

Total 14

Disposition of the thirty-six cases pending in District Courts:

Defendants left the city, or could not be found	4
Defendants convicted	28
Cases awaiting hearing	4

Total 36

Number of cases taken to Superior Court 15

Amount paid in fines during the month, \$543

Old Court House, April 30, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted by the Board of Health:

Daniel Goodnow, 97 Richmond street, Ward 6, for fifty additional horses (200 in all); Edward McHugh, Charlotte street, Ward 24, for one horse.

The petitions of Ambrose P. Messer and John J. Fitzpatrick, for the occupancy of stables on Merriam street and 361 Chelsea street, respectively, for additional horses, were refused.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

J. A. Caldwell, Kemble place, off Kemble street, Ward 17, sixteen horses; hearing May 12. Louis F. Foote, Addison street, Ward 1, two horses; hearing May 19. Samuel Abbott, jr., 159 and 161 Roxbury street, six horses; hearing May 12.

The following is a report of inspection-work done at the Abattoir during the week ending April 30, 1898:

Steers	241
New England cows	24
New England bulls	11
Sheep	1,211
Calves	521

Total 2,008

Old Court House, April 23, 1898.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Thomas H. Lynch, Proctor street, Ward 20, four additional horses; hearing April 28, at 11 o'clock. Rose M. Kelly, 5 Sachem street, Ward 19, one horse. Charles P. Nangle, Darling street, between Hillside and Calumet streets, Ward 19, twelve horses. Thomas H. Conley, Amherst street, four horses; hearings May 5, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

William D. Hennessey, Baker place, Ward 23, ten horses; Mrs. Jenney Gregory, Ditson street, Ward 24, two horses; Hub Brewing Company, Norfolk avenue, Ward 17, thirty horses.

Following is a report of the work of inspection done at the Abattoir during the week ending April 23:

Steers	249
New England cows	52
New England bulls	4
Sheep	263
Calves	676

Total 1,244

Four New England cows were condemned on account of tuberculosis.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions dur-

ing the week ending April 23: Immature veal, 525 pounds; tainted poultry, 226 pounds.

George W. Whitcomb was appointed as a farmer at Gallops Island at a compensation of \$25 per month, to take effect April 13, 1898.
C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

Statistics for the week ending May 7,

1898:

Cases pending 1
Number of applications 76

Total 77

Number of admissions:

To State Almshouse 33
Long Island Almshouse 9
Charlestown Almshouse 2
Observation Hospital, Deer Island 2
Boston Insane Hospital, Westboro' Insane Hospital 1
Foxboro' Asylum 3
Worcester Lunatic Hospital 6
Danvers Lunatic Hospital 1

Number of applications refused 4
Number of applications withdrawn 12
Cases pending 3

Legal settlements investigated 68

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, May 9, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending May 7,

1898:

Deer Island House of Correction. South Boston House of Correction.

Commitments:

Males 190
Females 23
Totals 213

Offences:

Against the person 5
Against property 12
Against public order and decency 197
Totals *214

Discharges:

Males 156
Females 24
Totals 180

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence 124
Permit of Commissioner 36
Fine paid 18
Died 2
Totals 180

Population:

May 2, 1898 1,529
Committed since May 2, 1898 213

Totals 1,742

Discharged since May 2, 1898 180

May 7, 1898 1,562

* One man committed on two offences.

32 Tremont Street, April 30, 1898.
Statistics for the week ending April 30, 1898:

Deer Island House of Correction. South Boston House of Correction.

Commitments:

Males 145
Females 19
Totals 164

Offences:

Against the person 8
Against property 7
Against public order and decency 150
Totals *165

Discharges:

Males 171
Females 28
Totals 199

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence 139
Permit of Commissioner 39
Fine paid 20
Transferred to Deer Island, Order of Court 1
Totals 199

Population:

April 23, 1898 1,564
Committed since April 23, 1898 164

Totals 1,728

Discharged since April 23, 1898 199

April 30, 1898 1,527

* One man charged with two offences.

Statistics for the week ending April 23,

1898:

Deer Island House of Correction. South Boston House of Correction.

Commitments:

Males 127
Females 16
Totals 143

Offences:

Against the person 9
Against property 15
Against public order and decency 119
Totals 143

Discharges:

Males 189
Females 27
Totals 216

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence 142
Permit of Commissioner 53
Fine paid 20
Died 1
Totals 216

Population:

April 18, 1898 1,637
Admitted since April 18, 1898 143

Totals 1,780

Discharged since April 18, 1898 216

April 23, 1898 1,564

* One man committed with two offences.

Charles S. Whitney has been appointed to the position of First Assistant Clerk at the House of Correction, Deer Island.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, April 30, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Rockland street, between Washington street and a point just beyond Mt. Vernon street, Ward 25, thirteen poles; Washington street, at Montebello road, Ward 22, one pole; Tremlett street, between Washington and Waldeck streets, Ward 20, nine poles. Also to remove poles from Rockland street, between Washington and Mt. Vernon streets; Washington street, at Montebello road.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 9, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the sixteenth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 4, 1898.

The undersigned request permission to project from building on Western avenue, corner Waverly street, Ward 25, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, one on corner of Western avenue and Waverly street, and one on Western avenue. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 10 feet wide and 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

SAMUEL J. BUDGELL,
436 Western avenue, Brighton.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 9, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty third day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Brighton Item and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Boston, May 7, 1898.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for building a sea wall on the northerly line of Congress street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston, Mass. A bond satisfactory to the City Engineer in the sum of four thousand (\$4,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal and leave it at said office before 12 M., of May 20, 1898, with a certified check for five hundred (\$500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston. This check is to be the property of the city if the Contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

WILLIAM JACKSON,
City Engineer of the City of Boston.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, May 6, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 395 linear feet of sewer work in Norfolk street, between Ballou avenue and Mascot street, Dorchester, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Friday, May 13, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$100, which is to be the property of the city if the Contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, May 6, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,425 linear feet of sewer work in Woodlawn street, between Hyde Park avenue and Forest Hills Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, May 13, 1898, with his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the Contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 6, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a new channel for the Oakland Garden Branch of Stony Brook be located at Dorchester, between Colonial avenue and Franklin Field, and to Wheatland avenue, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the year 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., the twentieth day of May, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 6, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a surface drain be constructed in private lands, at Dorchester, from Sydney street eastwardly across the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and thence northwardly, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twentieth day of May, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, May 6, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25, in the Old Court House, at 3 o'clock P.M., on Friday, May 13, 1898, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plans numbered X 99, 100, made by the Board of Survey, and filed January 7, 1895, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall; said territory is in that part of Boston formerly Dorchester, and is bounded approximately, by Codman, Adams, Richmond and Washington streets.

JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
GEORGE H. INNIS,
Street Commissioners.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 5, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 55 Joy street, Ward 8, one bay-window of iron and copper of the following description: To project from second, third and fourth stories over Joy street; also to project a cornice 12 inches over street line. Dimensions of window: Thirty-two feet six inches high, 8 feet wide and 3 feet over line of street.

JOHN ALLEN,
34 Cambridge street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 9, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-third day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 9, 1898.

The undersigned request permission to project from building Nos. 101-103 Old Harbor street and 332 East Eighth street, Ward 15, four bay-windows of the following description: One to project from first, second and third stories, and one from second and third stories over East Eighth street; one from second and third stories over Old Harbor street, and one from second and third stories at corner of Old Harbor and East Eighth streets. Dimensions: Three 20 and one 30 feet high, each about 10 feet wide, and each 2½ feet over line of street.

HOWARD BROTHERS,
412 Dorchester avenue.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 9, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-third day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the South Boston Inquirer and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

May 9, 1898.

Proposals will be received until 2.30 P.M. of Monday, May 16, at the office of the Park Commissioners, at Pine Bank, Jamaica Park, for furnishing and delivering 18,000 cubic yards of loam on the borders of the ponds at Marine Park, between Q street and the beach. Bids will be received for the whole or any part of the loam required, and bidders will be required to state the amounts which they can furnish and submit samples of loam with their bids. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,
LABAN PRATT,
JOHN T. WHEELRIGHT,
Commissioners.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 9, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 339 Chelsea street, Ward 1, one bay-window of wood, of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Chelsea street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 10 feet wide and 2 feet over line of street.

MRS. ELIZABETH A. CRAWFORD,
By WM. M. MCKIE,
170 Bennington street, East Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 9, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-third day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the East Boston Free Press and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 9, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 721 street, Ward 14, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over I street. Dimensions: Twenty-five feet high, 11 feet wide and 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

By THOMAS B. NOONAN,
By THOMAS R. HUGHES,
Elm street, Jamaica Plain.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 9, 1898.

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Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 29, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building corner Salem street and Bartlett place, Ward 6, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second, third, fourth and fifth stories over Salem street and Bartlett place. Dimensions: Forty-five feet high, 11 feet wide and 1 foot and 6 inches over line of street.

MAX LEIBMANN,
Per F. L. HOWE,
102 Salem Street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 2, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the sixteenth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF BOATS AND YACHTS.

Boston, May 2, 1898.

The Board of Park Commissioners are considering the erection of a public landing at Q street, South Boston, to be maintained by the Department in connection with the Park Boat Service, and in order that the Board may be guided in the preparation of plans for this landing it is desirable to know the probable demand for locker accommodations; the Board will, therefore, receive applications for locker and landing privileges from all persons desiring to make use of these facilities. Applicants will please state the number of boats to be accommodated and the size of the locker room needed.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,
LABAN PRATT,
JOHN T. WHEELWRIGHT,
Board of Park Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

May 4, 1898.

Sealed proposals for building a wooden wharf at the Strandway, for the Department of Parks, in accordance with form of contract and specifications to be furnished by the Park Commissioners, will be received at the office of the Park Commissioners, Pine Bank, Jamaica Park, until 2.30 P.M., of Monday, May 16, 1898, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

Each bid is to be accompanied by a certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston; said check to be returned to the bidder, unless he fails to execute the contract, should it be awarded to him.

Specifications may be obtained and plans may be seen at the office of the Park Commissioners, Pine Bank, Jamaica Plain.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,
LABAN PRATT,
JOHN T. WHEELWRIGHT,
Board of Park Commissioners.

TO TAXPAYERS.

ASSESSORS' OFFICE,

City Hall, May 1, 1898.

Your attention is called to our circular (now being distributed throughout the city) relative to making returns on property subject to taxation as early as possible, before June 15, at two o'clock P.M.

Per order of the Board of Assessors,
FRANK A. DREW, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE RELATING TO PUBLIC CARRIAGES AND OTHER VEHICLES.

Notice is hereby given that the second section of the Rules and Regulations relating to hackney carriages, heretofore passed by the Board of Police for the City of Boston, has been amended by the said Board so as to read as follows:

"2. The Board of Police may assign to any person or corporation licensed to set up and use a hackney carriage a place as a special stand for such licensed carriage, and the owner or lessee of more than one licensed carriage may keep any one of his licensed carriages on said stand, when not occupied by another licensed carriage owned or leased by him.

"The Board will, from time to time, designate certain places which shall be used as public stands, and may be occupied by any licensed hackney carriage or by so many of said carriages as shall be allowed to stand thereon.

"Every person having charge of a hackney carriage occupying a public stand shall carry passengers at cab rates. There shall be posted on every hackney carriage, except a cab, when occupying a public stand, a placard with the words, 'Public carriage at cab rates,' inscribed thereon in letters not less than two inches long.

"Applications for licenses under this rule shall be filed with the Board of Police prior to the first day of July, and shall be examined and reported on by the Inspector of Carriages. Such licenses and permits shall continue in force until July 1 next succeeding their date.

"The Board of Police reserves to itself the right to take away, change, modify or reassign any and all privileges in and to both special and public stands at its discretion."

Notice is hereby given that the Rules and Regulations relating to trucks, wagons, etc., heretofore passed by the Board of Police for the City of Boston, have been amended by the said Board so as to read as follows:

RULE 59.

OF TRUCKS, WAGONS, ETC.

1. No person shall set up and use any truck, wagon, dray, cart, sleigh, sled, or hand-sled, or any other vehicle, except a street car, which shall be used for hire within the City of Boston, for the conveyance from place to place within the said city, of wood, coal, lumber, stone, brick, sand, gravel, goods, wares, furniture, merchandise, or building materials, unless he is licensed thereto by the Board of Police, nor unless it is marked upon the outside and upon each side of the same with the name of the owner and the number of the license in plain, legible words and figures, of not less than one and one-half inches in size, and so that the same may be distinctly seen.

2. The Board of Police will, from time to time, grant licenses to such persons, and upon such terms as it may deem expedient, to set up and use any such vehicle as aforesaid within the City of Boston; and it reserves the right to revoke such licenses at its discretion. If any person other than the owner or lessee shall take out a license for any such vehicle, he shall be liable to have his license revoked; and if any licensee shall cease to be an owner or lessee, he shall immediately surrender his license to the Board of Police. For every license so granted there shall be paid the sum of \$1 for the use of the city.

Applications for licenses under this rule shall be filed with the Board of Police prior to the first day of July, and shall be examined and reported on by the captains of the divisions where the applicant makes application to stand.

Such licenses shall continue in force until July 1 next succeeding their date.

No license of any vehicle shall be sold, assigned or transferred without the consent of the Board of Police.

3. The person in whose name a license is taken out for any such vehicle shall, for all the purposes of this rule, be considered as the owner of the same, and liable to all the forfeitures and penalties herein contained, unless, upon the sale of any such vehicle, notice thereof be given to the Board of Police and the license returned to them.

4. No owner, driver, or other person having the care or ordering of any licensed truck, cart, wagon, hand-cart, sleigh, sled, hand-sled or other vehicle shall suffer the same to stop in any street, square, lane or alley of this city more than five minutes without some proper person to take care of the same, or more than twenty minutes in any case; and any person so offending shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$20 for each offence.

Every driver of any licensed truck, wagon or other vehicle shall remain near to such vehicle while it is un-employed, or standing in the streets or squares of the city unless he shall be necessarily absent therefrom in the course of his duty and business, and shall so keep his horse or horses, and his carriage or other vehicle, that they shall not obstruct the said streets or squares or other public passages in any other manner than is allowed by law, or the ordinances of the City Council, or orders of the Board of Aldermen.

5. Any person violating any provision of the foregoing sections of Rule 59 shall be liable to a penalty of \$20 for each offence.

Attest: THOMAS RYAN, Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 2, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 7 Maverick square and Sumner street, Ward 2, seven bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, three over Maverick square, three over Sumner street and one over corner of Maverick square and Sumner street. Dimensions: Each 20 feet high, 8 feet 6 inches wide and 2 feet 4 inches over line of street.

PATRICK QUINN,
126 Webster street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 2, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, May 16, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the East Boston Free Press and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, May 6, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25, in the Old Court House, at 3 o'clock P.M., on Friday, May 13, 1898, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plan numbered X 17, made by the Board of Survey, and filed January 3, 1894, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall; said territory is in that part of Boston formerly Dorchester, and is bounded, approximately, by Harvard, Washington and Faxon streets and the New England Railroad.

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JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
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CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF POLICE.

NOTICE TO OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS.

37 Pemberton Square, April 30, 1898.

Owners and keepers of dogs in the City of Boston are hereby notified that dog licenses expire annually on the thirtieth day of April, and that unless they are immediately renewed, prosecutions may be made as provided in the Public Statutes.

Applications must be made and licenses obtained at the several Police Stations throughout the city.

THOMAS RYAN, Clerk.



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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF JOSHUA S. DUNCKLEE.

Joshua S. Duncklee, Chairman of the Board of Assessors of the City of Boston, died on Monday morning, May 16, 1898.

The deceased was born in Brighton in 1840, and his life was largely devoted to the public service. He was Chairman of the Board of Assessors of Brighton in 1872-73. Brighton became a part of Boston in 1874, and in 1877 Mr. Duncklee became Principal Assessor. He was Secretary of the Board from 1888 until 1893, when he was chosen its Chairman, which position he continued to hold up to the time of his death.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting on Monday, May 16, voted to confirm the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor:

The following-named persons to be members of the Board in charge of the Department of Public Music: Carl Zerrahn, for the term ending April 30, 1903; John A. O'Shea, Jr., for the term ending April 30, 1902; J. Thomas Baldwin, for the term ending April 30, 1901; James M. McLaughlin,

for the term ending April 30, 1900; Alfred De Voto, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

To be constables for the term ending April 30, 1899: John F. Bowen, Walter A. Goddard, Philip O'Brien, Benjamin F. Powell and Henry W. Shepard.

William Gleason, to be a Measurer of Grain, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Samuel Hichborn and Edward B. Daily, to be Assessors for the term ending April 30, 1901.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, at 7.30, May 10, President Huggan in the chair, and all members present except Mrs. Ames.

The Chair read the following:

(1.) STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, April 27, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with the Water Commissioner of the City of Boston upon the sum of \$8,016, as payment for the portion of the reservoir lot on Thomas Park, at South Boston, taken for School purposes by the City of Boston, April 4, 1898 (taking recorded April 5, 1898).

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

(2.) STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, May 10, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

On March 31, the Street Commissioners wrote informing you that they had authorized the City Solicitor to settle the case of Bartlett P. Luce, for his estate taken for a school-house site on South and Hewlett streets, at West Roxbury, for the sum of \$3,101.35 and interest to March 25, 1898, amounting to \$273.95; owing to a mistake made by Mr. Luce's counsel in computing interest, that vote had to be rescinded, and a new vote passed making a settlement for the same amount (\$3,101.35) and interest to March 25, 1898, amounting to \$460.03.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

(3.) TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

14 Ashburton Place, May 2, 1898.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Education Department of the Twentieth Century Club has just held its closing meeting of the season, when reports of the winter's work were presented in detail, particularly that of the Committee on Free Lectures for the People.

By vote of this meeting, formal expression was made of the gratitude felt by the Education Department for the generous action of your committee in granting the use of the several school halls and the privilege of distributing tickets by the school children of these districts.

This vote has been placed upon the records of the meeting, and it is my pleasant duty to inform you of the same.

The co-operation of your Board has rendered possible a new work, which we believe to be of distinct value, and we desire to share with you the many and spontaneous expressions of grateful appreciation which these lectures have elicited. I am,

Very truly yours,

CHARLOTTE BARRELL WARE, Secretary.

Placed on file.

(4.) OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, May 10, 1898.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898, entitled "An Act Relative to the Support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston," which has now become a law, and I invite your careful attention to its provisions. In view of the time which has already elapsed since the beginning of the financial year, I desire to urge the importance of the speedy passage by your Committee of the school budget as provided by this act.

The necessity of keeping school expenses for the future strictly within the limits which have now been fixed by the Legislature is obvious, and I need not urge upon your Committee that its appropriation order should not only be framed so as to come within the limit for the present year, but on such a basis as to keep the school expenditures of next year and of subsequent years, with

their necessary increases, within the limits provided by this act.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations the resignations of two teachers were accepted; the appointments of ten temporary teachers were confirmed; four teachers were nominated on probation; the appointment of four permanent teachers was confirmed; and seven teachers were granted leave of absence.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School-houses, it was

Ordered: (1.) That there be paid to the City of Boston, for land in charge of the Water Department of said city, being part of the reservoir lot on Thomas Park and G street, South Boston, taken for school purposes, the sum of eight thousand sixteen (8,016) dollars.

(2.) That the order passed by this Board, January 4, 1897, that the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, a certain lot or parcel of land belonging to Hannah T. Bliss, situated in the Dorchester District of Boston, adjoining and lying on the northerly side of the Robinson-street School, northerly side of Field's Corner, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of said premises and running northerly along the easterly line of land, now or formerly of Charles M. Carter and Edward N. Capen, about 94 and 73-100 feet; then turning and running easterly along the southerly line of land of Jesse and Flora A. Moulton, about 194 and 89-100 feet; then turning and running southerly about 104 and 48-100 feet to the northerly line of said school-house lot; then turning and running westerly along the northerly line of said school-house lot about 195 and 44-100 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 19,433 square feet of land, more or less, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

(3.) That the order passed by this Board, January 4, 1897, that there be paid to William H. Hayes, the sum of twenty-six thousand three hundred and twelve (26,312) dollars, as payment for premises situated and numbered two and three on Howard place, premises situated and numbered seventeen on Elm street, nineteen on Elm street, and twenty-one on Elm street, in that part of Boston formerly Charlestown, purchased for school purposes, upon the said Hayes giving to the City of Boston a deed for said estates satisfactory to the Law Department, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

(4.) That the order passed by this Board, January 4, 1897, that there be paid to Thomas F. McManus the sum of nine thousand five hundred (9,500) dollars, as payment for premises situated and numbered twenty-three on Elm street, in that part of Boston formerly Charlestown, purchased for school purposes, upon the said McManus giving to the City of Boston a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

That Frederick B. Bogan be granted leave of absence during such time as he may be called upon for military service during the present war.

That the plans and specifications for a high school-house, East Boston, prepared by John Lyman Faxon, architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the said John Lyman Faxon is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School-houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications; provided the sum shall not exceed \$200,000; and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to make, under the authority conferred upon them by Chapter 210 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1898, such changes in the locations, dimensions, widths and grades of the highways shown on Section X 24 of the Board of Survey plans held by the Board of Survey in the City Surveyor's office in City Hall, January 3, 1894, as will maintain the lines of the old Gibson School lot upon School street, at the corner of Athelwold street, in their present position.

That the following-named architects be selected to prepare plans for the new school-houses set against their names:

Bacon & Hill, new primary school-house, Baker street.

Whitman & Hood, new primary school-house, Webster avenue.

William H. Besarick, new primary school-house, Thomas N. Hart District.

James Mulcahy, new primary school-house, Munroe street.

Perkins & Betton, new primary school-house, Forest Hills.

The following orders were also passed:

That an additional ungraded class be allowed in the Lyman District, making two in all.

That a session of the Mechanic Arts High School be held on Saturday, May 21, as a special public day, and that the school be closed on the following Friday, May 27.

That the principals of schools provided with flags be directed to have them displayed each school day, weather permitting, until further notice.

That the annual school festival be held on Saturday, July 2, 1898.

Adjournment was taken at 9.17 to 7.30 P.M., Tuesday, May 24.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on June 7, 1898, examination may be taken at Boston and other cities in the United States where the Commission has a competent Board of Examiners for lighthouse service. From the registers established as the result of this examination selections will be made for permanent appointments to the following-named positions: Engineer, assistant engineer, third assistant engineer, pilot, mate, second mate.

Attention is invited to the fact that persons certified to these positions must hold United States licenses for the districts to which they will be certified for appointment.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, May 16, 1898, Chairman Conry in the chair, and all the members present.

The following messages were received:

Removal of East Boston Court—Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 12, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature an order passed by your Board, acting as County Commissioners, removing the East Boston District Court, from and after May 9, from its present location to rooms in the old Austin School Building.

It does not seem to me proper to require the summary removal of this court, without consultation with its Judge, and without allowing any time for the proper preparation of the new rooms. I do not desire to pass finally upon the desirability of the proposed removal at the present time, as I have been unable to examine into the matter personally, but if the removal is desirable, sufficient time should clearly be allowed for the suitable preparation of the new rooms.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Electric Wire Poles, Deer Island—Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 12, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature the order passed by your Board granting a location to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for the erection of poles upon Deer Island, for the reason that an arrangement has been made between said company and the Penal Institutions Commissioner by which their wires on Deer Island are to be placed underground, instead of on poles. Pole locations are therefore unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The Board refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation on the part of the Board:

(1.) Reuben Peterson, to be Soldiers' Relief Commissioner, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

(2.) Charles E. Folsom, to be a member of the Board of Assessors, for the term ending April 30, 1900, to fill a vacancy.

(3.) Paul C. Brooks, Elijah D. Foss, James Needham, David Schapero, and John J. Walsh, to be Constables of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

(4.) Timothy Dunn, to be Superintendent of the South Hay Scales, for the term ending April 30, 1899, in place of Levi Chadbourne, resigned.

(5.) Frederick A. Worden, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the rule.

Sale of Marcella-Street Home.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 16, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have already recommended that authority be given by the City Council for the sale of the Marcella-street Home property when it is no longer needed for the Board of Trustees for Children, and I have also called attention to the urgent need of additional buildings at the Parental School, under the charge of this same Board. I now recommend the passage of the accompanying order authorizing such sale and making the proceeds thereof available for the purchase of land and the erection of buildings, either for the purpose of providing for children now sent to the Marcella-street Home or for those sent to the Parental School.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 16, 1898.

Ordered, That the Board of Trustees for Children be authorized, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to sell the estate on Marcella and Ritchie streets, now used for the Marcella-street Home, and that the proceeds of such sale be appropriated, to be expended by said Board subject to the approval of the Mayor, for the purchase of other land and the erection of buildings, to be used for receiving the children now committed to said Home, and also for the purpose of purchasing additional land and erecting additional buildings for the Parental School.

The message was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Acceptance of "Alley" Act.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 16, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a copy of Chapter 298 of the Acts of the current year, entitled "An Act Relative to Alleys in the City of Boston," and I recommend the speedy accept-

ance of this act, as it is important, in order to take full advantage of the coming summer season, that work under it should be started at once.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Chapter 298, Acts of 1898), An Act Relative to Alleys in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston may, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891 and acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, lay out and construct any alley or passageway in the City of Boston not exceeding twenty-five feet in width as a public alley, and the provisions of said chapter shall, so far as applicable, apply to the laying-out and construction of public alleys and the paying of the assessable cost thereof, as if they were laid out as highways, and any moneys applicable to the laying out and construction of highways under said act may be used for paying the expenses of laying out and constructing public alleys.

Sect. 2. Said city shall not be liable for any defect or want of repair in any public alley, nor be required to keep the same free from snow, but shall be required to keep the same free from any substance which is liable to cause sickness or a nuisance.

Sect. 3. Whoever drops or places and suffers to remain in any public alley, any snow or ice, or any rubbish or obstruction of any kind, shall be fined not exceeding \$50 for each offence.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City Council of the City of Boston. (Approved, April 8, 1898.)

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 16, 1898.

Ordered, That Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, entitled "An Act Relative to Alleys in the City of Boston," be and hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Sale of "William E. Russell" to United States Government.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 16, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Pursuant to authority voted by the City Council, the ferry-boat "William E. Russell" has been sold to the United States Government. A new boat to take her place should be provided for as soon as possible, and for that purpose I recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 16, 1898.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend the sum of \$71,000 for a new ferry-boat for the East Boston ferry, to take the place of the "William E. Russell," and that the sum to be received from the United States Government

for the above named vessel (\$71,000) be appropriated for the said purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Appropriation for Public Schools.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 16, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith, for your information, a copy of Chapter 400 of the Acts of the present year, entitled "An Act Relative to the Support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston," and in view of the provisions of this act I recommend the passage of the accompanying order rescinding the appropriations already made, as this appears to be the proper course to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Chapter 400, An Act Relative to the Support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The School Committee of the City of Boston shall forthwith after the passage of this act, and on or before the first day of March in each year thereafter, by vote of two-thirds of all its members, taken by yeas and nays, make appropriations for the support of the public schools of said city for the financial year, including repairs and alterations on school buildings. Such appropriations shall be made by items specifying the purposes for which the money is to be expended. Such appropriations which shall be included within the tax limit of said city for municipal purposes as now established by law, shall not exceed in the aggregate, upon each \$1,000 of the average valuation of the taxable property in said city as ascertained under the provisions of law limiting the rate of taxation in said city, the following sums for the periods specified, to wit: For the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of January in the year 1899, \$2.80; for the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of January in the year 1900, \$2.85; and for the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of January in the year 1901, and for each financial year thereafter, \$2.90; and any vote or appropriation requiring a larger assessment than as above specified shall be void; and said School Committee shall have no authority to incur any liability or make any expenditure in excess of such appropriations, anything in any statute to the contrary notwithstanding. Of the total amount authorized to be appropriated as aforesaid, an appropriation of which the several items shall amount to not less than twenty-five cents upon each \$1,000 of said average valuation, shall be expended only for such repairs and alterations upon school buildings as said School Committee shall order.

Sect. 2. The votes of said School Committee making such appropriations shall have the same force and effect as orders or votes of the City Council appropriating money, and shall be subject to the same provisions of law in respect to approval by the Mayor, except that a vote of three-fourths

of all the members of said School Committee, taken by yeas and nays, shall be necessary to pass any such appropriation over the veto of the Mayor.

Sect. 3. After an order or vote of said School Committee making an appropriation shall have gone into effect the aggregate amount so appropriated shall be certified by the School Committee to the Board of Assessors, and shall be included by said assessors in the amount to be raised by taxation in said city for such year.

Sect. 4. Any balance of an appropriation so made by said School Committee remaining unexpended at the close of any financial year, and not needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and any amount within the limit above defined for such year not appropriated by said committee, shall be added to the amount which said committee may appropriate, as herein authorized, for the financial year next ensuing.

Sect. 5. The proceeds of any sale of any school lands or buildings shall be held in the city treasury of said city and used only for the purchase of land or the construction of buildings for school purposes, but shall not be used without the approval of the Mayor in writing in each specific case. Such proceeds shall be expended in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 408 of the Acts of the year 1895, and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage. (Approved May 7, 1898.)

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 16, 1898.

Ordered, That the items in the annual appropriation order appropriating money for the support of the public schools, namely:

School Committee:

Alteration and repairs on school-building, to be expended by the Public Buildings Department, and temporary accommodations for school purposes	\$170,00
Other current expenses	2,300,000
	\$2,470,000

be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

Passed—Yeas, 11; nays, 0. Sent down.

Swimming-Pool on Common.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 16, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have recently been considering with the Bath Commission the feasibility and propriety of deepening the Frog Pond upon the Common, and converting it during the summer season into a swimming pool. It appears from the estimates which have been prepared that this pond could be deepened to a uniform depth of four feet, which would be suitable for the purpose proposed, at an expense of about \$3,500, and the necessary bath-house accommodation could be provided, by the temporary use of two polling-booths, for about \$1,000. The plan contemplates a bath-house projecting over the pond, so that bathers would enter and leave the water only under its shelter. It is

not proposed to allow them to enter or leave the water from any other point. The pool is intended to be used only by boys of school age during the daytime, though possibly by adults as well during the evening, and, of course, suitable bathing dresses would be required.

If it were thought necessary or advisable, a fence or screen could be provided extending entirely around the pond. According to estimates which have been prepared, a suitable canvas screen twelve feet in height, supported on ornamental iron posts, could be provided for \$1,800, and the cost of an ornamental, portable shingled fence, built in sections, of the same height, would be about the same. If there seemed to be a demand for it, as I think would be the case, instruction in swimming might be provided at this point during the summer season. As everything could be movable, the pond would be restored to its present condition early in the autumn.

The Bath Commission has by vote given its endorsement to this proposal to try the experiment of putting the Frog Pond to this new use, and after giving the matter considerable thought, I am fully prepared to recommend to the City Council that the requisite authority for trying this experiment be given. If such use of this pond proved in any way to be undesirable, it need not be continued; and in order to place the project strictly upon an experimental basis, it might be as well to confine the authority to the coming season.

The area of the Frog Pond is about 38,500 square feet, or about six-sevenths of an acre, and an opportunity for bathing and swimming for a large number of persons would, therefore, be afforded. The location is of course a very central one, and a very large population resides within an easy distance of it. The City Engineer estimates that it would cost over \$15,000 to build a new swimming pool of this area, and the cost of purchasing such an amount of land in any central location would doubtless be considered prohibitory.

If it is admitted that a large number of boys, and perhaps of adults, would gladly avail themselves of the privilege of bathing in this pond if it were afforded to them, as I believe would prove to be the case, it seems to me that the only question is whether the greatest good of the greatest number would be promoted by making this new use of property already owned by the city. Of course the success of the experiment would depend upon the manner in which the bathing was regulated and upon the maintenance of proper order, but I believe myself that this would be satisfactorily managed.

It may be suggested that the portion of the Common now used for a playground

would be a more suitable location for such a swimming pool, but aside from the very much greater expense of construction, I find that a pool of the same size could not be constructed there without occupying altogether too large a portion of the available space and unduly restricting the important use of this area for playground purposes. I, therefore, recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to deepen the Frog Pond upon the Common for the purpose of making the same available for a swimming pool; and that the Department of Baths be authorized to allow bathing in such swimming pool between June 20 and September 20 of the current year, under such rules and regulations as they shall prescribe with the approval of the Mayor, such rules to provide, among other things, that only boys shall be allowed to bathe in the pond during the daytime, that bathers shall enter and leave the water only under the shelter of a bath-house projecting over the pond, and that proper bathing dresses be worn; and for such purposes said Department is hereby authorized to erect any temporary structures, to be approved by the Mayor, adjacent to said pond, the same to be entirely removed by October 1 next (such structure to include a screen at least twelve feet high enclosing the pond).

Assigned to the next meeting.

Retaining Wall on Freeport Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 16, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Last year the sum of \$7,000 was appropriated for building a retaining wall along Freeport street, in the Dorchester District. The estimated expense of building the wall for the distance required to complete the work was \$17,000, and it has, therefore, only been possible within the amount appropriated to do a portion of the work. This portion is now about completed, and the remainder of the wall can be built more economically at the present time. The work is an important one, as it effects some widening of the street, which is an important thoroughfare. I, therefore, recommend the passage at the present time of the accompanying order appropriating the additional amount required for the completion of this work, so that it may continue without interruption.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 16, 1898.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars in completing the retaining wall on Freeport street, Ward 24; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer issue, at his discretion, and sell, either coupon bonds or registered certificates of the City of Boston for the sum of ten thousand dollars; said bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness to be payable at the office of the City Treasurer of Boston twenty years from their date, and to bear interest at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per centum per annum, payable semi-annually at such times as said Treasurer shall determine.

Ordered, That the premium obtained by the said City Treasurer in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates shall be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

The message was sent down.

The rule was suspended and the order was read a second time and passed, yeas 11, nays 0.

Sent down.

Message Concerning J. Thomas Baldwin.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 16, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

In connection with the appointment of Mr. J. Thomas Baldwin as a member of the Musical Commission, I think it proper in view of his prominent business connection in the past with a band which has furnished music to the city, to inform you, as appears by the communication transmitted herewith, that Mr. Baldwin has no further financial interest in, or connection with, the band with which he has formerly been associated. Of course, I should not have selected any person as a member of the Musical Commission who had had any financial interest which might be considered as tending to bias his official action.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Boston, May 7, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: Referring to our conversation a few days ago, as to whether I was in any way connected with the Boston Cadet Band, formerly Baldwin's Cadet Band, I would say that I have sold and conveyed all my right, title and interest in said band to George H. Rowell and Frank E. Partridge, and that I have no financial interest in said association. I would, however, say that there are a few engagements, ending June 29, taken by myself before selling out, that are yet to take place, where I promised to be present and conduct, which I must do, as agreed at the time of making such engagements; otherwise my connection with the band has entirely ceased.

Yours very respectfully,

J. THOMAS BALDWIN.

Placed on file.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

The following was approved May 9, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Council approves the proposal of the Bath Department to furnish, so far as possible, instruction in swimming to the scholars in the public schools during the summer vacation, and hereby requests the School Committee to give its endorsement to such proposal, and to co-operate, so far as it can properly do so, in the carrying out of such plan.

The following were approved May 10, 1898:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the New England Railroad Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Congress street, near A street, Ward 13, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied as a freight-house.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the New England Railroad Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on south-east side of Congress street, between A and B streets, Ward 13, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied as a freight-house.

The following were approved May 11, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds is hereby authorized to construct, with the approval of the Mayor, a swimming-pool and bath-house in Orchard Park, Ward 17, and to place the care and control of such pool and bath-house in the hands of the Bath Department; and the Bath Department is hereby authorized to allow the public use of such pool and bath-house, under such regulations as they shall deem proper and the Mayor shall approve.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to make contracts with any street railway company or companies operating street railway cars in the city, for the use of sprinkling cars or similar apparatus on their tracks, and in connection with such contracts to enter into such obligations or bonds for the proper protection of the parties thereto as the Mayor may approve.

The following were approved May 12, 1898:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to M. H. Cobe to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Lotus place, Ward 23, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with the application on file in the

Building Department; said building to be occupied as an ice-house.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to S. & D. W. Farquhar to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Mount Washington avenue, Ward 13, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for stable purposes; main building occupied for storage purposes.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Boylston Art Club to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building at 46 Boylston avenue, Ward 22, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied as a club room; main building for same purpose.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following was approved May 9, 1898:

Permit to Samuel W. Johnson to project two bay-windows from building 129-131 G street, corner Eighth street, Ward 15.

The following were approved May 11, 1898:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Blue Hill avenue, from a point where existing tracks end on said street, to the dividing line between Boston and Milton, with necessary curves, sidings, cross-overs, switches and connections as far as Walk Hill street, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated January 28, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The work of laying the said tracks as far as Walk Hill street to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the consent of the Board of Aldermen be hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company, to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in the City of Boston, by the overhead system, so-called, on Blue Hill avenue, from a point where existing system ends on said street to the dividing line between Boston and Milton.

And permission is hereby granted to the said West End Street Railway Company, to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The following were approved May 12, 1898:

Permit to Mary C. Kewer to project one bay-window from building 541 East Seventh street, Ward 15.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Hewes-Mayo Company, sign, at 637 Washington street, Ward 7.

William Doy, illuminated sign, at 32 Harrison avenue, Ward 7.

J. Perelmuto, V-shaped sign, at 65 Poplar street, Ward 8.

S. L. Lung Company, sign, at 28-30 Harrison avenue, Ward 7.

Spencer R. Riley, three barber poles, at 11 Camden street, Ward 12.

Small, Nesmith & Co., sign, at 96½ Summer street, Ward 7.

Joseph A. Turnbull, transparency, at 599 Main street, Ward 4.

S. Simons, sign, at 46 Charles street, Ward 11.

G. A. Deland, sign, 707 Dudley street, Ward 16.

License to the Jenney Manufacturing Company, to manufacture, refine, mix, store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at the works of said company on First street, South Boston,—and to store and keep for sale such oils or fluids, at 2 Central wharf.

Constables' bonds of the following-named persons: John F. Clark, John F. Harrigan, William H. Kenney and Forrest E. Starr.

Permit to George F. Campbell to use Fan-euil Hall on the evening of May 7, for a medical inspection and muster.

The following were approved May 12, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from five to twelve feet in width, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Thomas Welch, 322 West Third street, Ward 14, of brick.

Theo. F. Goodwin, 28-34 Wyman street, Ward 22, of brick.

Twenty-one Associates, 9-37 Poplar street, Ward 23, of brick.

Sarah W. Porter, 74 Centre street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Kate K. Amidon, 90-94 Centre street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Louis F. Abbott, 17 Westville street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Felix Smith, Wabeno street, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

Mary S. Anderson, 173-175 Hancock street, Ward 20, of gravel.

G. M. Glover, 102 Centre street, Ward 20, of gravel.

Robert McLeod, 5 Adelaide street, Ward 22, of gravel.

Robert McLeod, 20 Boylston street, Ward 22, of gravel.

John G. Hooper, 22 Boylston street, Ward 22, of gravel.

Mary S. Anderson, 114 Alban street, corner Welles avenue, Ward 24, of gravel.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Hortons & Hemenway, to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over the following streets:

Seven on the southerly side of Buckingham street, about seventy-five feet apart.

Three posts on the westerly side of Dartmouth street, about sixty feet apart, for use in construction of the new Back Bay Station, Ward 10.

Fitchburg Railroad Company, to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over the following streets, viz.:

One post on Water street, opposite store-house.

One post at the junction of Water and Foss streets, Ward 5, for use in constructing a new grain elevator.

John J. Coon & Co., to erect, maintain and use two guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, one at or near No. 943 Parker street, and one on Parker street, near New Heath street, and to stretch four guy-ropes from guy-posts on private lands over and across Bickford, Parker, Old Heath and New Heath streets, Wards 19 and 22.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance relating thereto, permits to move wooden buildings, as follows:

The John Cavanagh Building Moving Company, one pitch roof, seventy-five feet in length, by thirty-two feet in width, by thirty-four feet in height, from Crescent avenue, corner of Carson street, along said avenue 600 feet, to land of Michael Fryer, Ward 16.

The John Cavanagh Building Moving Company, one pitch roof, thirty-five feet in length, by fifteen feet in width, by eighteen feet in height, from location on Congress street, along said street about 1,000 feet, to a lot near B street, Ward 13.

T. J. Billings, one hip'roof, fifteen feet in length, by twelve feet in width, by twelve feet in height, from Dorchester avenue, near the corner of Park street, along about 400 feet to land on the east side of said avenue, Ward 24.

Ordered, That the West End Street Railway Company be hereby directed to remove their tracks from Lincoln street, from Beach street to Summer street, as said tracks are unused and are an obstruction to travel on said street.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The following were presented to the Mayor May 3, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Permit to Morris Salis, to project a pole on which to hang clothing, at 261 North street, Ward 6.

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered by this Board no license shall be required for the sale of newspapers by minors, and the provisions of Chapter 2 of the Revised Regulations of 1892 are hereby suspended, so far as the same relate to the selling of newspapers.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree located on Centre street, Ward 20, opposite Samoset street, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree located in front of the premises of Thomas Wilson, No. 69 Old Harbor street, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1898.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of April, 1898, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	528,912
Death rate for the month per 1,000 inhabitants	21.09
Death rate for corresponding month, 1897	24.94

Number of deaths:	
Males	492
Females	438
	930

Condition:	
Married	311
Single	472
Widows	91
Widowers	48
Unknown	8

Color:	
White	896
Colored	34

Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	164
Under 2 years	215
Under 5 years	253

Nativity:		
United States	573	
Ireland	198	
England	21	
Scotland	6	
Germany	16	
British America	51	
Italy	18	
Russia	16	
Other countries	19	
Unknown	12	

Parentage:		
United States	200	
Irish	331	
English	14	
Scotch	11	
German	19	
British American	46	
Italian	53	
Russian	23	
Other countries	72	
Mixed	59	
Unknown	102	

Still-births during the month	61	
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Causes of Death:

I. ZYMOTICS.

Alcoholism	10	
Carbuncle	1	
Cholera infantum	1	
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	17	
Diarrhoea	1	
Diphtheria	20	
Erysipelas	2	
Influenza	8	
Measles	2	
Purpura	1	
Pyæmia	1	
Rheumatism	1	
Scarlatina	3	
Syphilis (congenital)	3	
Septicæmia	3	
Typhoid fever	8	
Whooping cough	8	
	—	90

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	37	
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	19	
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	32	
Phthisis pulmonalis	119	
Other constitutional diseases	18	
	—	225

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	31	
Bright's disease	21	
Bronchitis	33	
Heart disease	89	
Meningitis	32	
Nephritis	19	
Pleurisy	2	
Pneumonia	111	
Other local diseases	148	
	—	486

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Cyanosis	5	
Inanition	6	
Old age	15	
Premature birth	16	
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	5	
Other developmental diseases	15	
	—	62

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	52	
Homicidal	1	
Suicidal	9	
Other violent causes	2	
	—	64
Unknown causes	3	
	—	3
Total from all causes	930	

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following list contains the titles of bills concerning the City of Boston, adversely reported upon by the various committees and sustained by the Legislature, together with the number of page of THE CITY RECORD on which the bills were previously noted or printed; also such bills as have been approved by the Governor.

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 H. B. 671, relative to Children in the City of Boston, p. 87.
 H. B. 678, that Quincy be Annexed to Boston, p. 123.
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- An Act relative to Records and Statistics of Births, Marriages and Deaths in the City of Boston, p. 242.

No Legislation Necessary.

REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON CITIES.

- H. B. 324, as to Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 80.
 H. B. 392, as to Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 82.
 H. B. 628, relative to Change of Plans of Board of Survey, p. 86.

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- H. B. 152, as to Leasing of Building by Boston Park Commission, p. 43.
 H. B. 306, to Provide that Tenement Houses in the City of Boston, over four stories high, shall be First Class Buildings, p. 80.

- H. B. 504, to Provide that Asbestos Mill Board may be used as a Fire-stop in the Floors of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 84.

- H. B. 553, relative to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 85.

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- H. B. 252, as to Registration of Voters, p. 61.
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- H. B. 424, relative to Taking the Vote upon the Question of Granting Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the City of Boston, p. 82.

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- H. B. 487, to Regulate the Price of Gas in the City of Boston, p. 83.

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- H. B. 604, relative to Inspectors in the City of Boston acting under the direction of the Board of Health, p. 86.

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- S. B. 93, relative to Malden Bridge, p. 121.
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- S. B. 11, for Providing a Temporary Presiding Officer for Boston Aldermen, p. 43.

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- H. B. 413, relative to Appointments in the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 82.

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON, IN PROGRESS OF PASSAGE, BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted, House.	Enacted, Senate.
1. S. B. 43, relative to the Holding of Caucuses, p. 77.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Mch. 10, 15. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	April 25. Am.	April 27. Am.	April 29. S.	May 2.	May 9.		
2. H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Cities. Jan. 14.	Jan. 21. Feb. 10, 17. Closed.	May 5. S. (B.)	May 6.	May 10. Am.					
3. H. B. 416, resolve to Provide for an Addition to the Normal Art School Building in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Education.	Feb. 17. Closed.	March 22. H. (B.)							
4. H. B. 505, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 84.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30	April 1. S.	May 9.	May 16.		
5. H. B. 753, relative to Ferries, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.						

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

City Hall, May 14, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Thursday, May 12, 1898, at 3 o'clock.

There were present: Messrs. Brackett, Atteaux, Morse and Hersey.

Mr. J. Albert Brackett was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Bills to the amount of \$1,432.15 were approved.

Mr. Frederick E. Atteaux presented his credentials of appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department for a term of five years, commencing May 1, 1898, and the Chairman declared Mr. Atteaux a duly appointed member of the Board.

It was voted that, in accordance with the request of His Honor the Mayor, for setting aside an additional lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery for the House of the Good Samaritan, that the request be granted, and that the Superintendent prepare a suitable additional lot, containing 1,200 square feet, for that purpose.

Voted, That the communication from the Boston Transit Commission, in regard to the drain in the Granary Burial Ground, be referred to Mr. Fallon, with full power to act thereon.

Voted, That authority be given the Superintendent of the Department to open the Longley tomb in the Granary Burial Ground; to give the Sons of the Revolution an opportunity to search for the remains of James Otis.

Voted, To increase the salary of A. M. Lydston, Custodian of Bunker Hill and Phipps-street Burial Grounds, to \$400 per annum.

Voted, That authority be given Mr. Lydston to have the iron fence at the Bunker Hill Burial Ground painted at an expense not exceeding \$25.

Voted, That the question of re-roofing and painting the house used by the Custodian in Copp's Hill Burial Ground be referred to Mr. Fallon, with full authority to act thereon.

A communication was received from E. W. Wilcox, Secretary of the British Charitable Society, asking for a concession from the regular price for putting the British Charitable lot, situated in Mt. Hope Cemetery, in perpetual care.

It was voted that the sense of the meeting was against the reduction of the established price for perpetual care, and the matter was referred to Mr. Atteaux, to report upon later.

Voted, That the Superintendent have authority to expend a sum not exceeding \$150, for the purpose of renovating the house and office furniture at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Voted, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be appropriated for putting in a proper sanitary condition the ladies' waiting-room situated on the grounds at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to purchase a second-hand watering-cart, at a price not exceeding \$100, for use in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

NELLIE V. NORTON, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street on May 12, 1898. All the members were present, Dr. Baldwin in the chair. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. Dr. Baldwin was elected Chairman for the ensuing year, and Dr. Knapp Secretary.

The monthly bills, amounting to \$2,762.73 for Austin Farm, and \$2,223.82 for Pierce Farm; the pay-rolls, amounting to \$2,189.40 for Austin Farm, and \$1,500 for Pierce Farm, were referred to the Committees on Supplies and Service, and the Chairman was authorized to sign drafts for the amounts. Bills for the insane in other hospitals, amounting to \$6,398.81, were presented, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for the amount.

Timothy J. McCarthy was promoted to be engineer at Pierce Farm.

The Committee on Supplies and the Committee on Service were directed to investigate and report at the next meeting a system for purchase and issuance of supplies.

The Committee on Rules were directed to prepare a plan by which the two institutions can be carried on under one responsible head.

Patients in hospital May 11, 1898:

AUSTIN FARM.			
	Males.	Females.	
In house	109	235	334
On visit	3	6	9
Total	112	241	343

PIERCE FARM.			
	Males.		
In house	171		
On visit	6		
Total	177		

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, May 6, 1898.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln, Prince and the Clerk of the Corporation.

The Corporation proceeded to the election of officers by ballot, and the Hon. F. O. Prince was elected President; Solomon Lincoln, Vice-President, and Herbert Putnam, Clerk, for the ensuing year.

Upon motion, the meeting was dissolved.

The regular weekly meeting was then held, all the Trustees being present.

The following communications were received: From the Mayor, relating to sanitary affairs at the Brighton Branch Library; from Patrick J. McCarthy, dated April 26; from William C. Curtis; the Auditor's monthly exhibit.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$352.25; to trust funds, \$266.80; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$14.28; to Station "P," \$4.16; miscellaneous expense, \$146.10.

The President was authorized to execute a power of attorney in behalf of the Corporation for the entry of all goods, wares and merchandise which may be imported by the Corporation.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, May 9, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held May 9, 1898:

The Board accepted an agreement from Willie Campbell to keep the golfing court, including the putting greens, teeing grounds and the meadow enclosed by the course in good order and neat and orderly condition, in consideration of the revenue derived from the sale of golf tickets and for the privilege of teaching the game at current rates for such service, for the season of 1898.

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Margaret J. McLaney for land taken for North End Playground for the sum of \$3,800 without interest, upon her giving a deed or release of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department.

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of David Flynn for land taken for North End Playground, for the sum of \$8,000 without interest, upon his giving a deed or release of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following abstracts are taken from the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, May 9, 1898.

Sewers were ordered built in Norfolk and Allston streets, and a catch-basin in Centre street.

It was voted to agree with William F. Macy, upon the sum of \$9,500, and the taxes for the year 1897, as payment for his estate taken for the purposes of the City Hospital; his agreement to accept same having been approved by the Mayor.

A petition was received from M. H. Stone, that catch-basins may be built in Harold and Hollander streets.

Tuesday, May 10.

It was voted to give a hearing in the matter of changing directions, locations, widths and grades of streets shown on plans W 21, 20, 22, 24 of the Board of Survey Plat 5, in Room 25, Old Court House, Friday, May 20, at 3 o'clock.

Friday, May 13.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out and constructing Spencer street, at Dorchester, between Park and Athelwold streets; in the matter of laying-out and constructing an extension of Millet street, at Dorchester, from Park to Athelwold street; and in the matter of laying-out Spencer street, at West Roxbury, from South street.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out and construct Ogen (Orange) street, West Roxbury, from Beech street to Belgrade avenue; hearings May 27, at 11 o'clock; and of its intention to take land for a sewer and a surface drain from Adams street; hearings May 29, at 11 o'clock.

Two catch-basins were ordered built in Perkins street and one in Pond street.

A petition was received from H. Nissen and others, that Newburg street may be laid out at West Roxbury.

Petitions were received for sewers in Malvern, Blackwell and Bullard streets and in Homes avenue.

It was voted to pay Hezekiah G. Chase, executor, \$166 for all land taken from, and for all damages occasioned to his estate on Boston street by the laying-out of Columbia road; his agreement to accept the same having been approved by the Mayor.

Public hearings were given in the matter of the changes of lines, etc., of streets shown on Plans X 17, Board of Survey Plat 5; Plans X 99, 100, Board of Survey Plats 3 and 6; Plans 21, 22, Board of Survey Plat 2.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Awards of Contracts.

Boston Transit Commission.

20 Beacon Street, May 16, 1898.

The following bids have been received and contracts awarded by this Commission:

April 23 — Wood finish, Haymarket-square station:

J. Y. Mainland	\$675 00
Estate J. A. Robertson	647 67

The contract was awarded to estate J. A. Robertson.

April 30 — Granolithic platforms, Scollay and Adams squares stations:

Aberthaw Construction Company	\$4,546 80
Manhattan Concrete Company	3,817 20
Simpson Brothers Corporation	3,591 70
W. A. Murtfeldt Company	3,534 80

The contract was awarded to W. A. Murtfeldt Company.

May 12 — Building a draw span and two spans of steel superstructure for Charlestown bridge:

	A	Cts. B		
		per lb.		
		equals	Total.	Grand Total.
New Jersey Steel and Iron Company	\$67,000	2.35	\$23,287 30	\$90,287 30
Carnegie Steel Company (Limited)	65,574	2.28	22,566 97	88,140 97
Pittsburg Bridge Company	63,110	2.37	23,385 98	86,495 98
Groton Bridge Manufacturing Company	63,000	2.35	23,188 62	86,188 62
Youngstown Bridge Company	62,000	2.25	22,201 88	84,201 88
Boston Bridge Works	60,465	2.35	23,188 63	88,653 63
A. & P. Roberts Company	62,389	2.08	20,524 40	82,913 40
King Bridge Company	58,080	2.28	22,497 90	80,577 90
Edge Moor Bridge Works	55,333	2.46	24,274 05	79,607 05
Pennsylvania Steel Company	57,190	2.14	21,116 45	78,306 45

The contract was awarded to the Pennsylvania Steel Company.

May 14 — For erecting a two-story building over the subway stairway at the corner of Court and Brattle streets:

W. A. & H. A. Root	\$13,400
J. S. Jacobs & Son	12,974
Norcross Brothers	8,900

The contract was awarded to Norcross Brothers.

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

Craigie Bridge — Rebuilding Sidewalk and Fence.

The Commissioners of Boston and Cambridge bridges opened bids May 10 for rebuilding sidewalks and fence and paving roadway on the north side of Craigie bridge, Cambridge end, as follows:

J. O'Hara, \$3,866; W. L. Miller, \$3,688.50; William H. Ryan, \$3,389.40; Augustus Belleue, \$3,310.70; M. H. Keyes & Co., \$3,178.90; Joseph Ross, \$2,958.50; Benj. Young, \$2,952.50; M. H. Ellis & Co., \$2,582.

The contract was awarded to M. H. Ellis & Co.

Street Department.

Proposals for building the following-named sewers and drains have been opened, and contracts awarded on same by the Superintendent of Streets, viz.:

Sewer in Astor street, Roxbury:

Bidder.	Totals.
P. H. Connolly	\$2,695 10
J. P. O'Connell	3,767 57
D. E. Lynch	4,275 70
W. J. Fitzgerald	4,690 85
Michael Russo	4,701 05
Collins & Ham	4,781 53
James McGraw & Co.	4,838 55
P. & F. E. McCarthy	5,319 50

The contract was awarded to J. P. O'Connell.

Sewers and drains in Carlos street, Dorchester:

Bidder.	Totals.
Flynn & Brophy	\$663 10
P. H. Connolly	667 67
P. & F. E. McCarthy	693 80
James Dolan	700 62
A. E. Stewart	737 45
D. M. Dwyer	753 22
P. F. Denehy	796 97
J. P. O'Connell	814 20
F. A. Snow	821 30
James McGraw & Co.	976 05
D. E. Lynch	977 35
P. O'Hara & Co.	1,163 20

The contract was awarded to Flynn & Brophy.

Sewer in Norfolk street, Dorchester:

Bidder.	Totals.
James McGraw & Co.	\$508 25
D. M. Dwyer	566 50
A. E. Stewart	633 60
P. F. Denehy	637 25
J. P. O'Connell	680 00
P. & F. E. McCarthy	847 50
D. E. Lynch	901 55

The contract was awarded to James McGraw & Company.

Sewer in Woodlawn street, West Roxbury:

Bidder.	Totals.
Thomas Minton	\$1,043 55
James McGraw & Co.	1,264 75
P. O'Hara & Co.	1,332 30
James Dolan	1,339 30
P. J. O'Connell	1,487 50
P. & F. E. McCarthy	1,540 85
D. E. Lynch	1,822 80

The contract was awarded to Thomas Minton.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, May 9, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending May 7, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.							
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.		
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.								
1...	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	5	3		
2...	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	5	2		
3...	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1		
4...	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	4	-		
5...	-	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	6		
6...	1	6	-	2	1	-	7	1	4	21		
7...	-	3	-	2	-	-	7	4	10	35		
8...	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	13	20		
9...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	11		
10...	-	1	-	-	6	-	2	-	1	15		
11...	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	5	16		
12...	-	2	-	-	1	-	3	-	3	11		
13...	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-		
14...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	5		
15...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2		
16...	2	6	-	-	-	3	5	1	3	5		
17...	1	2	3	-	1	-	2	-	2	14		
18...	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	13		
19...	4	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	7		
20...	-	2	-	2	-	2	2	2	14	46		
21...	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	8	16		
22...	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	6		
23...	2	1	2	-	-	2	-	1	8	11		
24...	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	3	3	22		
25...	2	3	2	-	-	1	2	-	9	12		
T'ls..	16	45	11	8	10	18	43	14	119	300		

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, May 16, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending May 14, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	142
Number of discharges of mortgages	26
Number of assignments of mortgages	6
Number of assignments of wages	37
Number of married women's certificates	9
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of ship liens	4
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	9
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	5

An accident notice was filed May 10, 1898, by Ida M. Ringold, for personal injuries received from an alleged defect in Washington street, near Nos. 1146-1148, on April 17, 1898.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Street Department.

Proposals for furnishing the Street Department with bank gravel and sand from May 16, 1898, to February 1, 1899, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Friday, May 6, and the following awards have been made:

South Boston, F. J. Hannon; East Boston, L. F. Leary; Charlestown, P. O'Riordan; Dorchester, Frank McGovern; Roxbury, H. P. Nawn; city proper, District No. 8, William Gilligan; city proper, District No. 9, William Gilligan; city proper, District No. 10, P. O'Riordan; West Roxbury, John A. Whittemore's Sons; Brighton, Neill McBride.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, May 9, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work done by this Department for the month ending April 30, 1898:

OVERHEAD, DEAD WIRE AND INTERIOR DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	2,813
Defects reported	309
Defects found corrected during month	320
Notices of new work received	529
Dead wire removed (feet)	78,300
Fixtures removed	25

Inspections have been made of the temporary wiring at the various theatres, and certain changes were requested to be made in the interests of safety.

Six second-alarm and one third-alarm fires have been responded to.

Certain fires, due to electrical causes, have been investigated, and the causes of same investigated.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals of permits for street openings have been granted, as follows:

Conduit construction	23
Building connections	84
Lamp connections	14
Pole connections	7
Repairs	7

Inspections by this Division have been made, as follows:

Conduit construction	75
Building connections	68
Lamp connections	18
Repairs	26
Cable drawings	76
Installations of underground transformers,	4
Negatives of overhead construction taken,	4

Pole locations of the Boston Electric Light Company, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and Brookline Gas Light Company have been examined.

Progress of work—5,120 feet of conduit completed, 18,854 feet of duct laid, 16 man-holes built, 37 service connections made, 14,000 feet of cable drawn in.

THOS. W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending May 14, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.6
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	26.9
Number of deaths:	
Males	97
Females	103
Total	200
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	268
Decrease	68

Of the 200 decedents, 195 were white and 5 colored; 125 were born in the United States, 71 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 unknown; 43 were of American parentage, 135 of foreign parentage, and 22 were of unknown parentage.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	32	5
Scarlatina	22	0
Typhoid fever	8	1
Measles	99	1
Totals	161	7

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	23
Pneumonia	23
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	18
Bronchitis	11
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	15

Total from principal causes	97
Total from infectious diseases	7
Total from other causes	96
Total from all causes	200

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Boston, May 12, 1898.

The undersigned respectfully petitions your Honorable Board to give us permission to erect four poles on East First street, between Congress street extension and our factory, corner of O street, for the purpose of supporting our private telephone line running between our Oliver street store, storehouse on Congress street, and our factory on East First street.

This is made necessary on account of changes being made on the old Harrison Loring property.

If this petition is granted we shall erect proper hard pine poles to conform to those along Congress street, and to be located according to plan which we send here-with.

Yours very respectfully,
Walworth Manufacturing Company,
Per G. H. GRAVES, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 16, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-third day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the South Boston News, Boston Journal, and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Boston, May 13, 1898.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for building abutments at A street, South Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston, Mass. A bond satisfactory to the City Engineer in the sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal and leave it at said office before 12 M., of May 25, 1898, with a certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston. This check is to be the property of the city if the Contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

WILLIAM JACKSON,
City Engineer of the City of Boston.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Your petitioners respectfully represent that they are the Directors of the Boston and Winthrop Street Railway Company, which has complied with the provisions of Chapter 113 of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts, preliminary to the establishment of a corporation, and that they have caused a copy of the articles of association to be published as required by Section 6 of said chapter, and as such Directors they pray for the following locations in the City of Boston, namely: Beginning at the point in Saratoga street, in said City of Boston, on the south-easterly side of the tracks of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company, and thence running on Saratoga street to the bridge running from Saratoga street to Main street in the town of Winthrop, and thence running on said bridge to the division line between the said City of Boston and the town of Winthrop; and they pray the said company may locate, lay and maintain its tracks, with such turn-outs, switches and connections as may be needed upon said location, and may erect and maintain the necessary poles, wires and other fixtures along said location, for the purpose of operating a street railway so located, to be operated by electricity by the single overhead trolley system, so-called; the desired location of said tracks, turn-outs, switches, poles, etc., are shown on the plan filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

ZEBULON G. WOOD,
FRANK S. CLAWSON,
B. FRANKLIN WOOD,
SIMON J. DONOVAN,
PETER MORRISON,
SIDNEY CUSHING,
CHARLES R. MORSE.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 2, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-third day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, THE CITY RECORD and Boston Record.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CLERK OF COMMITTEES' DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, May 19, 1898.

The Joint Standing Committee on Building Department will give a public hearing in the Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Thursday, May 26, 1898, at 3 o'clock P.M., on the question of extending the present building limits of the City of Boston. All parties interested in the subject are requested to be prepared to appear before the Committee at that time, as there will be no postponement of the hearing.

WILLIAM H. LOTT, Chairman.

TO TAXPAYERS.

ASSESSORS' OFFICE.

City Hall, May 1, 1898.

Your attention is called to our circular (now being distributed throughout the city) relative to making returns on property subject to taxation as early as possible, before June 15, at two o'clock P.M.

Per order of the Board of Assessors,

FRANK A. DREW, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 16, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Columbus avenue, south-west corner West Walnut park, Ward 22, seven bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over Columbus avenue. Dimensions: Eighteen feet high, 9 feet wide and 3 feet over line of street.

CHRISTOPHER J. SPENCELEY,
120 Tremont street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 16, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Tuesday, the thirty-first day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, May 16, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,704 linear feet of sewer work in Waterlow street and outlet in Harvard street, Ward 20, Dorchester, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, May 23, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$200, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, May 16, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,035 linear feet of sewer work in Sherwood street, between Garden and Ashland streets, West Roxbury, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, May 23, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, May 12, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 3,374 linear feet of sewer work in Chiswick road, between Chestnut Hill and Englewood avenues, and in Commonwealth avenue, between Strathmore and Chiswick roads, Brighton, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, May 19, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the Contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, May 12, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 642 linear feet of sewer work in Belvidere street, between Dalton and West Newton streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Thursday, May 19, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the Contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, May 13, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25, in the Old Court House, at 3 o'clock P.M., on Friday, May 20, 1898, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plans numbered X 20, 21, 22, 24, made by the Board of Survey, and filed January 3, 1894, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall; said territory is in that part of Boston formerly Dorchester, and is bounded, approximately, by Geneva avenue, Bournside street, Melville and Wheatland avenues, New England Railroad and Harvard street.

JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
GEORGE H. INNIS,
Street Commissioners.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 13, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the private way at West Roxbury called Orange street, from Beech street to Cornell street, be laid out as a highway with the name of Ogden street, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-seventh day of May, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 13, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that a sewer and a surface drain be constructed in private lands, at Dorchester, between Adams street and the Milton branch of the Old Colony Railroad, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-seventh day of May, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CLERK OF COMMITTEES' DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, May 16, 1898.

The Committee on Ordinances will give a hearing in the Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Friday, May 20, 1898, at 4.30 o'clock P.M., to all persons interested in the question of providing a path for bicycle riders across Boston Common, from the corner of Charles and Boylston streets to the corner of Park and Tremont streets.

SALEM D. CHARLES, Chairman.



THE CITY RECORD.

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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filed in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The Board of Aldermen, at their meeting on Monday, May 23, confirmed the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor:

Reuben Peterson, to be Soldiers' Relief Commissioner, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Timothy Dunn, to be Superintendent of the South Scales, for the term ending April 30, 1899, in place of Levi Chadbourne, resigned.

Paul C. Brooks, Elijah D. Foss, James Needham, David Schapero and John J. Walsh, to be constables, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Frederick A. Worden, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

ORGANIZATION OF THE MUSICAL COMMISSION.

The Musical Commission organized on Saturday, May 21, 1898, by the choice of Carl Zerrahn as Chairman, John A. O'Shea, jr., Vice-Chairman, and J. Thomas Baldwin, Secretary. Mr. E. N. Catlin was chosen to be the leader of the municipal band, which is to give the summer concerts during the

coming season. Offices have been assigned to the Commission in the building No. 64 Pemberton square, which has been leased by the city. The Commission will proceed at once to choose members to play in the band to be formed for the purpose of giving the summer concerts.

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Penal Institutions Commissioner for the year ending January 31, 1898, constituting "Document 26," has recently been issued. With regard to the Commissioner's report upon the institutions under the charge of the Department, the following is a summary:

HOUSE OF CORRECTION, DEER ISLAND.

This institution is in a very satisfactory condition, and, compared with similar institutions, is a model of neatness and order. Several long-existing features have been abolished, and new ones introduced, among which has been the appointment of a regular visiting day of friends of prisoners, instead of the old custom of daily visits. The electric-lighting service has been extended, and still further extension is contemplated.

With but little expense to the city a large and serviceable library, for the benefit of inmates, has been established, made needful by the restrictions with regard to the employment of inmates. In connection with the library a reading and assembly room for officers and matrons has been provided.

The prison hospital is regarded as superior to any of its class. Several changes are to be made as a result of an investigation of the fire which destroyed one of the wards in December last, and negotiations have been reopened with the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission looking towards the building of a reservoir on the high land of the island.

The discipline of the institution has been excellent. The number of inmates punished during the year for breaches of discipline was 606, against 969 in 1895 and 634 in 1896. The number of days spent in solitary confinement was 1,786, against 2,907 in 1895 and 1,851 in 1896. This reduction in punishments has occurred with an increase of population. Not a single machine in either House of Correction has been purposely broken by an inmate during the year.

The Commissioner recommends that an appropriation be made for the repair of the institution wharves at Deer Island.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION, SOUTH BOSTON.

This institution, erected some sixty years ago, is ill-adapted to the purposes for which it is used. The buildings are unsanitary, and not in accordance with the modern ideas of the treatment of criminals.

No changes, other than those which resulted in better care of the convicts, have been made in accommodations owing to the probability of the discontinuance of the use of the buildings for a prison.

A school for illiterates, with excellent results, has been established, and last summer, with the co-operation of Colonel Woodruff, Commander of the Garrison at Fort Warren, physical training was introduced. On all sides approval of this has been received, and the exercise will be continued. As in the Deer Island house, the discipline has been excellent throughout the year. New rules for both houses have been adopted, and are assisting in the discipline very materially.

LABOR IN PRISON.

Arrangements are now in progress to accomplish the changes made necessary by the new laws relating to prison labor.

Efforts are now being directed by the Department to make the character of the work of such a kind as would be serviceable to the men in making them useful to themselves and to the community when they leave the institutions. Of 11,736 commitments to both institutions, 1,607 could neither read nor write. To abolish this illiteracy is the first step in prison reform.

Of the inmates of the prisons, about 60 per cent. have no occupation except that of an unskilled laborer. It is the desire of the Department to take from this class the ones that are likely to be benefited, and give them instruction in some of the mechanical trades.

DRUNKENNESS.

Of the 10,954 persons committed to the Deer Island institution, 8,437 were sentenced for drunkenness. By many confinement at Deer Island is looked upon, not as a punishment, but as a diversion and rest from toil. This class gladly exchange liberty to be free from the care of self-maintenance. In many instances the culprit has a family dependent upon him, and, deprived of the one who should support them, they apply in many cases, to the Overseers of the Poor for relief. An investigation of the treatment of drunkenness by other States and countries, has shown, that, with slight modifications, the punishment by fine and imprisonment is universally applied throughout the world.

The penalty does not prove deterrent always, and the treatment of these offenders

might be regulated by the number of admissions. If the serving of one sentence was not sufficient to deter one from being again committed, let him feel the rigor of succeeding commitments, until the hardship of imprisonment is sufficient to overcome the willingness to undergo confinement.

AID FOR DISCHARGED PRISONERS.

One of the important duties of the Department is in the aid of those released from the institutions. It seems wise to foster this work, as the expense is saved to the city many times over. Since the institution of the system there have been assisted 2,793 persons, at a cost of \$480.66.

The number of prisoners released on probation by permit of the Commissioner during the year has been 2,700.

The boats connecting with the islands of the harbor are in good condition generally, and have performed excellent service in connection with the various excursions of sick children during the summer months.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN LONDON.

The London County Council began seriously to deal with the question of the supply of technical instruction in 1892, under the Technical Instruction Acts of 1889 and 1891.

By subsequent action, all the powers conferred by the above-mentioned Acts were delegated to a committee called the Technical Education Board of the London County Council, consisting of thirty-five members, of whom twenty were members of the Council, the other fifteen representing various educational organizations of the city, including the London School Board. Mr. Sidney Webb, of the County Council, who is well known in Boston, has been the chairman of the London Technical Education Board from the beginning of its existence.

Under the Technical Instruction Acts, power was granted the London County Council to supply or aid the supply of technical or manual instruction in schools and other institutions which are within its district or in outside districts accessible to London students. No aid is given to any school that is conducted for private profit, and every institution receiving aid must be open to all shades of religious opinion.

The total amount available for the Board's work during the present year is £150,000, and the Board is regarded as approaching the full development of its work.

From the commencement, the policy of the Board has been that of maintaining and developing the work of existing institutions in London, rather than that of creating new institutions. The most important of all the educational institutions which provide technical education are the polytechnics. To the development of this work the Board has devoted much time and has provided the greatest possible facilities.

In all there are eleven Polytechnic Institutions in London, with several others contemplated. The cost of maintenance is estimated at £120,000, part of which is contributed by the Technical Education Board and part by various societies and commissions. The number of students who attend these institutions is about 45,000. These students are provided with instruction in all the ordinary branches of science and art, and in the engineering, building and chemical trades.

In addition to the educational classes, most of the polytechnics provide social and recreative facilities for students and members.

Provision is made for the various trades, and practical instruction is given in brick-laying and brick-cutting, carpentry and joinery, plumbing, painters' and decorators' work, electrical engineering, furniture and carriage building, metal work, book-binding and wood-engraving. In some of the polytechnics special classes are organized in leather manufacture, and at the Northampton Institute particular attention is given to cycle construction.

The special needs of the different districts are thus met by these institutions, and much of the work is not only of a practical, but also of a highly advanced and delicate type.

The educational work of the polytechnics is further supplemented by special technical schools, which are devoted entirely to the teaching of one special branch of industry. These schools are maintained by the Board.

During the past year the Board has taken an important step by opening a Central School of Arts and Crafts, directly under its control. No teaching is given in this school which does not bear directly upon the actual work of the student, and admission is confined to those who are engaged in some specific industry. Special provision is made for goldsmiths and silversmiths. The school was opened in November, 1896, and in March, 1897, there were 177 students in attendance.

In addition to the above School of Arts and Crafts, each of the eleven polytechnics has an Art School where special attention is given to the technical side of art. The Board also renders aid to eleven other schools in the City of London where instruction in art is provided both day and evening.

Provision has been made by the Board for instruction in domestic economy. To meet the requirements of young women and girls at work during the day, the Board appointed a staff of lecturers in the various branches of domestic economy, whose services were offered to any local committee willing to organize a class and undertake the local arrangements. During the winter of 1896-97, courses of instruction were given by these teachers in 105 centres in various parts

of London. The subjects of instruction included practical cookery, dressmaking, laundry-work, domestic hygiene, sick nursing, etc. The Board has also established a training-school for teachers of domestic economy.

The scholarship system of the Board is a very important feature of its work, and consists of three grades, as follows:

1. Junior county scholarship, commencing with children leaving the elementary schools after passing a certain standard. There are awarded 600 of these scholarships every year, which includes free education at secondary schools, together with money payments in lieu of the wages which might otherwise be earned by the scholars. The total number of candidates last year was 3,725 boys and girls, of which 1,801 passed and 600 scholarships were awarded.

2. Intermediate county scholarships, which are open to boys and girls under sixteen years of age, who come from any secondary school. In 1896, 872 candidates entered for examination, and the Board awarded seventy scholarships, thirty of which were obtained in open competition by junior county scholars.

3. Senior county scholarships, which give free tuition at a college or institute. The Board last year awarded five of these scholarships.

In addition to the above, 405 scholarships were awarded in 1896, enabling girls to take a five months' course in cookery, dress-making and laundry-work.

A feature of the Board's work during the year has been the courses of lectures upon commercial subjects, provided by the London Chamber of Commerce and other public bodies, for the benefit of bank and railway clerks and municipal officers.

CONVENTION OF LEAGUE OF AMERICAN MUNICIPALITIES.

The Convention of the League of American Municipalities will be held in the City of Detroit, August 1-4, inclusive.

The Executive Committee has formulated the programme for the Convention, in which are included, besides addresses of welcome by the Governor of Michigan and the Mayor of Detroit and the reports of the officers of the League, general discussions on seven of the most important subjects involved in municipal government. They are as follows:

1. Garbage Disposal.
2. The Civil Service.
3. Boards, single-headed Commissions or Council Committees.
4. Regulation of Saloons.
5. Remuneration to Cities for Franchise Rights in, over and under Public Streets and Alleys.
6. Municipal Ownership of Public Service Industries.
7. Public Water Supplies.

DIFFERENTIAL RATES.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has recently rendered its decision in the case of the New York Produce Exchange versus the Joint Traffic Association, representing the various railroad companies engaged in the interstate transportation of freight to New York and other points upon the Atlantic seaboard.

The complaint made by the Produce Exchange, on behalf of New York City, alleged that differentials allowed by the defendant carriers on grain, flour and provisions from Chicago and other Western points, of two cents to Philadelphia and three cents to Baltimore below the rates to New York were unlawful under the Act to Regulate Commerce.

As Boston is allowed the same differential rates on freight destined for export as New York, the effect upon the commercial interests at this port would at once be manifest if the lower differential granted to Philadelphia and Baltimore were allowed New York. Boston's interests were represented at the hearing before the Commission by the Boston Chamber of Commerce, through its committee and counsel.

In the decision of the Commission it is held "that the differentials are legitimately based upon the competitive relations of the carriers; that it does not appear upon the present record that the carriers have exceeded the limit within which they are free to determine for themselves, and, accordingly, that the differentials complained of do not result in unlawful preference or advantage to Philadelphia or Baltimore over the City of New York."

While the controversy was really between the cities of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, the commercial interests of Boston would have been seriously affected to the detriment of the export business of the port, had the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission been favorable to the complainants.

Although New York did not ask to be allowed a differential upon export traffic as against Boston, were the same rate to Philadelphia or Baltimore granted to New York, the result would be to divert a considerable portion of the export traffic of the Port of Boston to the Port of New York.

DEATH OF JAMES M. ELLIS.

James M. Ellis, a foreman in the Street Cleaning Division of the Street Department, was killed by an Italian in an alley adjoining Pitts street, on Monday, May 23, 1898, while protesting against the littering of the street with refuse.

Special Notices.**POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

The following orders were promulgated by the Board of Police on May 19 and May 20, respectively:

General Order No. 513.

I. The following-named reserve men are hereby appointed patrolmen, and assigned to the several divisions where now on duty:

Thomas H. Galligan, Division 4; Arthur H. Barker, Division 15; Daniel W. McCarthy, Division 16; William J. Flynn, Division 7; Thomas G. Hooper, Division 9; Wilson Cordiner, Division 2.

They will report at headquarters at 9.30 o'clock A.M., Friday, 20th instant, to be sworn.

II. The pay of reserve men, commencing Friday, May 20, current, shall be as follows:

For the first year, at the rate of \$2 per day; for the second year, at the rate of \$2.25 per day; and for the third year and after, at the rate of \$2.50 per day.

General Order No. 514.

The following-named persons are hereby appointed reserve police officers of the City of Boston, under the provisions of Chapter 177 of the Acts of 1887, and temporarily assigned for duty as follows:

John M. F. Little, Division 1; James A. Morgan, Division 1; John F. Peers, Division 3; Michael J. Trainor, Division 3; Michael J. Hartnett, Division 4; John Lane, Division 4.

The Superintendent of Police has issued the following notice:

To the occupants of houses or suites who intend to leave them unoccupied for any portion of the coming summer season:

NOTICE.

Back doors should be bolted and barred. The bars should be fastened with screws or bolts to the bar support.

Windows, particularly those which can be easily reached and which are not in sight from the street, should be covered with shutters or fastened with screws to the woodwork or through both frames.

Gates should be securely fastened. Where the height of the fence prevents the back door and yard being seen from the street, a hole should be cut in the back gate to allow the patrolman to inspect the premises.

Skylights both on ells and main roofs should be secured with bars or bolts or both.

Such defences take time to overcome and are generally sufficient to discourage thieves.

Do not leave silverware, jewelry, valuable clothing, pictures and small articles of value.

Occupants of hotel and apartment house suites should never hang a card on their door or on the speaking tube directing where mail should be forwarded, or in any other way advertise the fact that the occupant is away from home either temporarily or permanently. Apartment house thieves rarely attempt to enter apartments unless thus advised by the occupants that the suite is vacant.

Notify any police officer, or the police station near your house, or police headquarters by telephone, "207 Haymarket," of your intention of leaving your house unoccupied, and your intended address.

BENJAMIN P. ELDRIDGE,

Superintendent of Police.

Boston, May 20.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on June 7, 1898, examinations may be taken at any city in the United States, including Boston, where the Commission has a competent Board of Examiners, for the following-named positions: Grade of acting assistant surgeon in the Marine Hospital service, Treasury Department. There is at present a vacancy in this grade at Chicago, Ill., at a salary of \$100 per month, which it is desired to fill. In filling this vacancy preference will be given to eligibles who are legal residents of Chicago or vicinity. From this register future vacancies will be filled by selections from eligibles who are legal residents of the cities or vicinity where vacancies occur.

Applicants for this position must be at least twenty years of age, and must be competent physicians and surgeons and graduates of reputable medical colleges.

For grade of assistant curator, Division of Mammals, United States National Museum, Smithsonian Institution. There is at present a vacancy in this grade, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum, which it is desired to fill.

For grade of sloyd teacher in the Indian service. There is at present a vacancy in this position at the Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kan., which it is desired to fill.

For grade of square letter engraver. There is a vacancy in this grade, in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Treasury Department, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum, which it is desired to fill.

No educational test will be given applicants, but ratings will be determined by the character and degree of excellence of the samples of engraving submitted. Special forms for statements and vouchers will be furnished applicants.

On June 15, 1898, for the grade of cadet in the revenue cutter service, Treasury Department. The salary of a cadet is \$500 per annum and one ration per day.

Under the regulations of the Treasury Department applicants must be not less than eighteen years of age nor more than twenty-five, of vigorous constitution, physically sound and well-formed, not less than five feet three inches in height, of good moral character, and unmarried.

Persons desiring to enter these examinations should at once write to the Board of Civil Service Examiners, in the Post Office Building, this city, for application blanks, Forms 304 and special forms, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D.C.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 1 P.M., on Tuesday, May 24, 1898, Chairman Conry presiding. Absent, Aldermen Dyar, Norton and Paige.

The Clerk read the call, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 23, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, May 24, 1898, at 1 P.M., for the purpose of considering and acting upon a communication relative to the transfer of additional land at Deer Island to the United States Government, for use for military purposes, and of acting upon such other matters as may properly come before your body.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The following was received:

Site on Deer Island for Batteries.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 24, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a letter which I have just received from Lieutenant-Colonel Mansfield, in charge of the United States Corps of Engineers, stationed in Boston. In view of the fact that the city has already conveyed about twenty-three acres on Deer Island to the United States, without compensation, I hardly feel that it can fairly be asked to donate any additional land, and while I believe that the first consideration should be given to the requirements of a proper system of harbor defence, the loss of the additional land requested would be such a serious one in its effect upon the Deer Island House of Industry, that I feel that nothing short of absolute military necessity should induce the city to part with it.

I commend the subject to the earnest and early consideration of the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE.

Boston, Mass., May 23, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I am instructed by the War Department, in an endorsement dated May 28, 1898, upon a letter of the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, addressed to the Hon. Secretary of War, May 16, 1898, to communicate with you relative to the acquisition by the United States, either by gift or purchase, of a portion of Deer

Island in Boston Harbor, upon which it is desired to commence works of fortification at an early date.

Accordingly, I have the honor to invite your attention to the following transcript of the substance of said letter, and to ask that early action be taken in the matter:

"Deer Island is owned by the City of Boston and is occupied in part by the city's charitable institutions.

"The City of Boston, by order of its Board of Aldermen and Common Council, approved by the Mayor December 31, 1897, authorized the conveyance to the United States, for a nominal consideration, of three separate parcels of land on Deer Island, containing in the aggregate an area of 23 34-100ths acres, for fortification purposes, which are shown on the accompanying blue print and designated Lots Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Copy of order herewith.

"While the courtesy and patriotic generosity of the City of Boston in gratuitously presenting this land to the United States are fully appreciated, the area offered is entirely inadequate for the accommodation of the batteries projected for Deer Island, without considering the space needed for quarters and barracks of a garrison, or the question of a water supply for both batteries and garrison.

"Again, a single continuous tract, with the greatest practicable extent of water front, is greatly preferable for these purposes to several detached parcels.

"Recognizing the sacrifice being made by the city in giving up its land, the question of modifying the general project with a view of reducing the armament, or of transferring to other localities in the harbor some of the guns designed for Deer Island has been considered, but, after careful study by the engineer officer in local charge, the Board of Engineers, and this office, the conclusion is reached that the great City of Boston demands a defence commensurate with its commercial importance, and that no other locality in the harbor furnished so advantageous sites for these defences as Deer Island; to place them elsewhere would diminish their efficiency.

"Under the direction of this office, the engineer officer in local charge has indicated on the accompanying blue print, bounded by red lines, a continuous tract, containing an area of 103 acres, that will accommodate the defensive works and their accessories, as well as the garrison. This area should be acquired by the United States. The sewer running through it, if kept closed and covered, will not interfere with the Government's use of the land.

"I have the honor to recommend that the matter be presented to the Mayor of the City of Boston, with a view of ascertaining whether the city would be disposed to cede to the United States the area in question. If the city would not feel justified in giving up so large a tract of land free of cost, its purchase at a reasonable figure would be recommended by this office.

"If it cannot be obtained by either donation or purchase, it will probably be neces-

sary to acquire it by condemnation, though that method of procedure against a great municipality is much to be deprecated."

Upon the accompanying blue print is indicated by a red line, the boundary of a continuous tract of land which the United States is desirous of possessing.

Awaiting a reply, I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. M. MANSFIELD,

Lieutenant-Colonel, Corps of Engineers.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Adjourned at 1.42 P.M., to meet on Tuesday, June 7, at 3 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, May 23, 1898, Chairman Conry presiding. Absent, Alderman Charles.

The following messages were received:

Estimated Cost of Street Improvements.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 23, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication received from the Street Commissioners calling attention to the fact that, under Chapter 210 of the Acts of the current year, all streets must be laid out, altered or widened under the assessment system, and that it is therefore useless for the City Council to pass orders requesting estimates of the cost of making such improvements, inasmuch as it cannot appropriate any money for such purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

City Hall, May 10, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The Board of Street Commissioners desire to suggest that the attention of the City Council be called to the Act of the Legislature of this year (Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898) concerning the laying out, widening, and otherwise altering of highways. This act provides that after its passage no action shall be taken in laying out, widening, etc., streets except under the provisions of the so-called Board of Survey Act and its amendments, or unless special authority is given for the purpose by the Legislature. As the Board of Survey Act provides loans for the payment of damages and cost of construction of streets laid out by its authority, and that such damages and costs as result from proceedings under the act are to be assessed back, for the refunding of such loans, upon abutting property to the full extent of the city's outlay for such streets, all street improvements hereafter must be charged to these loans.

Therefore it is pointed out that the custom, which is still continued by the City Council, of passing orders requesting the preparation of estimates of the cost of various street improvements, merely burdens their record and gives unnecessary work to the Street Commissioners, whose replies to these orders avail nothing, as no money can be appropriated upon their estimates when the City Council receives them.

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Engine 22—New House Necessary.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 23, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a further communication in reference to the matter of the engine-house on Dartmouth street, which has been taken by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company. I have several times previously called the attention of the City Council to the necessity of immediate action upon the matter of authorizing the purchase of another location. The city will be obliged to vacate the present engine-house very shortly, as appears by this communication, and the responsibility for depriving the citizens of that district of proper fire protection will rest upon the City Council, and not upon the Executive.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN AND HARTFORD
RAILROAD COMPANY.

Boston, Mass., May 19, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

MY DEAR SIR: Referring to our recent conversation concerning the building of the new station on Dartmouth street, we have already commenced work on the station, and our Chief Engineer says we ought to have immediate possession of the city engine-house property for the reason that any material delay would affect the prosecution and completion of the work.

May I ask you to take the necessary steps to ensure the speedy removal of the fire engine equipment to another locality? The engine-house property was taken in December last.

Your kind attention to the matter will greatly oblige

Yours very truly,

C. M. INGERSOLL, JR.,

Assistant to the President.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Weigher of Coal.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 23, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Daniel F. Flynn a

Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over to the next meeting, under the law.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, May 19, 1898, at 7.45 P.M., President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received:

Water Department Office, Charlestown.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 18, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Water Commissioner in reply to your order requesting the establishment of a Charlestown branch of the Water Department office, where orders to shut off and let on water could be given.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER,

City Hall, May 12, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reference to the order dated April 14, referred to me for consideration, I would report that if an office were established in the Charlestown District such as the order calls for, it would be necessary to establish a similar office in various sections of the city. The financial condition of the Department is such that it would not admit of any such action being taken.

Yours very truly,

JOHN R. MURPHY,

Water Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Morton-Street School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 12, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting them to erect a two-room portable building in the school-yard of the Morton-street School.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

May 10, 1898.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred (April 26) a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, with reference to the erection of a two-room portable building in the school-yard of the Morton-street School to be used for primary classes, report that an

appropriation for the purpose has already been made, and the necessary plans and specifications are now in course of preparation. They recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the construction of the building will be undertaken at the earliest possible date.

For the Committee,

THOMAS F. STRANGE, Chairman.

Accepted and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

Bathing Beach, Charlestown.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 18, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

After conference with, and at the suggestion of, the Councilmen from Ward 4, relative to the best disposition to make by way of transfer, of the sum of \$5,000, which was appropriated last year for a new street from Beacham to Dorrance street, which expenditure cannot now be made, owing to the passage of a law forbidding the laying out of streets except under the Assessment Act, I desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying order, transferring this money to an appropriation for the building of a bath-house at the beach owned by the city opposite the Charlestown Heights Park. This beach is capable of being made into an excellent and very useful bathing beach for the Charlestown section of the city, and the Park Commissioners have already provided for the expenditure for putting a portion of it in condition for use during the present season. The Bath Commission believes that bathing at this point could be made very popular, and with the permission of the Park Commission, which can be obtained, it proposes to erect a suitable bath-house upon this beach if the requisite appropriation is provided.

I trust that this proposed expenditure will commend itself to the City Council, and that the transfer may be authorized at once, in order that bathing accommodations may be provided for use during the coming summer season.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer five thousand (5,000) dollars from the appropriation for laying out and construction of a new street from Beacham street to Dorrance street, Charlestown, to an appropriation for the Bath Department, to be expended for the erection of a bath-house, etc., and the improvement of the beach opposite the Charlestown playground.

The message was sent up. The order was read a second time and was passed.

Bicycle Path Across Common.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 19, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith, for your information, a plan of the proposed bicycle path across the Common, and recommend that it be referred to the committee which now has that matter under consideration.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Accompanying the message was the plan referred to.)

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Canvass of Bids.**Street Department.**

Proposals for building the following-named sewers and drains have been opened by the Superintendent of Streets, viz.:

May 23 — Sherwood street, West Roxbury:

Bidder.	Total.
D. M. Dwyer	\$729 30
P. O'Hara & Co.	939 00
P. H. Connolly	1,067 50
D. E. Lynch	1,106 95
P. & F. E. McCarthy	1,140 85
J. P. O'Connell	1,251 50

May 23 — Waterlow street and outlet, Dorchester:

Bidder.	Total.
A. E. Stewart	\$1,055 60
D. M. Dwyer	1,127 82
P. O'Hara & Co.	1,172 62
J. McGraw & Co.	1,198 10
P. H. Connolly	1,234 40
Flynn & Brophy	1,245 62
P. & F. E. McCarthy	1,263 17
D. E. Lynch	1,273 62
J. P. O'Connell	1,281 30

May 19 — Belvidere street, city:

Bidder.	Total.
P. O'Hara & Co.	\$645 28
P. & F. E. McCarthy	729 11
J. P. O'Connell	752 15
D. M. Dwyer	763 64
D. E. Lynch	775 92

May 19 — Chiswick road and outlet:

Bidder.	Total.
P. & F. E. McCarthy	\$5,687 04
J. P. O'Connell	6,038 65
P. O'Hara & Co.	6,494 30
D. M. Dwyer	6,746 59
P. J. Young & Co.	6,828 60
D. E. Lynch	7,655 42
A. McMurtry	7,739 85
James McGraw & Co.	8,493 40
A. E. Weaving & Co.	9,235 90
Bruno & Salomo	10,795 70

The contracts on the above have not been awarded.

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

City Government Orders.**ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED — REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.****By the City Council.**

The following were approved May 18, 1898:

Ordered, That Chapter 275 of the Acts of the year 1898, being an act entitled "An Act to Provide for the Widening of Rutherford avenue and Devens and Bow streets in the City of Boston," be, and hereby is, accepted.

Ordered, That a joint special committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of the city manufacturing and distributing gas and electricity, according to Chapter 370 of the Acts of 1891, and that the committee hold public hearings upon the same.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following was approved May 16, 1898:

Permit to William P. Hickey to discharge fireworks at 598 Broadway, on the evening of May 16, 1898.

The following were approved May 17, 1898:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks, beginning at the junction of Park and Adams streets, there connecting with existing track on Park street, thence through Adams street and Neponset avenue to the company's car-house, with necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections and curves connecting with company's track on Walnut street, said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan by A. L. Plimpton, dated March 31, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying said tracks to be completed within nine months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain

and use additional curved tracks at the corner of East Broadway and K street and at the junction of L street and East Fourth street, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated April 14, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the West End Street Railway Company to lay and maintain underground conduits for electric wires and cables, provided with suitable manholes in Tremont, Montgomery, Clarendon, Chandler and Dartmouth streets, between Milford and Boylston streets.

The surface of said streets shall be disturbed for the purpose of laying or repairing cables, or conduits therefor, only at such times and in such manner and place of opening as the Superintendent of Streets shall indicate and issue permits therefor; and the surface of said streets shall not be disturbed as above until a plan has been filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets showing the location of said underground conduits and manholes in the aforesaid streets.

All the work of laying said conduits to be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 36, section 14, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

Ordered, That Chauncy street, between Bedford street and Rowe place, be closed to public travel, between the hours of 12 M. and 1.30 P.M. on Thursday, May 19, 1898, for a flag-raising, and if postponement is necessary on account of the weather, this order shall apply to Friday, May 20, 1898.

The following were approved May 18, 1898:

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks along certain streets in front of estates, as specified hereafter; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built as hereafter specified, the owners to furnish the material, viz.:

Ellen Crosby, Carolina avenue, corner Call street, Ward 22, of gravel.

Keening & Strout Brothers, 251-255 Atlantic avenue, Ward 7, of brick and edge-stone.

J. D. McLellan et als., Chamblet street and 34-38 Hartford street, Ward 16, of artificial stone.

E. C. Stimson, 347 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

D. Milton, corner Blue Hill avenue and Quincy street, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

Carl S. Nielson, 8-22 Stanwood street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Rudnick Brothers, 114-122 Mt. Pleasant avenue, Ward 17, of artificial stone.

George Wheatland, Bay State road, between Granby and Sherborn street, Ward 11, of artificial stone.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be and hereby is authorized to issue a permit to the Boston and Providence Railroad to close the roadway on Way street, between Harrison avenue and Albany street, to all public travel, except as it may be necessary to accommodate storekeepers and householders to gain access to their premises; the said closing to continue not later than October 1, 1898, unless further authorized by this Board.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be authorized to close to public travel Kemble street, Roxbury, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 12 M., on Memorial Day, May 30, 1898, for the play-out of the Roxbury Veteran Firemen's Association.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company to move a wooden building, pitch-roof, 24 feet in length by 14 feet in width, by 17 feet in height, from location in rear of Commonwealth avenue, across said avenue to Buck Piers on land of Arthur Timmins, Ward 25, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the time allowed to John Soley to move a building through Columbia road and Blue Hill avenue to the corner of Glenway and Erie streets, under the order passed by this Board April 20, 1898, be and the same is hereby extended to June 1, 1898.

Order allowing the payment of State Aid to Soldiers and Sailors and their families for the month of May.

Permits to project signs, viz.:

Wing Lee, one, at 455 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 21; Hung Wah, one, at 1576 Tremont street, Ward 19; John P. Adams, one, at 198 Washington street, Ward 6.

Permit to Mary Slattery to project a bay-window at 71-73 North Margin street, Ward 6.

Permits for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

George H. Lincoln, on the evening of May 14; New England Veteran Firemen's Home Association, for the week beginning June 20, 1898.

Permit to the Pond Electric Company to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, in an underground tank in rear of 198 Green street, Jamaica Plain.

Permits to remove or trim trees, viz.:

George P. Sanborn, to trim a tree at 81 Elm street, Ward 3.

Thomas Galvin, to trim a tree at 353 Third street, South Boston.

Mark Lewis, to remove tree at 10 Mt. Pleasant avenue, Roxbury.

Hyman Parker, to remove a tree at 80 Vernon street, Ward 18.

Jacob Sheffreen, to remove two trees at 326-8 Blue Hill avenue, and one on the corner of said avenue and Lawrence avenue.

John Gilchrist, to remove one tree and trim others, at 45 Elm Hill avenue, Ward 21.

Mark King, to trim a tree at the corner of Yeoman and Adams streets, Ward 17.

Constables' bonds of the following-named persons: Horace A. Jordan, James P. Keliher, and Jeremiah S. Sullivan.

The following was approved May 20, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Lyons to place, maintain and use two coal-hole openings, not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with iron covers of rough upper surface under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 41 Savin Hill avenue, Ward 20; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to replace the watering trough in Hanley square, at the junction of Columbus avenue, Tremont and Roxbury streets.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be hereby requested to construct a fence at the playground on East Second street, between M and N streets.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be invited to join with the Committee on Public Improvements of the Board of Aldermen, to consider what means, if any, should be taken to provide additional comforts for Boston soldiers and sailors now in the service of the United States; also to receive and distribute such donations as may be subscribed by public-spirited citizens for the benefit of such soldiers and sailors, or for their families.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface and regulate Ashmont street, Ward 24, between Neponset avenue and Adams street, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements, Ward 24.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow the night men employed in the Street Cleaning Division of the Street Department one hour for supper, without loss of pay.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following order was presented to the Mayor May 7, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the following amounts be appropriated for Mayor, Public Celebrations:

June Seventeenth	\$5,100
Farragut Day	1,000
July Fourth	12,000
Labor's Holiday	1,500

\$19,600

and for the Reserved Fund 2,000

\$21,600

and said appropriations are hereby made subject to the provisions contained in the appropriation and tax orders for 1898-99, City Document No. 61.

The following order was presented to the Mayor May 10, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Resolved, That the City Council hereby calls upon all our citizens to display the "Stars and Stripes" upon their dwellings and places of business as an evidence of the patriotism which has always been characteristic of Boston, but never more so than now.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The two following orders were presented to the Mayor May 10, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be hereby requested to have the edgestones turned on Pleasant street, near Stoughton street, Ward 20, to permit the access of vehicles to land of Samuel C. Harris and Anna S. Smith, substantially in accordance with a plan on file in the Street Laying-out Department, and also to make the necessary arrangements for the relocation of a pole standing in front of said land and which would interfere with such access of vehicles.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain an electric light on East Second street, between M and N streets, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Awards of Contracts.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, May 16, 1898.

The following bids were received for building a wooden wharf on the Strandway, and for furnishing loam for Marine Park:

WOODEN WHARF.

J. N. Hayes & Co.	\$7,500
Benjamin Young	6,900
W. L. Miller	6,278
W. H. Ryan & Co.	6,000
William J. Lawler	5,912
J. Phillips Cavanagh	5,900
A. Bellevue & Co.	5,270
Clement Walker & Co.	5,224

The contract was awarded to Clement Walker & Co.

LOAM.

Per cubic yard.

N. V. Titus, 18,000 cubic yards . . .	\$1 59
Kelly & Ryan, 2,000 cubic yards . .	1 50
H. W. Wilson, 18,000 cubic yards . .	1 39
Columbia Contracting Company, 18,000 cubic yards	1 10
O'Brien & Elkins, 1,500 cubic yards .	1 05
Albert H. Eichorn, 18,000 cubic yards .	1 00
J. J. McCarthy, 2,000 cubic yards or more	1 00

The contract was awarded to Albert H. Eichorn.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for building sea-wall on northerly line of Congress street were opened at the office of the City Engineer on Friday, May 20, as follows:

Bidder.	Bid.
William L. Miller	\$20,945
D. F. O'Connell	21,000
W. H. Ellis & Co.	21,900
W. H. Keyes & Co.	22,246
William H. Ryan & Co.	22,879
Hiram M. Philips	23,408
James McGraw & Co.	28,653
John Cavanagh & Co.	29,489

The contract was awarded to William L. Miller.

Proposals for building abutments at A street, South Boston, were opened at the office of the City Engineer, on Wednesday, May 25, as follows:

Bidder.	Bid.
Ross & Fowler	\$23,284
Woodbury & Leighton	24,400
D. F. O'Connell	24,700
James McGraw & Co.	24,877
C. E. Trumbull & Co.	25,800
Ellis & Buswell	26,423
William H. Ryan & Co.	26,919
L. K. Marston & Co.	26,923
William H. Keyes & Co.	27,894
Cyrus Barton	28,390
Cenedella Brothers	29,700
William L. & Charles A. Miller	29,795
Cheney & Trumbull	30,476
John Cavanagh & Co.	33,485
A. E. Weaving & Co.	34,800

The contract was awarded to Ross & Fowler.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of importations and exportations, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of April, 1898, as compared with the corresponding month of 1897:

		Importations.	Exportations.		
April, 1898 . . .		\$5,481,318	\$10,442,958		
April, 1897 . . .		18,774,034	8,201,818		
		Entered.		Cleared.	
Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	
April, 1898 . . .	192	164,583	186	135,924	
April, 1897 . . .	202	199,744	156	138,531	
Arrival of passengers, April, 1898 . . .				1,777	
Arrival of passengers, April, 1897 . . .				1,702	

BATHS DEPARTMENT.

The Commission in charge of the Department of Baths has removed from its temporary office, in the rooms of the Health Department, to permanent quarters at 64 Pemberton square.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts**LEGISLATIVE BILLS.**

The following list contains the titles of bills concerning the City of Boston, adversely reported upon by the various com-

mittees and sustained by the Legislature, together with the number of page of THE CITY RECORD on which the bills were previously noted or printed; also such bills as have been approved by the Governor.

Approved by Governor.

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- H. B. 645, relative to the Taking of Land for School Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 87.

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- H. B. 673, to Authorize the Treasurer of the City of Boston to Issue Bonds for Taking of Land for School Purposes, p. 88.
- H. B. 676, relative to the Time of Appointment and Assignment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 88.
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Board Meetings.

Baths Department.

64 Pemberton Square, May 3, 1898.

At a regular meeting of the Board, held May 3, 1898, the following business was transacted:

Voted, That all boys over fifteen years of age and all men, women and girls must wear bathing suits of proper kind in all places where bathing is to be allowed, except L-street beach, and that suits will be provided to all not having same, and to all wishing towels a charge of one cent would be made for the use of same, and suits for men, women and children would be kept on sale at all places at cost price.

Voted, That the Board assume charge of the proposed swimming-pool at or near Orchard Park, in Roxbury, when same has been built and turned over to its care.

Voted, That temporary swimming arrangements be made at Wood Island Park and Charlestown playground when the beaches at these places are placed in proper order; the Bath Commissioners to confer with the Park Commissioners as to plans.

May 10, 1898.

The regular meeting of the Board was held May 10, at which the following business was transacted:

The Chairman, Mr. Lane, reported for the Committee on Badges that licenses will be granted by the Board of Police to all assistants in the Bathing Department as special officers in and around the location where the various men are to be employed, and the Secretary would prepare a list of such assistants and send same to His Honor for approval and reference to the Board of Police.

Voted, To appoint Mr. Ahl and Dr. Duff, of the Board, to confer with the Chairman of the Park Department and arrange for the transfer of the care of the bathing privileges at the North End Park.

Voted, That all employees in the Department of Baths have a suitable uniform of dark blue, with brass buttons, straw hat, and a badge, when the license as special officer is granted to the Department.

Voted, To install a system of automatic bicycle locks at the various beaches under control of the Board.

Voted, That for the season of 1898 all houses and beaches be opened to the public on all days, Sundays and holidays included, from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M., subject to tide regulations.

Voted, That whenever houses and beaches must be opened to the public on two tides on Sundays or holidays, that all attendants would receive double wages for such service.

Voted, That all urinals be overhauled and repainted, and put in as good working order as possible for the year.

Voted, To recommend to His Honor the Mayor, for reference to the City Council, the urgent need of new and approved urinals and convenience-stations in many parts of the city for men and women.

Voted, That the management of the North End Beach be placed under the direct management of Mr. Lane, of the Board, for the season.

Voted, That the sum of \$1,600 be spent to erect suitable buildings at Wood Island and Charlestown Park for men, women and children, for use for bathing purposes when the beaches are placed in order.

Voted, To appoint, subject to the approval of the Mayor, Patrick J. Carroll as book-keeper for the Department, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum.

Voted, That no charge be made for use of suits for men, women and children at North End Park, but that a charge of one cent be made for use of a towel.

Voted, That Mr. Ahl and Mr. Tracy be a standing committee to whom full charge of the proposed South Boston Gymnasium, for the Board, be given.

May 20, 1898.

At a meeting of the Board, held to-day, the following business was transacted:

It was voted to purchase 100 dozen women's bathing suits, 100 dozen girls' bathing suits, 100 dozen men's two-part suits, 100 dozen men's trunks, 100 dozen boys' trunks and 6,000 crash towels.

Mr. Ahl reported for the Committee on Office that the new rooms at 64 Pemberton square would be ready for the next meeting of the Board.

Voted, To make a contract with Messrs. Spitz Bros. & Mork of Boston for the new uniforms for all the men in the Department of Baths at the rate of \$9.50 for each suit, all men to be measured and all suits to be equal in every way to sample furnished.

Voted, To request the Park Department to permit the Bath Department to use a portion of the South Boston beach, near the foot of K street, as a bathing place for women and girls.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Children's Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, May 23, 1898.

The following scheme for a merit system at the House of Reformation was adopted at a meeting of the Trustees, held April 26:

Each boy on entering the institution shall be informed that he has to earn five thousand (5,000) merits in order to get into the honor grade, and be entitled to be released on probation.

For each day a boy "goes perfect" he is credited with ten (10) merits.

For each consecutive thirty days a boy "goes perfect," he receives as a premium an additional 100 merits.

For each consecutive three months a boy "goes perfect," he receives as a premium an additional 300 merits.

If a boy "goes perfect" for any four successive months, he is at once placed in the honor grade, and is entitled to be released on probation.

Boys will be deprived of their merits or charged with demerits for various offences. Officers are to make all charges of offences to the Superintendent daily, and the Superintendent will thereupon, after questioning the boy, adjudge and charge all demerits incurred.

The following abstracts are taken from the records of the meetings of the Trustees, held on the several dates, viz.:

May 2.

It was voted that the Chairman, Mrs. Dewey and Mrs. Quinn be an Emergency Committee to arrange with a committee of the Pauper Board for the removal of paupers to the Marcella-street Home in case of necessity.

May 6.

It was voted to approve the expenditure of \$50 on the roof, and \$50 on the ventilators, and not more than \$50 on painting such as cannot be done by the boys at the House of Reformation.

It was voted that the Chairman, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Dewey and Mr. O'Hare be a committee to report on the necessary repairs at the House of Reformation at an early date.

May 16.

It was voted that boys sentenced for short terms, thirty and sixty days, be not put into the ordinary schools at the House of Reformation, but be kept at work during school-hours and receive special teaching at other hours.

It was voted that the Committee on Schools be authorized to provide badges for the boys in the "honor grade."

It was voted that the Chairman and Secretary be a committee to consult with the Justices of the Municipal Courts of the city, with a view to the separation of the younger boys from the older ones.

The census of inmates on May 23 was as follows:

	Girls.	Boys.	Total.
House of Reformation	—	147	147
Parental School	1	172	173
Marcella-street Home	25	69	94
Placing-out Department:			
At board	143	224	367
In free homes	174	396	570
In their own homes	—	94	94
Totals	343	1,102	1,445

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

Boston, April 6, 1898.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held on April 6, 1898, at 12.30 o'clock, at the office of Mr. A. Shuman.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Burnham, Keany and Rueter.

The President reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Common Council the following order:

"Ordered, That the Trustees of the City Hospital be requested to report to the Common Council at its next meeting, whether or not there are any employees in the Hospital Department who are not citizens of the United States, giving the name and residence in each case, and whether or not, in their opinion, the work of the City Hospital would be seriously injured if none but citizens of the United States were employed."

That he had conferred with the Service Committee regarding the same.

The Committee on Service reported on the matter, and it was voted that the report be approved, and that the Secretary be ordered to send the same to His Honor Mayor Quincy.

A communication was received from James H. Dodge, City Auditor, notifying the Trustees that on March 28 an execution of court, amounting to \$9,581.95, of which \$9,578.95 was for damages and \$3 for costs, was paid to Catherine M. Hearn on account of "damages for land and building taken for Nurses' Home, City Hospital," and charged to Nurses' Home site, furnishing, etc. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

It was voted that the sum of \$6.75, the wages due Asa C. Chapin, an orderly, who died on April 1, 1898, be paid to his sister, Mary B. Chapin, his only near relative.

It was voted that the sum of \$2.33, the wages due Maggie M. Fraser, a nurse, who died December 19, 1897, be paid to her father, Rev. Mungo Fraser.

It was voted that the sum of \$4.67, the wages due Rose Deery, a laundress, who died July 28, 1897, be paid to her sister.

Boston, April 13, 1898.

A meeting of the Trustees was held on April 13, 1898, at the Hospital, at 4 o'clock. There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Burnham, Keany and Rueter.

The regular monthly bills, amounting to \$18,948.33, were submitted and approved.

It was voted that the regular monthly draft on account of new laundry building, amounting to \$121.38, be approved.

It was voted that there be allowed and paid to John S. Jacobs & Son the sum of \$10,589.30, as first payment, in conformity with their contract of November 23, 1897, for the erection of the Ann White Vose Building at the City Hospital.

It was voted that there be allowed and paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$264.73, for professional services rendered, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$10,589.30, being the amount of first payment to John S. Jacobs & Son, in conformity with their contract of November 23, 1897, for the erection of the Ann White Vose Building at the City Hospital.

It was voted that there be allowed and paid to Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$1,012.50, the same being the fourth payment on account of his contract of August 14, 1897, for the erection of laundry building.

It was voted that in accordance with communications from the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, dated March 31, 1898, and under the advice of the Law Department of the City of Boston, there be paid to Andreas Blume, attorney for Jerome Kingsbury, the sum of \$9,579.05 for his estate 728 Massachusetts avenue, taken for the purposes of the City Hospital by the City of Boston, June 21, 1897, upon there being given to the City of Boston a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department of the City of Boston.

Communications from the Superintendent were received and placed on file, as follows:

First. Respecting changes in the Service and Training School.

Second. Respecting receipts from paying patients.

Third. Respecting orders for additions to contracts, as follows:

No. 162, Gerry & Northup, \$15.02, for cutting for plumber; No. 166, Kerrens Driscoll, \$5.50, for making a recess in the third story of new laundry building, plus 10 per cent.; No. 171, John S. Jacobs & Son, \$75, for additional piling foundations and one bluestone step, necessitated by change of avenue grade at front entrance, Ann White Vose Building.

It was voted that the three foregoing orders for additions to contracts be approved, and that they be added to the contracts of the several concerns.

It was voted that the Superintendent be authorized to receive and give receipts for all money due and payable to the Hospital on account of paying patients.

A communication was received from Dr. Folsom, regarding excess over appropriation for medical and surgical report expenses.

It was voted that the amount of said excess expense, being \$73.16, be allowed and ordered to be paid.

Boston, April 20, 1898.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held on April 20, 1898, at 12 o'clock, at the office of Mr. Shuman.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Burnham, Keany and Rueter.

In response to the further inquiry of the Common Council of the City of Boston, concerning citizenship of employees, the Secretary was instructed again to communicate with His Honor the Mayor on the matter.

Mr. Sprague, in behalf of the Committee on Rules, submitted a new draft of the rules of the Hospital, together with statutes and ordinances governing the same. Said redraft was approved, and it was voted unanimously that the redraft of the rules, as submitted by the Committee on Rules, be substituted for the old rules.

The Medical Committee submitted a list of Staff nominations for the ensuing year, as follows:

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL STAFF.

Consulting Physicians and Surgeons—A. D. Sinclair, M.D., William Ingalls, M.D.

Visiting Physicians—A. L. Mason, M.D., G. B. Shattuck, M.D., Charles F. Folsom, M.D., E. M. Buckingham, M.D., Francis H. Williams, M.D., Charles F. Withington, M.D.

Assistant Visiting Physicians—Vincent Y. Bowditch, M.D., Henry Jackson, M.D., George G. Sears, M.D.

Physicians to Out-Patients—John L. Morse, M.D., John L. Ames, M.D., Benjamin Tenney, M.D., H. D. Arnold, M.D.

Senior Surgeon—D. W. Cheever, M.D.

Senior Visiting Surgeons—George W. Gay, M.D., William P. Bolles, M.D., Abner Post, M.D.

Junior Visiting Surgeons—M. F. Gavin, M.D., H. L. Burrell, M.D., Francis S. Watson, M.D.

First Assistant Visiting Surgeons—H. W. Cushing, M.D., George H. Monks, M.D., R. W. Lovett, M.D.

Second Assistant Visiting Surgeons—John C. Munro, M.D., Paul Thorndike, M.D., Edwin W. Dwight, M.D.

Third Assistant Visiting Surgeons—J. Baptist Blake, M.D., Fred. B. Lund, M.D., Edward H. Nichols, M.D.

Senior Visiting Physician for Diseases of Women—John G. Blake, M.D.

Junior Visiting Physician for Diseases of Women—C. M. Green, M.D.

First Assistant Visiting Physician for Diseases of Women—George Haven, M.D.

Second Assistant Visiting Physician for Diseases of Women—Edward Reynolds, M.D.

Third Assistant Visiting Physician for Diseases of Women—Frank A. Higgins, M.D.

Visiting Ophthalmic Surgeon—O. F. Wadsworth, M.D.

Ophthalmic Surgeons—Edwin E. Jack, M.D., Walter B. Lancaster, M.D., John C. Bossidy, M.D.

Assistants to the Ophthalmic Surgeons—William J. Daly, M.D., Charles F. Moulton, M.D.

Visiting Aural Surgeon—J. Orne Green, M.D.

Aural Surgeons—George A. Leland, M.D., Ernest E. Doble, M.D.

Assistant to the Aural Surgeons—Edgar M. Holmes, M.D.

Physicians for Diseases of the Throat—Thomas Amory De Blois, M.D., J. W. Farlow, M.D.

Assistants to the Physicians for Diseases of the Throat—George A. Leland, M.D., Rockwell A. Coffin, M.D.

Physicians for Diseases of the Nervous System—Morton Prince, M.D., Philip Coombs Knapp, M.D., W. N. Bullard, M.D.

Assistants to the Physicians for Diseases of the Nervous System—John J. Thomas, M.D., Joseph W. Courtney, M.D.

Physicians for Diseases of the Skin—James S. Howe, M.D., George F. Harding, M.D.

Assistant to the Physicians for Diseases of the Skin—Harvey P. Towle, M.D.

Visiting Pathologist—W. T. Councilman, M.D.

Assistant Visiting Pathologist—F. B. Mallory, M.D.

First Assistant in Pathology—R. M. Pearce, M.D.

Second Assistant in Pathology—Lawrence W. Strong, M.D.

Assistant in Clinical Pathology—J. Bergen Ogden, M.D.

Medico-legal Pathologist—F. W. Draper, M.D.

Medical Registrar—A. S. Knight, M.D.
Surgical Registrar—C. M. Whitney, M.D.

Physicians to the Convalescent Home—C. Ellery Stedman, M.D., Daniel D. Gilbert, M.D., Edward T. Twitchell, M.D.

It was voted that the gentlemen named upon the foregoing list be elected to their respective positions for the term of one year from May 1, 1898.

A communication was received from His Honor Mayor Quincy respecting the transfer of a small piece of land from the Convalescent Home to the Park Department. It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to inform both His Honor the Mayor and the Park Department that the Trustees are not conscious of having made any agreement respecting said transfer, and requesting the Commissioners to submit a plan showing the piece of land asked for by the Park Department, and all the buildings in situ.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, respecting the condition of return steam pipes in conduits. The same was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with full powers.

Circulars No. 38 and 39 from His Honor Mayor Quincy were submitted, and ordered to be placed on file.

Boston, May 2, 1898.

A meeting of the Trustees was held on Monday, May 2, at 12 M., at City Hall.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Keany and Rueter.

Upon a ballot for the choice of President of the Trustees for the ensuing year, Mr. A. Shuman was declared to be duly elected to that position.

Upon a ballot for the choice of Secretary of the Trustees for the ensuing year, Mr. Conrad J. Rueter was declared to be duly elected to that position.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, enclosing an order of addition to the contract of Kerrens Driscoll, new laundry building, for the sum of \$28. It was voted that the order be approved.

A communication was received from the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE STREET COMMISSIONERS.

April 28, 1898.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CITY HOSPITAL:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have this day voted to agree with Jacob and Mary Uriot upon the sum of \$9,500 and the taxes for the year 1897, as payment to them for their estate, 722 Massachusetts avenue, taken for the purposes of the City Hospital, by the City of Boston, June 21, 1897, upon there being given to the city a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

It was voted that the settlement for the taking of the property for \$9,500 and taxes for the year 1897, as made by the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, be approved.

A communication was received from the Chairman of the Trustees of the Pauper Institutions, asking for accommodation of patients from Long Island in case of emergency. It was voted that the President be instructed to confer with the Chairman of the Pauper Institutions respecting the subject matter of this communication.

A petition was received from the resident-graduate nurses, asking that their salaries be increased, and also that they may be allowed the privilege of sharing in the studies and advantages offered the nurses in the third-year course. The petition was referred to the Medical Committee.

A communication was received from Mr. A. Shuman, through the Superintendent, offering the gift of a flag to the hospital. It was voted that the offer of Mr. A. Shuman be accepted, and that the thanks of the Trustees be tendered to him for his timely gift.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, May 13, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln, Prince and the Librarian.

Communications received: From the Mayor, dated May 11; also Circular No. 41.

Bills authorized: Chargeable to the general appropriation, amounting to \$4,891.71; chargeable to trust funds, \$1,812.05; chargeable to the special appropriation for Station "P," \$133.33.

Claim of A. B. & E. L. Shaw, in the sum of \$242.77, allowed and ordered paid.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$220.19; to trust funds, \$269.15; to Station "P," \$1.54; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$2.03; to the photograph fund, \$5; miscellaneous articles, \$207.90.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

The new draft of the Trustees' report for the year 1897-8 was considered and adopted.

The report of the Examining Committee for 1897 was taken up and its recommendations considered seriatim.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, May 16, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held on May 16, 1898:

Bids were received for building a wooden wharf on the Strandway at Q street, and for furnishing loam on the borders of the ponds at Marine Park, and contracts on the same were duly awarded (see THE CITY RECORD, p. 335).

The Superintendent stated that the Engineer estimated that the construction of the site for the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club, on the Strandway, will require the shifting of about 14,000 cubic yards of filling, and that Mr. Farrell will do the work under his contract at fifty cents per cubic yard.

Voted, That the offer be accepted, and that the Superintendent prepare the necessary papers to carry the arrangement into effect.

Voted, That the Chairman approve the sixteenth approximate estimate of work done and material furnished under the contract with Hugh Farrell, without deduction on account of the right reserved to the city in said contract to retain 15 per cent. of the amount due under said approximate estimate; provided that the bondsmen assent to the said payment, and subject also to the approval of the Mayor.

A petition of the West End Street Railway Company to erect and maintain poles on Charlestown Playground was received.

Voted, That the locations for poles for carrying the wires of the electric system of the West End Street Railway Company on Alford street, from Main street to Malden bridge, as shown by red dots on plan of A. L. Plimpton, civil engineer, dated April 28, 1898, be approved, and that said company be authorized to erect poles in accordance with said plan, provided that the work be done under the conditions prescribed in the usual form of permit to be issued therefor and to be satisfactory to the Superintendent, and that said poles be removed upon notice from this Board.

Voted, That all employees of the Department whose services can be dispensed with be given a holiday without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on any day they may select, for the purpose of holding a picnic.

Voted, That Antonio Gregori be permitted to sell refreshments on the Castle Island bridge at Marine Park, so long as Castle Island remains closed to the public during the present season, and under the direction of the Superintendent.

The plan for a boat landing at the end of the westerly pier at North End Beach, presented by Mr. Sheldon at the last meeting, was approved, and the Boston Parks Boat

Service Company was authorized to confer with Mr. R. Clipston Sturgis, architect, with reference to plans for the construction of the landing, including arrangements for the sale of light refreshments.

May 17, 1898.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held May 17, 1898, at which the following business was transacted:

Voted, That the Superintendent provide benches on the piers and a swimming raft at the North End Beach.

Voted, That the Superintendent arrange for the construction of a temporary bathing beach at Charlestown Heights, at an estimated cost of \$2,400.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, May 18, 1898.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held at 28 Court square, on Monday, May 2, at 10 A.M., the full Board being present.

The temporary appointment of Dr. Gallagher as assistant physician at Long Island, to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Dr. A. A. Taft, was confirmed.

The Emergency Committee reported that it had held three meetings—one with the Visiting Medical Staff, on April 28, one for the purpose of conference with the Mayor and the Trustees for Children, on April 30, and a third at the Marcella-street Home, on May 7, together with some of the Children's Trustees.

Through the co-operation and courtesy of the Trustees for Children, the use of the Marcella-street Home is authorized, in case any immediate removal of the Hospital patients now at Long Island is made necessary by the war. The accommodations at the Home are ample, and its arrangements are convenient, but by the advice of the Mayor the transfer will not actually take place unless some emergency necessitates the removal of the sick from Long Island.

Further provision for the inmates of the Pauper Institutions can probably be made by the State, in case of need; the State Board of Lunacy and Charity having expressed, by their Chairman, in conference with the Chairman of the Emergency Committee, their willingness to co-operate with the Pauper Institutions Trustees.

The Chairman of the Board, Professor Sedgwick, for the Committee on Rules and Service, reported the appointment of Thomas J. Condon to be Deputy Superintendent at Long Island, as authorized by the Civil Service Commission.

The Superintendents of Long Island and Charlestown reported that they have on hand an ample supply of flour to provide for the present needs of the Institutions under their charge.

The Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds was authorized to divide one of the larger rooms at Long Island in such a manner as to furnish additional accommodations for officers.

The Superintendent of Long Island reported the purchase of a pair of horses and a tip-cart, for use on the farm.

The rooms for the priest and for the Deputy Superintendent at Long Island have been refinished and refurnished.

The Chairman of the Board reported that he had held a conference with the Mayor concerning the urgent need of a further water-supply at Long Island as a protection against fire. The entire loan appropriation proposed for needed improvements in the Pauper Department is \$3,500, in which this additional water-supply is not included.

CENSUS FOR CHARLESTOWN ALMSHOUSE.

Number of inmates on April 30, 1898:

Men	43
Women	69
Total	112

CENSUS FOR LONG ISLAND.

Number of inmates on April 30:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	78	137	215
Children	5	5	10
Dormitory:			
Adults	—	212	212
Children	3	1	4
Institution:	238	—	238
Total.	324	355	679

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Statistical Department.

71 City Hall, May 21, 1898.

The twenty-sixth meeting of the Department of Municipal Statistics was held at its office on April 18, 1898, at 3.45 P.M., Messrs. Dewey, Pearmain and Weld being present. Mr. Weld was chosen to take the chair in the absence of Mr. Minot.

Voted, That Mr. Weld serve as Chairman of the Board during Mr. Minot's absence and perform all the duties pertaining to the office.

The Board considered the following joint resolution, providing for the publication of official statistics of cities, which was introduced into the United States Senate January 19, 1898, and the House of Representatives January 26, 1898, at the request of the Committee on Municipal Administration of the Reform Club of the city of New York:

"Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the Commissioner of Labor be, and he is hereby authorized, to compile and publish annually as a part of the Bulletin of the Department of Labor, an abstract of the main features of the official statistics of the cities of the United States having over 30,000 population."

Voted, That it is the sense of this Board that the above resolution should be enacted, and that the members of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, and the House Committee on Labor, should be so informed as well as the members of the House of Representatives from the Boston districts and the senators from the State of Massachusetts.

Voted, That request be made of His Honor the Mayor that additional room be furnished for storing publications and exchanges of this Department.

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following abstracts are taken from the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, May 16.

Authority was given to open Iroquois street, at Roxbury, leading for a distance of about 1,075 feet north-westwardly from Calumet street.

Petitions were received from C. Lavezola and others that a sewer may be laid in Hull street; from M. Kaiser and others that the water-course in and crossing Calder street, at West Roxbury, may be improved; and from the Superintendent of the Paving Division of the Street Department for catch-basins in Norfolk street.

A catch-basin was ordered built in Hull street.

Newburg street was ordered laid out.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out as public streets, and construct the same, Bragdon, Thane and Amory streets; hearings at Commissioners' office, at 11 o'clock, May 31.

It was voted that all persons employed in the different divisions of the Street Laying-out Department desiring to enlist in the military or naval service of the United States during the present war be granted, upon so doing, leave of absence for an indefinite time without pay.

Tuesday, May 17.

A petition was received from J. B. Ramsay, jr., and others, that Van Winkle street may be laid out, at Dorchester.

Orders of notice were passed of the Board's intention to lay out and construct Van Winkle, Leeds and Aldworth streets; hearings at Commissioners' office, at 11 o'clock, June 1.

Thursday, May 19.

It was voted to take for school purposes land on Munroe street, at Roxbury.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Bayswater street, at East Boston; Marbury Terrace, at Roxbury; and Edison Green, at Dorchester; and also to construct Marbury Terrace and Edison Green. Hearings at Commissioners' office, at 11 o'clock, June 3.

Petitions were received for sewers from O. W. Moore and others, Harrison street; G. E. Frost and others, Frost avenue; Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank, Wentworth street.

Petitions for catch-basins were received from the Paving Division of the Street Department, in Sandford and Temple streets, Dorchester, and in Bunker Hill street, at Charlestown; from B. Moritz, Round Hill street; P. B. Corbett and others, Edison Green and Pond street.

A petition of J. T. Morse, jr., that Sears street may be laid out, from India street to Central Wharf, was received.

A petition from A. E. Wells, for repayment of a sewer assessment, referred to this Board by the Board of Aldermen, was returned to the Board of Aldermen with the information that this Board has no power to act in the matter.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, May 16, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending May 14, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.							
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.		
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.								
1...	4	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	8	4		
2...	-	5	-	1	-	3	1	-	5	3		
3...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6		
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1		
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	5		
6...	1	5	-	-	1	-	7	-	9	32		
7...	1	7	-	-	1	-	3	-	4	30		
8...	-	4	-	1	-	-	1	-	3	13		
9...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	12		
10...	2	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	15		
11...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	13		
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	8		
13...	-	9	-	-	-	1	6	-	1	6		
14...	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	15		
15...	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	12		
16...	1	4	3	-	-	1	1	-	5	9		
17...	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	3	3	10		
18...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	10	10		
19...	-	2	2	1	4	-	-	-	3	7		
20...	3	5	-	-	-	-	9	-	16	37		
21...	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	2	12		
22...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	6		
23...	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	7	8		
24...	2	4	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	22		
25...	2	2	2	-	-	3	-	-	5	10		
T'ls..	21	65	8	6	6	13	42	9	112	306		

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, May 23, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending May 21, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	129
Number of discharges of mortgages	24
Number of assignments of mortgages	5
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	9
Number of assignments of wages	37
Number of married women's certificates	13
Number of ship liens	3
Number of bills of sale	9

Accident notices were filed as follows:

May 18—Harry C. Holmes, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in a brick gutter on Brighton street. Wilamina Eckhardt, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in highway at 92 Beacon street.

May 19—Louisa Dana, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on St. James avenue. James Kelley, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Fellows street.

May 20—George F. Richardson, personal injuries caused by falling glass on South Market street, near Faneuil Hall Market. Edward J. McCormack, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Eliot street.

May 21—Simon Feder, personal injuries and damage to bicycle caused by paving stones piled in street on Charles street.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending May 14, as follows:

William G. C. Lutz, A. J. Robinson and A. T. Cellarius have been appointed call substitutes, with call man's pay, and assigned to Engine Company 45.

The resignation of William B. Morey, call substitute, with call man's pay, attached to Engine Company 29, has been accepted.

The following transfers have been made: Michael Boyle, Engine Company 7 to Engine Company 3; Thomas E. Conroy, Engine Company 7 to Engine Company 26; J. E. F. Griffin, Ladder Company 9 to Combination Company 5; C. R. Delano, Combination Company 5 to Ladder Company 9.

There have been purchased of Messrs. Welch & Hall, two horses at \$130 each, and of A. W. Davis, one horse at \$125.

An order has been drawn on Charles Waugh & Co., to repair hose wagon of Engine Company 30 at \$187.25.

Fire-alarm Box 97 has been established at the corner of Marlboro and Gloucester streets.

Four pieces of suction and thirty-one pieces of leading hose have been condemned.

Special drafts have been drawn as follows: L. K. Marston, \$1,500, on account of construction of engine-house at Grove Hall, and \$1,000 for Engine-house 30 on Centre street, West Roxbury.

Charles T. Harris, \$825, for tiling roof of new engine-house at Grove Hall.

John G. Allbright, \$8,750, for additional land for Engine-house 21 on Columbia road, Dorchester.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, May 23, 1898.

The Board of Health has transacted the following business during the week ending May 21, 1898:

A petition was received from John F. Hemihan for the occupancy of a stable at 3532 Washington street, Ward 23, for one additional horse; hearing called for May 26, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Boston Protective Department, 159 and 161 Roxbury street, Ward 18, six horses; Louis F. Foote, Addison street, Ward 1, two horses; Charles E. Russell, 23 Hawthorne street, Ward 21, four horses.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for week ending May 21:

Steers	313
New England cows	6
Sheep	33
Calves	381
Total	733

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending Saturday, May 21, 1898: Immature veal, 304 pounds; tainted beef, 473 pounds; tainted lobsters, fifty pounds; greens, five barrels; potatoes, two barrels.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

Statistics for the week ending May 21, 1898:

Cases pending	5
Number of applications	61
Total	66

Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	16
Long Island Almshouse	20
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	6
Boston Insane Hospital, Westboro' Insane Hospital	4
Foxboro' Asylum	2
Bridgewater Almshouse	3
	1

Number of applications refused	52
Number of applications withdrawn	2
Cases pending	8
	4

Legal settlements investigated	66
	75

Statistics for the week ending May 14, 1897:

Cases pending	3
Number of applications	78
Total	81

Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	30
Long Island	22
Charlestown Almshouse	1
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	5
Boston Insane Hospital, Westboro' Insane Hospital	1
Foxboro' Asylum	4
	1

Number of applications refused	64
Number of applications withdrawn	6
Cases pending	5
	81

Legal settlements investigated	87
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E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, May 23, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending May 21, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	231	6
Females	32	4
Totals	263	10

Offences:		
Against the person	7	2
Against property	16	4
Against public order and decency	241	4
Totals	* 264	10
Discharges:		
Males	195	16
Females	18	2
Totals	213	18
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	116	14
Permit of Commissioner	58	—
Fine paid	38	—
Transferred to Criminal Insane Hospital	—	1
Transferred to Concord Reformatory	—	3
Died	1	—
Totals	213	18
Population:		
May 16, 1898	1,571	575
Committed since May 16	263	10
Totals	1,834	585
Discharged since May 16	213	18
May 21, 1898	1,621	567

* One man committed on two offences.

Thomas J. O'Neil has been appointed night officer at the House of Correction, South Boston, to fill the vacancy caused by the discharge of William F. Hassett from that position.

32 Tremont Street, May 16, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending May 14, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	201	16
Females	22	4
Totals	223	20

Offences:		
Against the person	11	—
Against property	10	12
Against public order and decency	205	8
Totals	* 226	20

Discharges:		
Males	194	5
Females	20	3
Totals	214	8

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	134	8
Permit of Commissioner	40	—
Fine paid	40	—
Totals	214	8

Population:		
May 9, 1898	1,562	563
Committed since May 9, 1898	223	20
Totals	1,785	* 583
Discharged since May 9, 1898	214	8
Totals	1,571	575

* Three men charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, May 17, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the two weeks ending May 14:

OVERHEAD, DEAD WIRE AND INTERIOR DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	1,449
Defects reported	141
Defects found corrected	180
Notices of new work received	206
Dead wire removed, feet	26,700
Fixtures removed	7

Inspections have been made of temporary wiring at the various theatres.

Three second-alarm fires have been responded to and fires due to electrical causes have been investigated.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals of permits for street-openings have been granted, as follows:

Conduit construction	1
Building connections	27
Lamp connections	1
Pole connections	6
Repairs	4

Inspections by this Division have been made, as follows:

Conduit construction	77
Building connections	45
Lamp connections	10
Pole connections	11
Repairs	9
Cable drawings	36
Installations of underground transformers	4

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending May 21, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	19.8
Number of deaths:	
Males	114
Females	103
Total	217
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	197
Increase	20

Of the 217 decedents, 210 were white and 7 colored; 139 were born in the United States, 75 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 unknown; 56 were of American parentage, 135 of foreign parentage, and 26 were of unknown parentage.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	19	2
Scarlatina	14	0
Typhoid fever	4	3
Measles	62	0
Totals	99	5

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	22
Pneumonia	23
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	19
Bronchitis	8
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	24

Total from principal causes	103
Total from infectious diseases	5
Total from other causes	109

Total from all causes 217

Deaths of children under 1 year	28
Deaths of children under 5 years	47
Deaths of persons over 60 years	56
Deaths in public institutions	54

Advertisements.

TO TAXPAYERS.

ASSESSORS' OFFICE.

City Hall, May 1, 1898.

Your attention is called to our circular (now being distributed throughout the city) relative to making returns on property subject to taxation as early as possible, before June 15, at two o'clock P.M.

Per order of the Board of Assessors,
FRANK A. DREW, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 17, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Van Winkle street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway from Dorchester avenue to the Shawmut Branch Railroad, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the first day of June, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 17, 1898.

Ordered, that due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Aldworth street, at West Roxbury, be laid out as a highway from Centre street to Vane street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the first day of June, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 16, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Amory street, at Roxbury, be relocated from School street to Bragdon street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the thirty-first day of May, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 19, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Bayswater street, at East Boston, be laid out as a highway from Saratoga street to Austin avenue, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the third day of June, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 19, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Marbury terrace, at Roxbury, be laid out as a highway from Amory street to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the third day of June, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 16, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Thane street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway from Park street to Athelwold street, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the thirty-first day of May, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 19, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Edison Green, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway from Dorchester avenue to Pond street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the third day of June, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, May 20, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing 50-pier stones for flushing gutters and all of the dimension stones for 4 flushing gate chambers for Moon Island Reservoir Extension, according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$2,500 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Friday, May 27, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, May 20, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating about 850 linear feet of macadam roadway in Rosseter street, between Bullard street and Bowdoin avenue, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$1,000 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Tuesday, May 31, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 17, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Leeds street, at South Boston, be laid out as a highway from Woodward street to Dorchester avenue, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the first day of June, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, May 20, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating about 720 linear feet of macadam roadway in Leroy street, between Geneva avenue and Ditson street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$400 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Tuesday, May 31, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city, if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Boston, May 21, 1898.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for widening the Boston end of Federal street Bridge, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston, Mass. A bond satisfactory to the City Engineer in the sum of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal and leave it at said office before 12 o'clock M. of May 31, 1898, with a certified check for five hundred (\$500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston. This check is to be the property of the city if the Contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 16, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Bragdon street, at Roxbury, be laid out as a highway from Columbus avenue to Amory street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the thirty-first day of May, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 24, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a sewer be constructed in private lands, at Dorchester, between Fenndale street and Southern avenue and in Southern avenue, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the eighth day of June, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 24, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a surface drain be constructed in private land, at West Roxbury, from May street to the Arborway, and that land be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said land deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the eighth day of June, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 24, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a new channel be located for the stream or water-course, at Dorchester, which crosses Freeport street at its junction with Pleasant street, from said Pleasant street to the water front on Dorchester Bay, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the eighth day of June, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 21, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use curved tracks and connections on Dorchester avenue near Adams street, connecting with the company's tracks on said Dorchester avenue; and extending to a car house of the company there situate, all as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated May 17, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney.
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 23, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby
Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the thirteenth day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Dorchester Beacon, and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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Room 71, City Hall,

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Public Buildings Department for the year ending January 31, 1898, constituting Document 28, has recently been issued, and is summarized as follows:

The public buildings in charge of the Department, belonging to the City of Boston, number 125, together with two leased buildings and thirty-five rooms in different buildings, variously occupied for city purposes. The Department also has charge of the City Hall (Charlestown District), Faneuil Hall, and Faneuil Hall Market-house, Charity Bureau, Old State House, and stables of the Department of Sanitary Police.

The amount expended during the year for rents and taxes for outside property has been \$19,255.16. The public buildings occupy 1,342,929 square feet of land.

The Fire Department requires for its service the use of sixty-three buildings and the Police Department twenty. The school-houses owned by the city number 199, occupying 3,969,438 square feet of land, in addition to which thirty-eight buildings, containing sixty-eight school-rooms, were leased for school purposes.

The total expenditure of the Department for the repair, alteration, improvement, heating, furnishing, care and cleaning of the buildings and rooms under its charge was \$1,018,390.20.

Submitted with the report of the Department are the reports of the Architectural and Electrical Construction Divisions, the work of each being shown in detail.

Most of the architectural work performed during the year by the former Division has been in the nature of alterations, at a saving to the city in architectural commissions of approximately \$10,000. Plans and specifications have been furnished the various city departments for the erection and alteration of public buildings, for the installation of proper heating and ventilating systems, and for other minor architectural matters. Valuable drawings have been completed of Faneuil Hall and for putting the building in proper repair.

The report of the Electrical Construction Division contains a detailed statement of expenditures and receipts. The city owns and operates fifteen electric-light plants, representing a valuation of \$181,200. In addition to these, there is the electrical equipment supplied with current from the various illuminating and power companies, and also the private telephone and bell equipments, which would bring the estimated total up to \$300,000, not including the fire-alarm and police-signal systems.

It is recommended, in view of public attention being centred on the advisability of municipal lighting plants, that records be kept of the cost of operating isolated plants. Reports should be made by the various departments operating electric apparatus showing what defects exist and with what efficiency their plants are being operated.

A description is also given of the principal plants designed and installed by the Division since its organization in May, 1896.

The Public Buildings Department supplies fuel for all departments of the city and county not otherwise provided for. For the year ending February 1, 1898, 19,842 tons of coal and 156 cords of wood were furnished the several Departments at a total cost of \$94,792.45.

The income of the Department during the past year from rents of buildings and from other sources, amounted to \$167,565.90. Of this, \$84,977.80 was received from rent of Faneuil Hall Building, market, stalls and cellars, and \$10,350 from rent of Old State House.

The report concludes with a list showing the number and location of buildings belonging to and built by the city under the charge of the Public Buildings Department.

MARKET DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Market Department for the year ending January 31, 1898, constituting Document 22, has recently been issued. An abstract of the report is given below:

For the market building better drainage has been provided, and a new sewer in South Market street has been completed. A renewal of the paving in the streets surrounding the market is recommended, as is also the placing of snow-guards upon the Faneuil Hall Market building.

During the year 2,313 pounds poultry, 217 pounds ducks, 580 pounds beef, 120 pounds lamb, 180 pounds veal, besides large quantities of fruit and vegetables, have been condemned as being unfit for food.

The police detailed for duty at the market made sixty-two arrests for various offences, and convictions were secured in all cases.

The income and expenditures of the Department for the year were as follows:

Rent of stalls and cellars in Faneuil Hall Market	\$65,347 00
Rent of stalls and cellars in new Faneuil Hall Market	18,223 80
Rent of outside stands	1,407 00
Weighing fees at city scales	611 55
Total	\$85,589 35
Salary of Superintendent of Markets	\$3,000 00
Salary of Deputy Superintendent and Weigher at scales	1,433 32
Salary of one watchman	1,000 00
Salary of one messenger	900 00
Amount paid for extra police for vacations and holidays	149 26
Amount paid for gas and electric light	719 50
Amount paid for miscellaneous supplies	1,412 99
Total appropriation	\$8,615 07

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7.30, May 24, President Huggan in the chair; all the members being present except Mrs. Ames and Mr. Fleischer.

The Chair read the following:

(1.) LAW DEPARTMENT.

May 23, 1898.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Supreme Court has decided that the City is bound by its agreement with Thomas F. McManus to purchase his property for \$9,500. The purchase will have to be made, and I should recommend that the Committee make an appropriation to pay therefor.

Yours respectfully,

THOMAS M. BABSON, City Solicitor.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

(2.) STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, May 19, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

In compliance with the request contained in your order of April 12, 1898, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day taken, for school purposes, for an addition to the site of the Munroe-street School at Roxbury, about 5,868 square feet of land on Munroe street, and their decree of such taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

(3.) IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 25, 1898.

Ordered, That the City Council approve the proposal of the Baths Department to furnish, so far as possible, instruction in swimming to the scholars in the public schools during the summer vacation, and hereby requests the School Committee to give its endorsement to such proposal, and to co-operate, so far as it may properly do so, in the carrying out of such plan.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. May 5 came up concurred.

Approved by the Mayor May 9, 1898.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,

Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

(4.) SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

May 24, 1898.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

In obedience to an order of the School Committee, passed March 22, 1898, I have made careful investigation in order to ascertain whether the requirements as to

the vaccination of children admitted to the public schools are strictly observed, especially as to pupils entering the kindergarten. I have found that in a few instances children have been admitted to the kindergarten without the proper vaccination certificate. The attention of the principals of the districts in which such admissions had been made has been called to the importance of a strict observance of the regulations in this matter, and I recommend that no further action of the School Committee is necessary at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

Placed on file.

(5.) Department of School Administration of the National Educational Association for School Boards:

Milwaukee, Wis., May 15, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, BOSTON, MASS.:

GENTLEMEN: The members of your honorable body, or such delegates as you may elect, are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the School Administration Department of the National Educational Association (Third Annual Convention of School Boards of the United States), to be held at Washington, D. C., July 8 and 9. The most important topics affecting the management of practical school affairs will be treated, and a general discussion between representatives from all parts of the country will be held.

Reduced hotel rates at Washington have been arranged for. The railroads have granted a rate of one fare for the round trip from all parts of the United States. Delegates will be assigned to quarters upon arrival in Washington.

Where Boards of Education or School Committees cannot attend in a body, it is desirable to send as many delegates as possible.

It is hoped that your Board will take favorable action at an early date. Kindly instruct your secretary to advise us of your action in this matter.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN E. BRANDEGEE, President.

WILLIAM GEORGE BRUCE, Secretary.

Convention will be held at Washington, D. C., July 8 and 9, 1898.

Placed on file.

(6.) SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

May 17, 1898.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, BOSTON, MASS.:

I desire to lay before you two communications, as follows:

First. The request of the National Maine Monument Committee for the signatures of all the pupils in the public schools of this city, these signatures to be placed in a special vault underneath the monument. This communication says that should the children desire to make contribution to the fund, the amount of any individual contribution must be limited to ten cents.

Second. The request of W. Rankin Good and others of Cincinnati, Ohio, constituting a committee, that contributions be solicited in the public schools of this city for the purpose of raising a fund with which to build a battleship to replace the ill-fated "Maine," the new battleship to be called "The American Boy."

I suggest that these communications be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations for consideration and report.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations, the Board voted to accept the resignation of one teacher; to confirm the nominations of four special assistants, twenty-two temporary teachers, two teachers on probation and four teachers in kindergartens; to confirm the permanent appointment of two teachers; and to grant leave of absence to three teachers.

On the recommendation of the Committee on School-houses it was ordered:

(1.) That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the old Gibson School-house lot, School street, Dorchester, a parcel of land supposed to belong to Robert A. Moore, and bounded and described as follows: Northeast, by land of the City of Boston, about 186 and 75-100 feet; southeast by Athelwold street, 30 and 32-100 feet; southwest by an extension of Whitfield street, as located by the Board of Survey, 185 and 87-100 feet; containing 2,818 square feet, more or less.

(2.) That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a parcel of land supposed to belong to the heirs of S. Rowland Hart, bounded northwest by Cedar street, about 30 feet; northeast by land of the City of Boston, about 105 feet; and southeast by Monument square, about 32 feet; and southwest by land supposed to belong to F. J. Staten, about 105 feet, containing 3,300 square feet, more or less.

(3.) That Edmund M. Wheelwright be selected as architect to supervise the completion of the Mechanic Arts High School-house, substantially in accordance with the original plans therefor, as prepared by him.

(4.) That the plans and specifications prepared by the Acting Superintendent of Public Buildings, for the erection of a two-room wooden building in the yard of the Morton-street School-house, Dorchester, having been approved by this Board, and the Committee on School-houses are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications; and to make on behalf of this Board, the necessary contract for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

(5.) That the plans and specifications prepared by the Acting Superintendent of Public Buildings, for the erection of a two-room wooden building in the yard of the old Gibson School-house, Dorchester, having been approved by the Superintendent of

Schools, be accepted, and they are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on School-houses are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make on behalf of this Board, the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Text Books, it was ordered to substitute "Stepping Stones to Literature," Nos. 1 and 2, for Nos. 2 and 3 of the same series.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, it was

Ordered, That the thanks of the Board be extended to the Sons of the Revolution for their very generous act in directing that certain schools be furnished with a portrait of Washington in continuance of their gifts of similar portraits three years ago.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accounts, it was ordered:

(1.) That to meet the current expenses of the School Committee payable during the financial year beginning February 1, 1898, and ending January 31, 1899, the following sums are hereby appropriated:

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of instructors	\$1,971,000
Salaries of officers	71,000
Salaries of janitors	148,000
Fuel, gas and water	107,000
Supplies and incidentals	153,589
Alterations, repairs, etc.	250,000

Total amount appropriated . . . \$2,700,589

(2.) That the Board of Assessors be notified that the School Committee has appropriated, under Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898, the sum of \$2,700,589 for the support of the public schools for the present financial year. Of this amount \$2,664,589 should be included by their Board in the total amount to be raised by taxation, and the balance, \$36,000, has been appropriated from the estimated income to be received during the year.

(3.) That the orders passed February 12, 1895, and April 28, 1896, whereby the Austin School-house on Paris street, East Boston, and the Webb School-house on Porter street, East Boston, were turned over to the city to be sold, be rescinded.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Normal School, it was

Ordered, That the graduating exercises in the Normal School be held on Saturday, June 25, 1898.

It was ordered that, in addition to the examination which is to take place on the Tuesday and Wednesday following the first Monday in September next, of applicants for admission to the High Schools, an examination of such applicants be held on Friday and Saturday, June 24 and June 25, 1898.

On the motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That the Dillaway School be closed for the summer vacation on Thursday, June 23, 1898, and that its graduating exercises be held on Friday, June 24, 1898.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Annual School Festival, it was

Ordered, That the graduates of the Normal, Latin and High Schools be excused from attending the annual school festival this year.

Mr. Davison offered the following:

"Whereas, At a regular meeting of the

Board on April 26, 1898, Charles Fleischer, a member thereof, publicly characterized the administration of their trust by the Evening School Committee of the year 1897 as 'rotten,' and stated his ability and purpose to produce proof of gross official misconduct, on the part of one member of said committee, but at that time and place in no way indicated in what acts or omissions said misconduct and rottenness consisted—

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that this Board hereby expresses its full confidence in the said Evening School Committee for the year 1897, and in each and every member thereof, and asserts that the administration of the evening schools of this city by this Board through said committee was conducted efficiently, economically, and with an eye single to the public interest, and was in all particulars entitled to the confidence and respect to the Board and of the city.

"And it is resolved, that this Board expresses hereby its strong condemnation of the gross disregard of sound ethics and good manners shown by the said Fleischer in making against the committee or member of this Board a groundless and false charge which the said Fleischer neither seeks to have investigated, nor yet withdraws and apologizes for."

Mr. Paul said he did not think the resolutions should be discussed in the absence of the member whom they affected. Upon his motion, they were laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were recommitted, May 10, the revised Rules and Regulations, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the rules as presented.

The more important changes are:

CHAPTER III.

Section 2. Two standing committees added, viz.: On New Buildings, and on Evening Schools.

Section 34. The Committee on Rules and Regulations:

1. Shall take into careful consideration every proposition to establish, to repeal, or to amend any rule or regulation, and shall report in writing, stating their reasons for or against such rule, regulation, or proposed alteration; and no such proposition shall be adopted by the Board until after it has been referred to this committee, reported upon, and afterward read at two different meetings of the Board.

2. Shall report all changes in the Rules and Regulations so as to give in full the wording of the section or paragraph as amended.

3. Shall see that the Rules and Regulations are properly and consistently enforced, and report to the Board such cases of violation as they may deem necessary.

New sections drafted covering duties of Committee on New Buildings, and Committee on School-houses, as follows:

Section 36. The Committee on New Buildings:

1. Shall as herein provided have general supervision over the construction of all new school buildings, and of additions to old buildings.

2. Shall consider the fitness of locations for school-houses, and, after consultation with the Superintendent and the proper

principal, submit to the Board such reports and recommendations relating thereto, as they shall deem proper.

3. Shall advertise for school-house sites, receive proposals, and give public hearings with reference to the selection thereof, and perform the other duties prescribed in Section 1 of Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897.

4. Shall nominate to the Board an architect, or architects, to design plans and supervise the construction of buildings to be erected, or upon which additions are to be made; but the services of the School-house Agent shall, so far as practicable, be availed of in such work.

5. Shall prepare plans for the erection of new school buildings, or for additions to old school buildings, and after such plans shall have been approved in writing by the Superintendent and the School-house Agent, shall submit the same to the Board for its approval, together with careful estimates of the cost of the proposed new buildings and the additions to old buildings.

6. Shall consider and report upon temporary accommodations for school purposes, and shall have authority in cases of immediate and pressing necessity, after consultation with the Superintendent and the appropriate master and visitor, to provide such accommodations; all such contracts to be reported to the Board at its first meeting, after the making of the same.

7. Except in case of pressing necessity for temporary accommodations, the committee shall not make or authorize a contract of any kind until it has been approved by the Board.

Section 40. Paragraph 1 amended to read:

"Shall have the general supervision of the subjects of hygiene, physical training, and military drill in all the schools."

Mr. Anderson presented a minority report in his own behalf. Its main feature was an argument against changing the method of appointing teachers and against investing autocratic powers in the Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Anderson moved the substitution and acceptance of the minority report under a suspension of the rules; which was refused by a vote of 12 to 10. Upon his own motion the whole question, including a second minority report by Mr. Gallivan, was laid over until the next meeting, being especially assigned to 8 P.M.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Ordered, That the gift of Mrs. Charles C. Smith to the Lucretia Crocker School, consisting of a frieze and of a picture, be accepted and that the thanks of this Board be extended to Mrs. Smith for her most generous donation, and also for the substantial interest she has previously shown in this school.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the report of the Committee on Normal Schools was taken from the table.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Ordered, That on and after the first day of September, 1899, the Boston Normal School be discontinued.

The substitute order was passed after a lengthy debate.

Adjourned at 10.40, to June 7, at 7.30 P.M.

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.**

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, May 26, 1898, at 7.45 P.M., President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received:

Flag on Gilbert Stuart School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 26, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee, stating that a flag has been furnished the Gilbert Stuart School, as requested in your order of January 27.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

May 24, 1898.

The Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — February 8 — a communication from the City Council, to the effect that a flag be furnished the Gilbert Stuart School, report that the school named has been supplied with a flag, and that no further action is necessary.

For the Committee,

A. T. DAVISON, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APPOLLONIO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

Vernon and Ruggles Streets — Asphalting.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 26, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting estimates of the cost of asphaltting the streets in front of the Vernon-street Catholic and the Ruggles-street Baptist churches.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, May 26, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the request contained in the enclosed order of the Common Council, I beg to submit the following estimates:

Vernon street, Ward 18, Cabot to Haskins, in front of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, asphaltting and regulating \$3,300

Ruggles street, Ward 18, Cabot, 250 feet toward Tremont, in front of the Ruggles-street Baptist Church, asphaltting and regulating \$4,300

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Remonstrances Against Bathing on the Common.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 26, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Governors of the Puritan Club remonstrating against the use of the Frog Pond for bathing purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Accompanying the message was the communication referred to.)

Sent up.

Remonstrances were also received from Eben D. Jordan, E. Rollins Morse, President of the Somerset Club and representing the members of the same, protesting against the proposed use of the Frog Pond on Boston Common for bathing purposes.

Sent up.

Loans for Various Improvements.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 26, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In view of the present position of the general loan orders reported by the Finance Committee and of the several loan orders which have passed the Board of Aldermen, I desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order appropriating \$325,000 for street improvements, \$80,000 for the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall, and \$23,000 for laundry buildings and equipment at the City Hospital. It seems to me that the joining of these three items in a single order should promote speedy and favorable action. These three items have already passed the Board of Aldermen, with the exception that the item for street improvements was placed at the amount of \$300,000, instead of \$325,000, as now recommended; but the item was fixed at the latter amount in the general loan order reported some time since by the Finance Committee, and I now recommend placing it at this amount in order to go as far as possible toward meeting the view, which found expression in the action of the Common Council at its last meeting, that this item should be as large as possible. In view of the small borrowing capacity of the city for the balance of the current year, and of other urgent and admitted necessities which must be met, I cannot approve the appropriation at the present time for street

improvements of any larger sum. I think it proper, also, to state that, in view of the smallness of the amount which can be devoted to street improvements this year, it seems to me absolutely imperative that this appropriation should be made in a lump sum, and should not be divided among the wards, and I could not see my way clear to approve any division of the street improvement appropriation by wards.

I again urgently renew my former recommendation for an appropriation for the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall, and I trust that this much-needed improvement will not longer be delayed. I cannot believe that the City Council will take the responsibility, in view of the full information which has now been furnished as to the present dangerous conditions of Faneuil Hall, of permitting their longer continuance. The work cannot be properly done for any less than that appropriated; any appropriation of less than this sum would be entirely useless, and I could not give my approval to it.

The necessities of the City Hospital are so well known that I need not again explain them. The item of \$23,000 now recommended is only a portion of the money which the hospital absolutely requires during the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the several departments hereinafter named be authorized to expend the sums of money, and for the purposes specified; and that to meet the appropriations aforesaid the City Treasurer issue at his discretion, and sell, either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston for the sum of four hundred and twenty-eight thousand (428,000) dollars, said bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Boston, twenty years from the date of the same, with interest thereon at not exceeding the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually:

Hospital Department:

Laundry buildings and equipment . . \$23,000

Public Buildings Department:

Faneuil Hall, reconstruction . . . 80,000

Street Department (Paving Division):

Street improvements 325,000

Total \$428,000

Ordered, That any premium obtained by the said City Treasurer in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates shall be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

The communication was sent up, the order was read once, and was ordered to a second reading.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 1898.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	203	9	212	86	108	18	109	38	33	212	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	40	—	40	19	20	1	7	10	25	40	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	206	40	246	66	153	27	80	56	78	237	9
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	21	3	24	3	10	11	7	1	14	24	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	7	—	7	6	1	—	—	5	1	7	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	16	1	17	5	9	3	10	4	2	17	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	45	37	82	33	49	—	29	11	4	82	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,454	313	2,767	176	2,555	36	1,390	1,118	215	2,598	169
Totals	2,992	403	3,395	394	2,905	96	1,632	1,243	372	3,217	178

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10		10 and under 15		15 and under 20		20 and under 25		25 and under 30		30 and under 35		35 and under 40		40 and under 45		45 and under 50		50 and under 55		55 and under 60		Over 60	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1	—	—	7	—	17	—	46	2	45	4	31	1	26	—	10	2	11	—	5	—	3	—	2	—
No. 2	—	—	10	—	15	—	7	—	3	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3	2	—	35	—	37	4	29	4	37	10	25	7	14	7	13	4	6	2	4	1	2	—	2	1
No. 4	1	—	0	—	7	—	1	—	2	—	1	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
No. 6	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	1	—	3	—	3	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
No. 7	—	—	—	—	3	—	5	8	11	12	9	9	4	4	8	4	1	—	1	—	—	3	—	—
No. 8	14	5	42	2	87	14	348	59	441	62	423	43	333	46	273	32	206	19	126	12	84	9	77	10
Totals	17	5	100	2	168	18	441	73	540	88	495	62	388	59	306	42	226	21	136	13	89	9	86	11

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	22	Lodgers at station :	
Witnesses detained	6	Males	17
Missing persons reported	21	Females	4
Missing persons found	7	Americans	8
Lost children restored	184	Foreigners	13
Sick and injured persons assisted	289	Non-residents	14

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,763	8	<i>Brought forward</i>	3,366	21
British Provinces	326	—	Denmark	2	—
Ireland	802	8	Holland	4	—
England	99	—	Wales	5	—
France	5	2	East Indies	—	—
Germany	34	—	West Indies	7	—
Italy	64	—	Turkey	2	—
Russia	59	—	South America	1	—
China	65	—	Switzerland	—	—
Greece	10	—	Belgium	4	—
Sweden	52	—	Africa	—	—
Scotland	40	3	Hungary	—	—
Spain	4	—	Asia	—	—
Norway	13	—	Arabia	—	—
Poland	11	—	Mexico	—	—
Austria	7	—	Australia	2	—
Portugal	5	—	Japan	—	—
Finland	7	—	Armenia	2	—
<i>Carried forward</i>	3,366	21	Totals	3,395	21

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

The following were approved May 23, 1898:

Ordered, That the items in the annual appropriation order appropriating money for the support of the public schools, namely:

School Committee :

Alteration and repairs on school buildings, to be expended by the Public Buildings Department, and temporary accommodations for school purposes	\$170,000
Other current expenses	2,300,000
	\$2,470,000

be, and the same hereby are rescinded.

The following were approved May 24, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to grant the use of Dorchester Music Hall, waiving the fee, on Tuesday evening, May 17, 1898, to the Dorchester Letter Carriers' Association.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to grant the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, on the evening of May 26, 1898, to the Rev. John A. Sheridan, for an entertainment in aid of St. Thomas' Church.

Ordered, That the use of Curtis Hall, Jamaica Plain, be granted to the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association (Randolph V. King) on the evening of June 9, 1898, waiving the fee.

Ordered, That leave be granted to William A. Smith to use the ward-room of Ward 9 (Old Franklin School-house) for enlistment purposes, waiving the usual fee.

Ordered, that the City Messenger be authorized to rope off such streets as the Board of Police may request for military parades during the present year, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

An ordinance relative to the Annual Reports of the Executive Departments.

Be it ordained, etc., as follows:

Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 is hereby amended by striking out the words "eight hundred" in the second line of said section, and by inserting the words "nine hundred" in place thereof; and by inserting after the word "year," in the sixteenth line thereof, the words "shall deliver to the Board of Municipal Statistics one hundred sets of said volumes."

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be, and is hereby, authorized to pay to Ella J. Bowker, widow of Frank Bowker, late an engineer in the sewer division of the Street Department, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until the end of the year 1898; said sum to be charged to the Reserved Fund.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer five thousand (5,000) dollars from the appropriation for laying out and construction of a new street from Beacham

street to Dorrance street, Charlestown, to an appropriation for the Baths Department, to be expended for the erection of a bath-house, etc.; and the improvement of the beach opposite the Charlestown Heights Park.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William C. Craig the sum of \$27.40, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Ward street for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2407, Fol. 357.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John Fitzpatrick the sum of \$31.28, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Jamaica street and Ballard way, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2406, Fol. 545.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Woodbury L. Lewis the sum of \$20.62, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Rogers street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1894, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2315, Fol. 430.

The following were approved May 27, 1898:

That permission be granted to Francis Washburn Post 92, G. A. R., to use the ward-room of Ward 25, until otherwise ordered, for the purpose of drilling recruits for the United States Volunteers, and that the fee for the use of said ward-room be waived.

Ordered, That leave be granted to Percy A. Bridgman to use Sammet Hall, Ward 22, not exceeding four nights each week during the next two months, waiving the usual fee.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the following-named G. A. R. posts and veteran organizations the sum specified for each respectively, the same to be expended for memorial purposes, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 76 of the Acts of 1886, and upon condition that the money shall not be expended for other than memorial purposes, and that any balance remaining shall be set aside as a fund for said purposes, and that each organization and G. A. R. post shall submit to the City Council before July 1, 1898, a report containing a statement of the expenditures from the amount received, together with the number of actual members in the organization, and the number and location of the graves decorated; and a receipt from the officers of the said G. A. R. posts and other organizations, stating that they have received the sums, to be expended in accordance with the provisions of said statute, shall be a full discharge to the City Treasurer for such payments; the sums so paid, amounting to \$8,600, to be charged to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations, Memorial Day, May 30, 1898, viz.:

Organization.	Amount.
Dahlgren Post 2	\$400
Charles Russell Lowell Post 7	400
Abraham Lincoln Post 11	400
John A. Andrew Post 15	400
Friedrich Hecker Post 21	400
Joseph Hooker Post 23	400
Thomas G. Stevenson Post 26	400
Washington Post 32	400
Benjamin Stone, jr., Post 68	400

Francis Washburn Post 92	\$400
Edward W. Kinsley Post 113	400
Robert A. Bell Post 134	400
Maj. George L. Stearns Post 149	400
John A. Hawes Post 159	400
Gettysburg Post 191	400
Boston Post 200	400
Thomas F. Meagher Command No. 3, U. V. U.	250
Gen. Joseph Hooker Command No. 9, U. V. U.	150
Vicksburg Command No. 15, U. V. U., Gettysburg Command No. 19, U. V. U., Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans	400
Farragut Association of Naval Veterans, Robert G. Shaw Veteran Association	200
Gen. R. S. McKenzie Garrison No. 4, R. A. and N. U.	250
Peter Salem Garrison No. 70, R. A. and N. U.	200
Trimountain Garrison No. 98, R. A. and N. U.	250
Total	\$8,600

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved May 24, 1898:

Ordered, That the expense incurred by the Committee on Railroads for the hearing on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company for track locations on Walnut and Humboldt avenues and Seaver street, be and the same is hereby charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That permission be granted to Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show to hold a parade through the following-named streets on May 30, 1898:

Huntington avenue to Massachusetts avenue, to Washington street, to Broadway extension, to Harrison avenue, to Essex street, to South street, to High street, to Federal street, to Post Office square, to Congress street, to State street, to Court street, to Tremont street, to Boylston street, to Arlington street, to Commonwealth avenue, to Dartmouth street, to Huntington avenue, to lot.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston and Providence Railroad to close the roadway on Ferdinand street, between Tremont street and Columbus avenue, to all public travel, except as it may be necessary to accommodate storekeepers and householders to gain access to the premises; said closing to continue not later than October 1, 1898, unless further authorized by this Board.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the New England Railroad Company to erect, maintain, and use two guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached, one in and over Congress street, and one in B street, Ward 13,—for use in constructing the new terminal station, etc.; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Jones Brothers to erect, maintain, and use one post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over Ashburton place, easterly side, corner of Bowdoin street, Ward 6, for use in erecting the Beacon monument,

on the State House grounds; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to C. Emmett Clark & Co. to construct, maintain, and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in the following locations, viz.: One on Beach street, in front of No. 121; one on Utica street, in front of No. 33, and one on Utica street, in front of No. 9; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley to remove a wooden building, pitch roof, forty-five feet in length, by seventeen feet in width, by eighteen feet in height, from the junction of Spring street and the railroad, across Summer street and private lands to lot on the east side of Spring street, Ward 23, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Permits for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

George H. Lincoln, on the evenings of May 19, 20, and 21; and Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, on the evening of June 13.

Permits to run passenger barges, viz.:

Joseph Brennan, between Highland and Spring street stations and Mt. Calvary Cemetery and the Caledonian picnic grounds, on Sundays and holidays; and D. F. Whitehouse, within the limits of the city.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

George Vargas, druggist's mortar, 71 Falmouth street, Ward 10.

Morris Salis, pole to hang clothing on, 141 Dorchester avenue, Ward 13.

Frank McDermott, barber-pole, 938 Washington street, Ward 7.

Alexander Greenburg, sign, 16 Florence street, Ward 9.

E. Giesser, sign, 932 Dorchester avenue, Ward 16.

A. Gisker, sign, 137 Chelsea street, Ward 2.

Louis Bassill, sign, 160 Portland street, Ward 6.

Permit to Damrell & Upham to project a bay window from building, 3 School street, Ward 6.

License to J. C. Talbot to store and keep for sale oils or fluids, composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 1157 Washington street, Ward 24; and license to Augustus W. Wilton, to keep for use such oils or fluids, at 67 Clayton street, Ward 24.

Constables' bonds of Benjamin F. Powell and Walter A. Goddard.

Orders for the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks, as follows:

Along Covington street from the steps to East Eighth street, Ward 15, and in front of estates, viz.:

Dingwell Bros., Brooks street, N. W. from Eagle street, Ward 1, of brick.

R. J. Renton, 20-22 Boynton street, Ward 22, of artificial stone.

L. F. Abbott, 72 Westville street, Ward 24, of artificial stone.

Mark Lewis, Mt. Pleasant avenue and Forest street, Ward 17, of brick.

John Mahan, Dewey street and Harvard avenue, Ward 16, of gravel.

M. F. D'Arcy, Blackwood street, Ward 10, of gravel.

Henry S. Fisher, 95 Homestead street, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

The following were approved May 27:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Mark King to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, three feet by five and one-half feet, with wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on the corner of Adams and Yeoman streets, Ward 17; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Samuel Johnson, trustee, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening three feet by three feet, with an iron cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on the Hawes-street side of estate No. 60 Congress street, Ward 6; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Emma G. Campbell, to construct, maintain and use areas, with sidewalk lights and artificial stone coverings, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 38-42 Clinton street, and on the Fulton-street side of said estate, Ward 6 (dimensions on Fulton street thirty feet by eight feet; on Clinton street, sixty feet by twelve feet); the work to be completed on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Permit to Max Leibman to project a bay window at corner of Salem street and Bartlett place.

ORDERS NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested to instruct the Fire Commissioner to furnish flag-poles and flags for each fire-house in the City of Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to grant to such of their subordinates as are veterans of the late war, and who would ordinarily be employed on Sunday and Monday, May 29 and 30, holidays without loss of pay, as part compensation for their services on said days.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface Gold street from F street to Dorchester street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements, Ward 15.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to lay an asphalt or cement strip on both sides of Main street, Charlestown, and Warren bridge, for the use of bicycle riders, said strip to be four feet in width; the expense of the same to be charged

to the appropriations for Street Improvements, Wards 4 and 5.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to report to this Board at its next meeting the amount necessary to rebuild or repair, as may be necessary, the bridge on Freeport street, Ward 24.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following orders were presented to the Mayor May 17, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Michael Campbell to erect, maintain and use two hitching-posts in the sidewalk in front of estate 5 Romsey street, Ward 20; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to erect an electric light at the corner of Evergreen street and Day street, Ward 22; the expense attending the same to be charged to appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be hereby requested to remove a tree in front of premises 80 Princeton street, East Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the trees in front of premises 1981 Washington street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

LABOR STATISTICS.

The Labor Bulletin for the month of April has recently been issued by the Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

It contains three articles: (1.) Wealth Accumulation through Life Insurance, in which are brought together, data relating to the accumulation of capital through the life insurance companies doing business in Massachusetts during the years 1890 to 1895, inclusive; (2.) The Legislation of 1897 Relating to Hours of Labor, and to the Employment of Women and Children, showing the changes which have taken place during the past year by legislation in the various States relating to hours of labor, and to the employment of women and children; (3.) Quarterly Review of Employment and Earnings.

A hearing will be given by the Commissioners appointed by the Superior Court, on Saturday, June 11, at 89 State street, Room 75, to all parties interested in the petitions of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston for the abolition of grade-crossings of Blue Hill avenue and Oakland street.

NEW CHARTER OF CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

The special election to vote upon a new charter for the City and County of San Francisco occurred on Thursday, May 26, and resulted in its being approved by the voters by a majority of about 2,000. The charter will take effect, upon its approval by the Legislature, on the first Monday after January 1, 1900.

The new charter received the strong endorsement of the business men of the city, as was shown by the fact that 95 per cent. of the members of the leading trade organization, the Merchants' Association, were in favor of its adoption.

As now organized, the City and County of San Francisco are acting under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of 1856, which by reason of changes and amendments made by successive Legislatures, has become almost inoperative.

The new charter, when finally adopted, may be amended at intervals of not less than two years by three-fifths of the votes cast at a general or special election and approved by a majority of both houses of the Legislature. It is also provided by the charter that 15 per cent. of the voters of the city may, by petition, have amendments submitted to vote of the people and a majority will be sufficient to secure their adoption.

The following is an analysis of the leading provisions of the new charter:

In the first article are defined the boundaries of the City and County of San Francisco. It also provides that the city shall not be liable for any damage resulting from the defective condition of its streets, but upon the party on whom the law imposes the obligation to repair such defect, together with the officer through whose negligence such defect remains.

The second article deals entirely with the legislative department of the city. Legislative powers are vested in eighteen Supervisors, who are elected by the city and county at large, and who hold office for two years. The Mayor is the presiding officer of the Board, and ex-Mayors are entitled to seats therein. Meetings of the Board must be public.

It is provided that 15 per cent. of the electors may petition for the submission of any ordinance to vote of the people, and if it receives a majority of the votes cast, it becomes a valid ordinance, and can only be repealed by similar vote of the people. Ordinances granting franchises for light or water or for the lease or sale of public utilities or the purchase of land over \$50,000, must first be submitted to and receive a majority of the votes of the people.

All franchises and privileges heretofore

granted, which are not in actual use within six months after the charter takes effect, are declared forfeited. Street railway franchises can be granted by the Supervisors for a term not exceeding twenty-five years. The holder must pay during the first five years of the franchise at least 3 per cent. of the gross receipts at the end of each month, 4 per cent. during the next ten years, and 5 per cent. during the last ten years.

All contracts must be let to the lowest bidder. No article can be made in prison, and eight hours per day will be the maximum hours of labor and \$2 per day the minimum wage that will be permitted in the performance of any city contract.

No contract for gas or electric light for the city shall be for over one year, nor shall it be valid if the price is higher than the lowest price charged to any other consumer.

Article three is devoted to finance and taxation. The annual tax levy shall not exceed \$1 on the \$100 valuation of assessed property, exclusive of the State tax and the tax for interest and sinking-fund, and the tax for improvement and maintenance of public parks, although these limitations of taxation may be temporarily suspended by the unanimous vote of the Supervisors and the approval of the Mayor, in case of great necessity.

The article also provides that no liability shall be incurred in any fiscal year exceeding the revenue for that year, and that no debt shall be contracted during any year that cannot be paid out of the revenues of that year.

Articles four to sixteen, inclusive, define the powers and duties of officials and commissions, both elective and appointive.

The elective officers under the new charter are as follows:

Mayor, eighteen Supervisors, Auditor, Treasurer, Assessor, Tax Collector, Recorder, City Attorney, District Attorney, Public Administrator, County Clerk, Sheriff, Coroner, five Justices of the Peace, four Police Judges and the Superintendent of Schools. Each of the above officers will be elected for two years, except the Police Judges and the Superintendent of Schools, who will be elected for four years.

The following Boards and Commissions will be appointed by the Mayor:

Three Commissioners of Public Works, four Police Commissioners, four Fire Commissioners, four School Directors, five Health Commissioners, five Election Commissioners, five Park Commissioners, and three Civil Service Commissioners. The terms of the Commissioners of Public Works and of Civil Service will be for three years. The terms of each of the other Boards and Commissions will be for four years.

Under the old, or present, charter, the city officials are mainly appointed by the Governor. The new charter transfers the power of appointment to the Mayor.

CEMETERY AT DEER ISLAND.

The Penal Institutions Commissioner has, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, directed that the plot of land used in connection with the institutions at Deer Island as a burial ground for those who have died during confinement, be laid out in a manner more approved and fitting to the use made of it.

A plan of the proposed cemetery has been made, which shows the land to be triangular in shape, and of an area of about 20,000 square feet.

The approach to the cemetery leads to a circle situated centrally in the grounds, from which diverge two main avenues running to either end. Crossing these at right angles, are some sixteen paths ending at the broad avenues which entirely surround the plot.

The large central circle will be occupied by a mound of flowers or a monument, and the cemetery will be known as "Resthaven."

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on June 15, 1898, examination may be taken for the grade of railway book-keeper, at Boston or any other city in the United States where the Commission has a competent Board of Examiners. There is at present a vacancy in this grade in the office of the Commissioner of Railroads, Department of the Interior, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum, which it is desired to fill.

Applicants will be required to furnish detailed statements, supported by evidence satisfactory to the Commission, showing that they have had five or more years experience in the railway business, and where they have had an opportunity to acquire a knowledge of the methods of keeping accounts, especially with reference to earnings and expenses. Their experience will be rated according to its value as qualifying them for the duties of the position for which this examination is held.

The Commission also announces that on June 15, 1898, examination may be taken for the grade of clerk, qualified in German, French, Spanish, Italian and Russian languages. There is at present a vacancy in this grade, in the War Department, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum, which it is desired to fill.

Persons desiring to enter these examinations should at once apply to the Secretary of the Board of Civil Service Examiners, Post Office Building, this city, for application blanks, Form 304, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission.

Awards of Contracts.

Engineering Department.

Bids for widening Federal-street bridge and deflecting it into new Dorchester avenue, on account of the new South Union Station, were opened Tuesday, May 31, by City Engineer Jackson. The bids were as follows:

W. J. Lawlor	\$10,206
W. H. Ellis & Co.	10,449
W. H. Ryan & Co.	10,977
G. H. Cavanagh	11,000
W. L. & C. A. Miller	11,300
W. H. Keyes & Co.	11,839
J. N. Hayes & Co.	12,000

The contract was awarded to William J. Lawlor.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Street Department.

Contracts have been awarded for building sewers and drains in the following-named streets:

Sherwood street, West Roxbury, to D. M. Dwyer, at \$729.30.

Chiswick road and outlet, to P. & F. E. McCarthy, at \$5,687.04.

The contracts for building the sewers and drains in Waterlow and Belvidere streets have not yet been awarded.

Proposals for furnishing dimension stones for flushing gate-chambers at Moon Island, have been opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as follows:

Bidder.	Bid.
Cape Ann Granite Company	\$6,390 90
Pigeon Hill Granite Company	7,342 50
Rockport Granite Company	7,518 15

The contract was awarded to the Cape Ann Granite Company.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

PARK BOAT SERVICE.

The following agreement relating to boat service in the Parks of the City of Boston has been entered into by the city, through its Board of Park Commissioners, and the Boston Parks Boat Service Company:

Whereas, William E. Sheldon, the licensee named in a certain agreement entered into by the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston with said William E. Sheldon for licensing and establishing a boat service in the waters of the Park System of said city, did, on the second day of February, A.D. 1898, assign said agreement and all his rights and interest therein to the Boston Parks Boat Service Company, a corporation duly established by the laws of the State of Maine, which assignment was approved by this Board; and

Whereas, The said company desires to enlarge and extend the said boat service;

Now, therefore, in consideration of these presents and of the payment to said city of the sums hereinafter specified to be paid by the lessee of the privileges herein granted, and in consideration of the extension of said

boat service by the addition of four new launches to the number of boats required to be furnished under said agreement, the undersigned, the Board of Park Commissioners of said city, by virtue of the authority conferred on said Board by Chapter 365 of the Acts of 1897, hereby extends the said agreement with the said Boston Parks Boat Service Company for a period of three years from and after the thirty-first day of December, 1900.

Provided, That the said company conducts the said boat service to the satisfaction of the Board, in accordance with the terms of said agreement, and that for each year of the said extension the said company shall pay for the rights and privileges herein granted the sum of \$1,000 on the first day of each of said years.

Provided, also, that at the expiration of said extended term the said company may have the option of a further extension of said concession for the period of three years in addition, provided that the service shall be carried on by the said company to the satisfaction of the Board, and provided it agrees to pay for each year of said further extension a sum to be determined by the Board at the beginning of said last extended term.

And provided further, that in consideration of said company's providing attendants, heating and care for all shelters and sanitary buildings erected for skating purposes, the said Boston Parks Boat Service Company shall have the privilege of furnishing light refreshments at all landings or stations where ticket offices are established in connection with its boat service, and at such other places where skating is provided as the said Board may determine, said privilege to be exercised under the direction and to the satisfaction of said Board.

The said company, in consideration of the above extension of said agreement by the said Board of Park Commissioners, hereby agrees to perform all the agreements and acts on its part agreed to be performed as above, and specified and stated in the foregoing conditions.

City of Boston,

By CHARLES E. STRATTON,

LABAN PRATT,

JOHN T. WHEELWRIGHT,

Board of Park Commissioners.

Boston, May 16, 1898.

Approved for form.

JOHN T. WHEELWRIGHT,

Assistant Corporation Counsel.

Boston Parks Boat Service Company,

By WASHINGTON G. BENEDICT,

President.

Approved.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The following is a full text of the Aldermanic Bill, which was enacted by both branches of the Legislature, but which was vetoed by the Governor on May 23:

H. B. 1116, an Act to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. There shall be elected by the registered voters of each of the twenty-five wards of the City of Boston at every annual municipal election under the provisions of law so far as applicable, one Alderman for the term of one year.

Sect. 2. There shall also be elected by the registered voters of each of the twenty-five wards of said city at every annual municipal election under the same provisions of law as those under which members of the Common Council of said city are elected, two members of the Common Council.

Sect. 3. The term of each of said Aldermen and Common Councilmen shall begin with the first Monday of January next following his election; and the Aldermen and Common Councilmen so elected shall meet and be sworn as now provided for members-elect of the City Council of said city.

Sect. 4. Nominations of candidates for the members of the Board of Aldermen and Common Councilmen in said city to be placed on the official election ballot, made by a political party, which at the preceding annual State election polled for Governor at least 3 per centum of the entire vote cast in the Commonwealth for that office, shall be so made only when the registered voters of the party in caucuses make nominations as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 5. Nomination papers for the nomination of Aldermen and Councilmen in any ward to be voted for at a caucus of such party shall contain the signatures of not less than ten registered voters of the ward, who are members of such party. Nominations by nomination papers for Aldermen in any ward, to be placed on the official election ballot, may be so made only by such papers bearing the signatures of at least fifty registered voters residing in the ward in which such candidate or candidates reside.

Sect. 6. Each of the members of the Board of Aldermen shall be paid, in monthly payments, a salary of \$1,000 per year, which shall include all expenses incurred by him in the performance of his official duties; and each of the members of the Common Council shall be paid, in monthly payments, a salary of \$300 per year, which shall include all expenses incurred by him in the performance of his official duties.

Sect. 7. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Aldermen or Councilmen, there shall be a new election in such ward to fill the vacancy, as is now provided by law.

Sect. 8. All rights to use the public streets of said city for the laying of conduits, pipes and wires under or above the surface thereof, all grants of locations of railroads and street railways and the right to lay the rails thereof in public streets, and the right to erect poles and other structures in streets shall be granted only by the vote of Board of Aldermen, subject to the approval of the Mayor, as in the case of other votes passed by the City Council, and thereafter any person or corporation so authorized may open and occupy the public streets for the purposes granted only on the permit of the Superintendent of Streets of said city, subject to such conditions as he shall deem necessary for the protection of the public.

Sect. 9. All acts and parts of acts providing for the election of Aldermen and Councilmen of said city, or inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed, and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this act are hereby annulled.

Sect. 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SENATE AND
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I return herewith to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, a bill entitled "An Act to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston," with my objections thereto in writing.

This bill, if enacted, will effect a radical change in the constitution of the City Council of the City of Boston. It does not provide for its acceptance either by the voters of the city or by their elected representatives. I do not find that its passage has been petitioned for either by the present City Council or by any large number of citizens interested in the good government of the city, and representing its intelligence and its business, professional and property interests.

The bill provides for a Board of Aldermen to consist of twenty-five members, each elected by the registered voters of one of the twenty-five wards of the city, and for a Common Council of fifty members, of whom the registered voters of each ward shall elect two. Except in the unimportant detail of numbers, the two branches are, therefore, absolutely identical in their constitution. Aldermen and Common Councilmen alike will represent solely a limited, local constituency, and are to continue in office or to be removed therefrom solely according to their success in meeting the desires, reasonable or otherwise, of a single ward. I do not think that this method of election will tend to call into the service of the city, men of large capacity and experience, capable of regarding the interests of the entire municipality as paramount to those of a restricted locality.

The advantages which are claimed for the bi-cameral system of legislative bodies are due chiefly to the fact that the two chambers are either differently elected or represent different constituencies, so that they may be expected to approach the consideration of questions of public interest from different points of view. These advantages disappear in a system which provides for the absolute duplication of the two bodies except only in the number of their members. It is true that for several years the members of the Board of Aldermen were elected by districts and not by vote of the city at large, but it is also true that these districts were at least double the size of those contemplated in the present bill, and that even with this advantage the results were so unsatisfactory that this method was very generally condemned, and was finally abandoned.

Whatever influences have made the City Council of Boston a body of less high purposes and wise efficiency than its citizens believe the Council might become if constituted in a manner different from the present, would in my opinion be intensified rather than abated by the legislation contemplated

in this bill. Instead of raising the standard of membership and making more honorable the service in either branch, the operation of this bill would tend, I believe, to lower the one and degrade the other. In the attempt to correct acknowledged evils it is better to make no change rather than to adopt a change which bears no promise of improvement.

I feel confident that a better method than the one proposed can be devised to effect the improvement in the legislative branch of the government of the City of Boston, which should be the constant effort of her citizens.

For these reasons I am unable to give my official approval to the bill.

ROGER WOLCOTT.

May 23.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following list contains the titles of bills concerning the City of Boston which have been approved by the Governor, with the number of page of THE CITY RECORD on which they were previously noted or printed:

Approved by Governor.

- S. B. 34, to Authorize the Sale of Certain Land taken for Public Park Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 120.
- S. B. 43, relative to the Holding of Caucuses, p. 77.
- S. B. 44, relative to Wires and Electrical Appliances in the Streets of the City of Boston, p. 78.
- S. B. 50, relative to the Construction of Belvidere street in the City of Boston, p. 78.
- S. B. 62, relative to the Finances of the City of Boston, p. 53.
- S. B. 70, relative to Stony Brook in the City of Boston, p. 121.
- S. B. 71, to Payment of Assessments for the Laying-out and Construction of Highways in the City of Boston, p. 121.
- S. B. 110, to Provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 63.
- S. B. 118, relating to the Support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston, p. 65.
- S. B. 153, relative to Grounds for the Parade, Drill and Target Practice of the Militia of the City of Boston, p. 166.
- H. B. 82, as to change of Harbor Lines and Improvements in South Bay, p. 29.
- H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 30.
- H. B. 195, for widening Rutherford avenue, Devens and Bow streets, p. 43.
- H. B. 348, as to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 80.
- H. B. 356, as to payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Children of Charles A. Lambert, p. 81.
- H. B. 358, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Father of James W. McCabe, p. 81.
- H. B. 395, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Family of John Kelley, p. 81.
- H. B. 410, as to Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 82.
- H. B. 452, to Provide for the Appointment of One Additional Court Officer for Attendance upon the Several Sessions of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, p. 83.
- H. B. 489, to Enable the City of Boston to Complete Blue Hill avenue and other avenues, p. 83.
- H. B. 491, relative to Bennington Street in the City of Boston, p. 83.
- H. B. 503, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Widow of Charles J. Vaughn, p. 84.
- H. B. 506, to Facilitate the Inspection of Wires in Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 85.
- H. B. 589, to Enable the City of Boston to Finish the Construction of its Public Parks, p. 122.
- H. B. 645, relative to the Taking of Land for School Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 87.
- H. B. 668, relative to the Pensioning of War Veterans who are Members of the Police Force of Boston, p. 123.
- H. B. 670, to Establish an Art Department in the City of Boston, p. 62.
- H. B. 673, to Authorize the Treasurer of the City of Boston to Issue Bonds for Taking of Land for School Purposes, p. 88.
- H. B. 676, relative to the Time of Appointment and Assignment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 88.
- H. B. 685, to Authorize the School Committee of the City of Boston to Erect Buildings for School Purposes not Fire-proof, p. 124.
- H. B. 686, to Exempt School-houses from Certain Provisions of the Act relative to the Erection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 88.
- H. B. 762, relative to the Construction, Maintenance and Inspection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 92.
- H. B. 764, relative to the Construction of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 93.
- H. B. 768, relative to Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 93.
- H. B. 825, to Further Provide for a Union Station for Passengers on Railroads entering the Southerly part of the City of Boston, p. 124.
- H. B. 887, to Change Boundary Line between Boston and Cambridge, p. 94.
- H. B. 888, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line between the Cities of Boston and Newton, p. 94.
- H. B. 889, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line between the City of Boston and the Town of Hyde Park, p. 94.
- H. B. 932, relative to Disabled Firemen in the City of Boston.
- Petition that the City of Boston may pay sum of Money to Sister of Denis H. Morrissey.
- Petition of Mayor Quincy for Provisions for laying out Alleys in the City of Boston, p. 64.
- Petition, relative to the Power of Officers of the Law Department of the City of Boston to enter into certain agreements.

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON, IN PROGRESS OF PASSAGE, BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted, House.	Enacted, Senate.
1. S. B. 43, relative to the Holding of Caucuses, p. 77.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Mch. 10, 15. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	April 25. Am.	April 27. Am.	April 29. S.	May 2.	May 9.	May 23.	May 25.
2. H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Cities. Jan. 14.	Jan. 21. Feb. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	April 18. Am.	April 20.	April 22. S.	May 5. Sub.	May 10. Am.	May 19.	May 20.
3. H. B. 416, resolve to Provide for an Addition to the Normal Art School Building in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Education.	Feb. 17. Closed.	March 22. H. (B.)	May 19.	May 23.	May 25. S.				
4. H. B. 505, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 84.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30	April 1. S.	May 9.	May 16. Am.	May 20. Vetoed.	May 20.
5. H. B. 753, relative to Ferries, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.						

Board Meetings.

Library Department.

Friday, May 20, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln, Prince and the Librarian.

Communications received: Librarian's report.

Increases in salary and grade: Shelf Department, Bertha P. Richmond, Grade B, to \$13 per week, beginning June 1; Eliza F. A. Caiger, Grade D, to \$7 per week, beginning October 18; Bates Hall: Albert J. Plunkett, to Grade D, special, June 1, increase to \$8 per week, to begin November 1; Charles A. Hardy, to Grade D, to \$6 per week, beginning June 1; Branch Division: Andrew J. Maier, to Grade D, special, increase to \$8 per week, to begin February 1, 1899.

Substitute service authorized: D. G. Ford, to be paid the sum of \$7 for service in Special Libraries from April 27 to May 3; and Charles Doyle, employed for such service at the rate of \$6 per week, beginning May 4.

Employment of Belle B. Bolcom, on probation as Custodian of Station "S" in place of Emma Bollig, transferred to Central Library.

Leave of absence granted to Charlotte Kelly of Special Libraries, from June 21 to August 16, with loss of pay.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$388.40; to trust funds, \$218.32; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$11.72; to Station "P," \$36.26; miscellaneous articles, \$160.66.

Application for special privilege card received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, May 24, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held May 24, 1898:

It was voted that the Superintendent be authorized to remove the wooden steps at Pond street.

It was voted that the Welsbach burner be adopted for use at Charlesbank, to equip alternate lamps on the promenade, as recommended by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent reported that D. V. Goodwin will give the services of a man three days per week for the exclusive concession to sell refreshments at Wood Island Park for two years, and it was

Voted, That the exclusive privilege be given to D. V. Goodwin to sell refreshments at Wood Island Park, for two years, on the terms reported by the Superintendent.

Voted, That the site on the Strandway shown on a plan dated May 19, 1898, and entitled "Columbia Yacht Club Location," be leased to said club on the terms and conditions set forth in the indenture of lease approved this day, and that upon the acceptance of the aforesaid site by said Columbia Yacht Club, said lease be executed and submitted to the Mayor for approval.

Voted, That the police be authorized to allow persons holding recommendations from the Committee on the Celebration of the Seventeenth of June, to occupy space on Charlestown Playground for the sale of refreshments and similar purposes on June 17, 1898.

The Superintendent submitted the bid of the Bay State Dredging Company for constructing a temporary bathing beach at Charlestown Heights, for the net sum of fifty-four cents per cubic yard for dredging and sixty-five cents per cubic yard for gravel filling, and it was

Voted, To request the consent of the Mayor to the making of a contract for the work without advertising.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Statistical Department.

The twenty-seventh meeting of the Department of Municipal Statistics was held at its office on May 16, 1898, at 3.30 P.M. Present: Messrs. Dewey, Folsom, Minot, Pearmain, Weld and Jackson. Mr. Minot occupied the chair.

Mr. Minot was unanimously elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Edward M. Hartwell was chosen Secretary for the ensuing year.

Voted, That Mr. Cook make a descriptive report as to the actual method of keeping the records in the several public institutions.

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, May 31, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters filed in the City Clerk's office for the week ending May 28, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	123
Number of discharges of mortgages	18
Number of assignments of mortgages	5
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	4
Number of assignments of wages	7
Number of married women's certificates	5
Number of ship liens	1
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, May 28, 1898.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending May 28, 1898, as follows:

The resignations of George H. Randall, a permanent member of Ladder Company 10, and A. T. Cellarius, a call-substitute, with call-man's pay, of Engine 45, have been accepted.

Andrew P. Callahan has been appointed a call-substitute, with call-man's pay, of Engine Company 29.

Special drafts have been drawn in favor of William Lumb & Co., for plumbing of new engine-house at Grove Hall, \$500, and new Engine-House 30, West Roxbury, \$431.

The following transfers have taken place: John F. Watson, Engine 38-39 to Ladder Company 10; W. P. Kehoe, Engine 23 to Engine 27; J. K. Wheelock, Engine 27 to Engine Company 16; George B. Wilson, Engine 16 to Engine 23.

There have been purchased of the Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company, six pieces of suction hose for \$181.

Seven pieces of hose have been condemned.

Orders have been drawn, as follows:

Donovan & Brock, for a copper gutter for stable of Engine 8, \$152.

Charles Waugh & Co., repairs on supply wagon, \$127.45, and repairs on three wagons for fire-alarm branch, \$201.25.

Samuel Kelly, for one roof and two side ventilators for Ladder 5, \$150.

William H. Sawyer, for whitening and patching in department houses, in District 6, \$91.

W. J. O'Connell of Engine 44 has been suspended from 4.15 P.M., May 12, to 10 A.M. May 24, and sentenced to forfeit two weeks' pay in addition, for violation of Rule 9 of the General Rules of the Department.

Ordered, That Captain M. J. Kennedy of Engine 25 be suspended for three days, for allowing his engine to be driven over the hose of another company, while at work.

Ordered, That John F. Hennessey of Engine Company 2 be fined two weeks' pay, for conduct unbecoming a citizen and prejudicial to the reputation of the Fire Department, while on his day off.

Two dozen horse collars have been ordered of Maurice Reardon.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

The following communication was addressed, on May 27, to the Chief of Department:

OFFICE OF FIRE COMMISSIONER.

L. P. WEBBER, Chief of Department.

SIR: You will please call the attention of the District Chiefs to Rule 77, and advise them that any member of this Department who, when on leave, conducts himself in a manner unbecoming a citizen, will forfeit his position here. Days off and leaves of absence from active duty do not mean license or freedom from decent restraint.

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Health Department.

Old Court House, May 28, 1898.

The following is a report of the work done by the Health Department for the week ending May 28:

Inspections made at the Abattoir:

Steers	204
New England cows	9
Sheep	82
Calves	413

Total 708

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables were granted:

P. J. Brady, St. Mark street, Ward 23, fifteen additional horses; John F. Heniham, 3532 Washington street, Ward 23, one additional horse; Ellen O'Leary, Darling street, Ward 19, one horse; J. A. Caldwell, Kemble place, Ward 17, sixteen horses.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been received:

Willard P. Whittemore, 3371 Washington street, Ward 23, five horses; hearing June 2, at 11 o'clock; A. A. Hall, Sweet street, Ward 16, thirty horses; hearing June 9, at 11 o'clock; S. H. Whitwell, 329 Newbury street, Ward 11, ten horses; hearing June 9, at 11 o'clock; Michael Magee, 4 Bragdon street, Ward 23, one additional horse; hearing June 9, at 11 o'clock; John A. Whittemore, Linden street, corner Houston street, Ward 23, twenty horses; hearing June 9, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses, made during the eleven days ending May 21, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
Positive	21	31	52
Negative	42	35	77
No growth	—	3	3
Total	63	69	132

The diphtheria diagnosis work was transferred from Harvard Medical School on May 10 to this Department.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

The Eighteenth Annual Convention of the American Water Works Association will be held at Buffalo, June 14 to 16, inclusive.

Water works plants, both municipal and private, will be represented at the Convention, besides business houses throughout the country engaged in supplying material to water departments.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending May 28, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	17.6
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	20.7
Number of deaths:	
Males	99
Females	81
Total	180
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	206
Decrease	26

Of the 180 decedents, 176 were white and 4 colored; 105 were born in the United States, 71 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 unknown; 34 were of American parentage, 127 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 19 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	19	3
Scarlatina	15	1
Typhoid fever	9	2
Measles	71	1
Totals	114	7

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	40
Pneumonia	17
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	16
Bronchitis	3
Marasmus	8
Violent causes	6

Total from principal causes	91
Total from infectious diseases	7
Total from other causes	82

Total from all causes	180
Deaths of children under 1 year	24
Deaths of children under 5 years	38
Deaths of persons over 60 years	31
Deaths in public institutions	49

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDINANCES OF 1898—CHAPTER 6—RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Eight.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER TWENTY-EIGHT OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1892.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 is hereby amended by striking out the words "eight hundred" in the second line of said section, and by inserting the words "nine hundred" in place thereof; and by inserting after the word "year" in the sixteenth line thereof, the words "shall deliver to the Board of Municipal Statistics 100 sets of said volumes."

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 9, 1898.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH A. CONEY, Chairman.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, May 19, 1898.

Concurred.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

Approved, May 24, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

A true copy. Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, May 27, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25, in the Old Court House, at 3 o'clock P.M., on Friday, June 3, 1898, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plans numbered S 24, 23, made by the Board and filed January 21 and October 5, 1897, in the office of the City Engineer, in City Hall; said territory is in that part of Boston, formerly Roxbury, and is bounded, approximately, by Heath, Day, Perkins and Catalpa streets and South Huntington avenue.

JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
GEORGE H. INNIS,
Street Commissioners.

TO TAXPAYERS.

ASSESSORS' OFFICE.

City Hall, May 1, 1898.

Your attention is called to our circular (now being distributed throughout the city) relative to making returns on property subject to taxation as early as possible, before June 15, at two o'clock P.M.

Per order of the Board of Assessors,

FRANK A. DREW, Secretary.

NOTICE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston, to furnish proposals for making alterations in the West Roxbury High School Building on Elm street, Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass., and building an addition to said building; also for furnishing and installing the heating and ventilating apparatus for said building; also for furnishing and installing the plumbing system for said building, according to the office copy of the contracts and plans, which may be seen at the office of Andrews, Jaques and Rantoul, 8 Beacon street, Boston, Mass.; a satisfactory bond in the sum of \$30,000 for faithfully doing the work under the first contract, \$10,000 for the second contract, and \$10,000 for the third contract, will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal for each contract, to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of June 16, 1898, with a certified check accompanying the proposal for \$3,000, under the first contract, \$1,000 under the second contract, and \$1,000 under the third contract, payable to the City of Boston; these checks are to be the property of the city if the Contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems for the best interest of the city.

THOMAS F. STRANGE,

Chairman of the Committee on School-houses, of the School Committee of the City of Boston.



THE CITY RECORD.

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Room 71, City Hall,

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 1898, confirmed the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor:

Daniel F. Flynn, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the year ending April 30, 1899.

Frederic S. Walker, to be a constable.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

The Superintendent of Public Buildings on May 31 appointed, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, Mr. John Drohan Deputy Superintendent of the Department. During the absence of Colonel Bogan, who is in command of the Ninth Massachusetts Regiment, encamped at Camp Alger, Va., Mr. Drohan will be Acting Superintendent of Public Buildings.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. Linus E. Pearson, a member of the Board of Election Commissioners, was designated by His Honor the Mayor on June 6 to serve as Chairman of the Board for the term ending April 30, 1899.

DEATH OF JONATHAN A. LANE.

Hon. Jonathan A. Lane, one of Boston's most prominent business men, died at his home in this city Sunday morning, June 5, 1898.

Mr. Lane was born in Bedford, May 15, 1822, and during his lifetime had held many positions of public trust and responsibility. Mr. Lane was Chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Committee during 1896-97.

He was for a number of years President of the Boston Merchants' Association.

SEVENTEENTH OF JUNE CELEBRATION.

The customary civic parade will be held in Charlestown under the auspices of the city in the afternoon of the Seventeenth of June. The chief marshal will be Representative Peter F. Tague. The organizations participating will be:

Boston Letter Carriers' Mutual Benefit Association; Charlestown Veteran Firemen; Division 5, A. O. H.; Division 37, A. O. H.; St. Francis de Sales Cadets; Conclave 114, Knights of Sherwood Forest; Knights of Pythias; Knights of the Golden Eagle; Company A, Fifth Regiment; Company H, Fifth Regiment; Charlestown Cycle Club; Abraham Lincoln Camp, Sons of Veterans; High School Cadets.

His Honor the Mayor has decided that this year, instead of the City Treasurer paying to the different organizations the money appropriated by the City Council, the bills for the expenditures shall be submitted to the Clerk of Committees, John F. Dever, after receiving the approval of the authorized officer of the organization, and if approved by Mr. Dever and the Mayor, will be paid by the City Treasurer to the amount of the appropriation.

In the evening there will be a display of fireworks on the Charlestown Playground at 8 o'clock. The contract for this display has been awarded to H. H. Tilton & Co., in the sum of \$250. Music during the day will be furnished by the recently organized Municipal Band.

PLAYGROUNDS IN BOSTON.

The following statement furnished by the Park Department shows the number of acres and the cost of the playgrounds belonging to the city—that are under the charge of the Park Department:

Charlesbank—Charles street, between Cambridge and Leverett streets, taken in 1883 under the Park Act; ten acres (three acres in gymnasium and playground). Cost: land, \$373,916.99; construction, \$305,513.13.

Charlestown Heights—Corner Bunker Hill and St. Martin streets, taken in 1891 under the Park Act; four acres land, six acres flats (one acre in playground). Cost: land, \$50,538.02; construction, \$95,966.76.

Charlestown Playground—Corner Main and Alford streets, taken in 1891 under the Park Act; fourteen acres enclosed by a sea wall (four acres flats, nine acres filled). Cost: land, \$172,923.31; paid on account of construction, \$9,263.17.

Mystic Playground—Chelsea street and Mystic river, Charlestown, taken June 23, 1897, under the Playground Act; two and one-fourth acres. Cost: land, \$50,000.

North End Playground—Prince and North Bennett streets, taken May 25, 1897, under the Playground Act; one-fourth of an acre. Cost: paid on account of land, \$99,228.95.

North End Beach and Copp's Hill Terraces—Commercial street, taken in 1893 under the Park Act; four acres land, three acres flats (about one and one-half acres in playground). Cost: land, \$419,222.63; construction, \$185,587.45.

Wood Island Park—East Boston, taken in 1882 and 1891 under the Park Act; forty-six acres land, 165 acres flats (nine acres in gymnasium and playground.) Cost: land, \$132,800; paid on account of construction, \$216,530.27.

North Brighton Playground—Western avenue, purchased in 1894; fourteen acres marsh (three acres filled). Cost: land, \$21,861.73; paid on account of construction, \$3,095.68.

Fellows-street Playground—Corner Fellows and Hunneman streets, taken August 17, 1897, under the Playground Act; three-fourths of an acre. Cost: land, \$14,503.72; paid on account of construction, \$496.28.

Billings Field—Between Bellevue and Lagrange streets, West Roxbury, taken December 14, 1896, under the Playground Act; eleven acres. Cost: land not paid for; paid on account of construction, \$18.50.

Franklin Field—Blue Hill avenue, Dorchester, taken in 1892 under the Park Act;

seventy-seven acres (forty acres in playground). Cost: land, \$157,341.22; paid on account of construction, \$70,813.53.

City Point Playground—First street, South Boston, transferred from Public Grounds Department March 2, 1897; five acres. Cost: construction, \$9,554.35.

Neponset Playground—Neponset avenue, Dorchester, taken December 14, 1896, under the Playground Act; nineteen acres salt marsh unfilled. Cost: paid on account of land, \$1,698.50; construction, \$963.32.

Christopher Gibson Playground—Dorchester avenue, Park street and Geneva avenue, Dorchester, taken November 1, 1897, under the Playground Act; six acres. Cost: land, \$37,500.

In addition to the above, there are playgrounds, tennis courts and golf links in Franklin Park, aggregating about 125 acres.

The salient facts contained in the above statement may be tabulated as follows:

NAME.	Taken In Year.	Total Acres.	Acres In Playground.	Cost of Land.	Cost of Construction.	Total Cost.
Charlestown Heights.....	1883	10	3	\$373,917	\$305,513	\$679,430
Charlestown Heights.....	1891	10	9	50,338	95,967	146,305
Charlestown Heights.....	1891	14	2	172,923	9,283	182,186
Myrtle Playground.....	1897	2.25	2.25	50,000	.....	50,000
North End Beach and Copp's Hill Terraces.....	1897	2.25	2.25	99,229	.....	99,229
Wood Island Park.....	1897	7	1.50	419,223	185,287	604,510
North Brighton Playground.....	1897	211	3	132,600	216,530	349,330
North Brighton Playground.....	1897	14	9	21,860	3,086	24,938
Bellevue Street Playground.....	1896	11	7.75	14,504	496	15,000
Bellevue Street Playground.....	1896	11	11	Not paid for	19	19
Franklin Field.....	1892	77	40	157,341	70,814	228,155
City Point Playground.....	1897	5	5	Transferred	9,554	9,554
Neponset Playground.....	1896	19	Unfilled.	1,699	983	2,682
Christopher Gibson Playground.....	1897	6	6	37,500	.....	37,500
Totals.....		387.25	91.75	\$1,531,536	\$897,802	\$2,429,338

In Franklin Park about 125 acres are devoted to playground purposes.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Two examinations for admission to the High and the Latin schools will be held this year—one in June and the other in September.

The first examination for admission to the High Schools will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25, at 9 A.M., in the several high school-houses.

The first examination for admission to the Latin schools will be held on Saturday, June 18, at 9 A.M. Boys will be examined at the Latin School on Warren avenue, and girls at the High and Latin School on West Newton street.

COMMERCE OF PHILADELPHIA.

The Twenty-third Annual Report of the Philadelphia Maritime Exchange, recently issued, contains an interesting review of the commerce of the Port of Philadelphia for the year 1897, and of the work of improvement of its harbors and channels.

In the foreign carrying trade there entered at the port 1,061 vessels of a tonnage of 1,625,817, while there cleared 1,033 vessels of a tonnage of 1,536,751, making a total of 2,094 vessels entered and cleared of an aggregate tonnage of 3,162,568.

In addition to the above, 4,741 vessels arrived at and 4,743 vessels sailed from the Port of Philadelphia engaged in the coast-wise trade, while 1,859 vessels put in at Delaware Breakwater during the year, to await orders to proceed or for the sake of shelter.

The value of exports was \$51,760,616, a gain of 22 per cent. over 1896, and the value of imports was \$43,646,026, a gain of 9 per cent. over the previous year.

The improvement of Delaware River is practically divided into two parts, viz.:

(1.) The improvement of that part of Philadelphia Harbor, which covers the city's water front for a distance of about six miles, was begun during 1891 and completed in December, 1897. This project involved the removal of all islands and shoals which interfered with a channel 2,000 feet in width and of a depth sufficient to meet the requirements of the port. The location of the improved channel permits the widening of Delaware avenue, which fronts directly upon the harbor, to 150 feet, and for this purpose the City Government has appropriated \$2,150,000. Fifteen new wharves, adapted to meet modern steamship requirements, have been extended by private and corporate enterprise to the new harbor lines; five others are in progress of extension, and permits for an additional number are awaiting approval.

(2.) The improvement of the ship channel between the harbor and the bay, a distance of nearly fifty-five miles, was begun in 1885, and involves the formation of a channel 600 feet wide and thirty-two feet deep at high water, or twenty-seven feet deep at low water. The cost of this improvement was estimated at \$2,425,000, with an annual expense of maintenance of \$87,000. It is expected that the entire work will be completed during the present season. Even this channel is considered of insufficient depth to meet the demands of modern steamships, and a plan has been submitted to Congress to secure a thirty-foot low-water depth of channel at an estimated cost of \$5,935,000.

The report also contains an account of the work of constructing a National Harbor of Refuge near the mouth of Delaware Bay, which was begun in 1896, and, it is estimated, will cost \$4,665,000. The anchorage area within the Harbor of Refuge will be about 700 acres, and the work will be completed in 1901.

Since 1890, \$2,475,000 have been appropriated by the City Government towards the improvement of the harbor of the Port of Philadelphia, and of the channels of approach to the sea.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders were promulgated by the Board of Police on May 26 and 28, respectively:

General Order No. 515.

In the matter of the complaint made against Sergeant Edward W. Burns, of Division 14, for violation of Rule XXIV. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer and neglect of duty, the Board finds the said Sergeant Burns guilty and sentences him to be reduced to the rank of patrolman.

General Order No. 516.

I. The Board of Civil Service Commissioners having certified that Patrolman Frank I. Jones, of Division 14, is eligible for promotion to the rank of Sergeant, it is therefore hereby ordered that the said Patrolman Jones be, and he hereby is promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the police force of the City of Boston, and assigned to duty in the same division.

II. Reserve officer John A. McDonald, of Division 2, having been commended for performing meritorious service in rescuing a man from drowning, he is hereby appointed a Patrolman in the police force, and assigned to duty in the same division. He will report at the clerk's office at 9.30 o'clock A.M., the thirty-first instant, to be sworn.

III. Patrolman Michael J. Crowley, of Division 5, having been commended for performing meritorious service in stopping a runaway horse on Washington street, between West Canton and West Brookline streets, on the twentieth of April, current, is hereby commended in General Orders.

IV. Patrolman Dennis Kerrigan, of Division 9, having been commended for performing meritorious service in stopping a pair of runaway horses attached to a furniture team on Hampden street, on the eighteenth instant, is hereby commended in General Orders.

V. Patrolman Charles J. Haskins, of Division 11, having been commended for performing meritorious service in stopping a runaway horse on Dorchester avenue, near King street, on the sixth instant, is hereby commended in General Orders.

VI. Patrolman Cornelius J. Lee, on the Special Street Squad, having been commended for performing meritorious service in rescuing a woman from being run over on Tremont street, near Temple place, on the twenty-first instant, is hereby commended in General Orders.

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Tuesday, June 7, 1898, Chairman Conry presiding, and all members present, with the exception of Alderman Dyar.

The following messages were received:

Building of New Ferry-Boat—Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 31, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith, without my approval, an order passed by your body providing for the building of a new ferry-boat, to replace the "William E. Russell," under the provisions of Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895, for the reason that I believe, as I have already stated in a communication to the City Council, that the new boat should be built from the money received from the United States Government, and not through the issue of an additional loan.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Order Box, Corner of Maverick and Chelsea Streets, East Boston—Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 3, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith, without my signature, an order passed by your body granting permission to Messrs. Park and Harold to place an order-box at the corner of Maverick and Chelsea streets, East Boston, for the reason that the Board cannot legally grant permission for any projection from a building at a less height than seven and one-half feet.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The Board refused to grant permission in opposition to the Mayor's objections.

Stand in Front of Old Court House—Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 3, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I feel obliged to return, without my approval, the vote of your Board granting permission to Simeon J. Gordon to maintain a stand in front of the Old Court House, for the reason that seven similar permits have already been granted this year and are being exercised, and that there is obviously no additional room available at the north end

of the Court House, which is the only place where such stands can be erected.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The Board refused to grant permission in opposition to the Mayor's objections.

Act Relative to Metropolitan Water Supply.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 7, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a copy of Chapter 427 of the acts of the current year, and I recommend its acceptance by the City Council. This act was prepared by the Corporation Counsel to provide for the application of the money received by the city from the State for the taking of its water supply system, and for certain other financial matters which were not definitely fixed by the Metropolitan Water Act of 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Chapter 427, Acts of 1898), An Act Relative to the Metropolitan Water Supply.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The income received each year by the City of Boston from its water works shall be applied prior to the first day of February of the following year, to meet the expenses incurred for maintenance of its water works, including the operation, extension, improvement and renewal of said works, to meet the interest and sinking-fund requirements of the loans issued for said works, and to meet the assessment apportioned to said city under Chapter 488 of the Acts of the year 1895, and the balance of said income remaining at said date and not otherwise provided for shall be paid into the sinking-funds for said loans until such time as in the opinion of the Commissioners of Sinking-Funds of said city such funds with their probable accumulations are sufficient to meet said loans at maturity without further contributions from any source, and thereafter shall be added to the capital of the fund provided for in the following section.

Sect. 2. All sums received since February 1, 1898, or that may hereafter be received by said city for the taking of any part of its water works under the provisions of said chapter shall be paid to said Commissioners of Sinking-Funds; and such sums, together with any payments that may be made of the income from the city's water works, as provided in Section 1 of this act, shall until otherwise authorized by the Legislature, be invested, so far as practicable, in securities issued from time to time by said city, and the balance in other securities, and be held and managed by said Sinking-Fund Commissioners as a separate fund, and the interest from said fund shall, so far as required, be paid to the Treasurer of said city and used to meet the balance, if any, required for the purposes to which the income from the water works of said city may be applied under Section 1 of this act, and if in any year the total income from said fund shall exceed

the amount required to be so used, the excess shall be added to the capital of said fund.

Sect. 3. Said city shall not issue any notes, bonds or scrip for water purposes without further authority from the Legislature.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City Council of the City of Boston.

Ordered, That Chapter 427 of the Acts of the year 1898, being "An Act Relative to the Metropolitan Water Supply," be and the same is hereby accepted.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Swimming-Pool on Common.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 7, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In view of the fact that it would now be too late to adapt the Frog Pond for use as a swimming-pool for this season by the time that action by both branches of the City Council could be had on the proposed order, granting authority for that purpose, I think it proper to suggest that as no practical result can be accomplished by further consideration of the subject at the present time, it may as well be allowed to go over to another year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The communication was ordered sent down. The order was indefinitely postponed.

Surplus Revenue from the Water Works.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 7, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a letter from the City Auditor estimating that the sum of \$234,589 will be received during this financial year from surplus revenue from the water works. This sum is the difference between the appropriations heretofore made for the School Committee, including repairs on school buildings, etc., under the Public Buildings Department, and the amount which the School Committee is now authorized to expend during the current financial year, under the provisions of Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

AUDITING DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, June 6, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I estimate that the surplus revenue from the water works during this financial year will amount to \$234,589.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES H. DODGE, City Auditor.

Sent down.

Appointments to Board of Assessors.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 7, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Charles E. Folsom a member of the Board of Assessors, for the term ending April 30, 1901.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 7, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint John H. Donovan to be a member of the Board of Assessors, for the term ending April 30, 1899, in place of Joshua S. Duncklee, deceased.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Severally laid over, under the law.

Rebuilding or Repairing Bridge on Freeport Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 7, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost "to rebuild or repair, as may be necessary, the bridge on Freeport street, Ward 24."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, June 7, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the request contained in enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I beg to report that the estimated cost of putting into proper condition Commercial Point bridge, on Freeport street, is \$3,000.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

North Beacon-Street Bridge—Reconstruction.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 7, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reference to the North Beacon-street bridge, which explains itself.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, June 7, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I beg to enclose copy of report from the City Engineer in regard to North

Beacon-street bridge. The Bridge Division is not in a position financially to do the work as indicated in this report. The bridge is temporarily closed, owing to the breaking through of a heavy team, but I have instructed the Deputy Superintendent to make such repairs as may be necessary to make it temporarily safe. Its condition, however, on examination of the under structure, may lead to the expenditure of a considerable sum.

The facts in relation to this bridge are that the town of Watertown has appropriated one-half, or \$11,000, for its reconstruction, and the United States Government \$25,000 for the dredging of the channel at such time as this bridge is rebuilt. A railroad location has been granted, and cars will be running over the bridge inside of a year.

I call this to your attention as a proper appropriation should be provided for a new and substantial structure, and also to indicate that, in the absence of such an appropriation, the Bridge maintenance will be drawn upon to such an extent as may be necessary to make the bridge safe.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

50 City Hall, June 6, 1898.

MR. BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

SIR: The draw on the North Beacon-street bridge is in a dangerous condition, and should be closed to team travel until repaired. The header is broken and the deck plank is poor. When the deck plank is removed, the draw arms should be examined, and may need renewal.

Six piles in the bridge need removal, and the sidewalk should be rebuilt.

Yours truly,

(Signed) WILLIAM JACKSON,

City Engineer.

Note.—This bridge should be replaced by a new structure similar to the Western avenue bridge just below it.

(Signed) WILLIAM JACKSON,

City Engineer.

Sent down.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, June 2, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received:

Police Ambulance in Charlestown.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 2, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police in reply to an order passed by your body requesting the Board to cause the police ambulance in the Charlestown District to be located in the patrol-house in the rear of Station 15.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE.

June 1, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Board of Police is in receipt of your letter of the 22d instant, referring to them for consideration an order which passed the Common Council, requesting this Board to cause the police ambulance in the Charlestown District to be located in the patrol-house in the rear of Station 15.

In reply I would say that the Board has given careful consideration to this subject and finds that in order to accomplish the purpose it would be necessary to make some alterations in the present patrol-house at an expense of from \$2,500 to \$3,000, and in view of the fact that there has been no complaint of delay in responding to calls for the ambulance, and the fact that our appropriation is limited, we do not feel justified in making this expenditure at the present time.

Very respectfully,

A. P. MARTIN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Erection of Horticultural Building.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 2, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a memorial signed by many members of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and I commend the matter to your careful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Accompanying the message was the memorial referred to, asking for the erection of a building on the Public Garden or other city land, to be used for horticultural displays.)

Referred to the Committee on Public Grounds Department.

Portrait of John P. Brawley—Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 31, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith, without my approval, the order authorizing the purchase of a portrait of the late Assistant Clerk of Committees, for the reasons which I have already given in withholding my approval from substantially the same order when it was passed previously.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Assigned to the next meeting.

ALDERMANIC BILL.

The House of Representatives on Tuesday, June 7, refused to suspend the Twelfth Joint Rule allowing the admittance of the new draft of the Aldermanic Bill. The original bill as enacted by the Senate and House was vetoed by the Governor May 23.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 1898.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	165	9	174	87	74	13	94	23	29	174	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	69	—	69	30	36	3	12	13	42	69	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	189	35	224	80	138	6	70	46	72	214	10
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	8	3	11	3	4	4	4	—	4	11	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	8	—	8	6	2	—	3	4	—	8	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	35	18	53	20	31	2	34	3	5	53	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	29	24	53	17	35	1	15	7	5	53	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,532	314	2,846	126	2,676	44	1,431	1,151	244	2,639	207
Totals	3,035	403	3,438	369	2,996	73	1,663	1,247	401	3,221	217

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10		10 and under 15		15 and under 20		20 and under 25		25 and under 30		30 and under 35		35 and under 40		40 and under 45		45 and under 50		50 and under 55		55 and under 60		Over 60	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1	—	—	5	—	23	—	39	—	36	4	23	2	14	1	8	—	7	2	4	—	3	—	3	—
No. 2	5	—	21	—	14	—	10	—	7	—	5	—	1	—	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3	—	—	18	—	45	2	34	5	28	11	26	3	15	5	8	4	8	2	4	1	1	1	2	1
No. 4	—	—	1	2	1	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6	—	—	—	—	0	4	5	5	6	2	7	4	4	1	2	1	2	1	—	—	3	—	—	—
No. 7	—	—	—	—	4	1	8	10	4	5	3	6	2	1	3	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	1
No. 8	7	9	38	2	118	5	374	47	435	59	439	41	329	48	258	34	222	22	132	22	88	12	92	13
Totals	12	9	83	4	211	12	472	68	517	81	507	56	369	56	285	39	244	27	142	23	96	13	97	15

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	33	Lodgers at station :	
Witnesses detained	12	Males	15
Missing persons reported	37	Females	—
Missing persons found	11	Americans	11
Lost children restored	273	Foreigners	4
Sick and injured persons assisted	287	Non-residents	10

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,775	10	<i>Brought forward</i>	3,412	15
British Provinces	275	—	Denmark	4	—
Ireland	862	4	Holland	—	—
England	124	—	Wales	3	—
France	9	—	East Indies	—	—
Germany	25	—	West Indies	5	—
Italy	83	—	Turkey	3	—
Russia	66	—	South America	3	—
China	34	—	Switzerland	1	—
Greece	29	—	Belgium	3	—
Sweden	50	—	Africa	1	—
Scotland	40	1	Hungary	1	—
Spain	1	—	Asia	—	—
Norway	19	—	Arabia	—	—
Poland	8	—	Mexico	1	—
Austria	7	—	Australia	—	—
Portugal	—	—	Japan	—	—
Finland	5	—	Armenia	1	—
Carried forward	3,412	15	Totals	3,438	15

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED—REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

The following were approved May 31:

An amendment of ordinance relating to bathing, as follows:

Section 59 of Chapter 43 of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 is hereby amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

"Provided, however, that swimming or bathing from any bathing establishment or bath-house conducted by or under the authority of any Department of the City Government shall be allowed under such rules and regulations as may be established by the officer or officers in charge of said Department, with the approval of the Mayor."

Ordered, That the sewer in Brunswick avenue, so-called, in the Roxbury district, laid out by an order of the Board of Aldermen, approved October 31, 1882, be and the same is hereby discontinued and the location thereof and taking of land therefor vacated and annulled; and that His Honor the Mayor be and hereby is authorized, in the name and behalf of the city and for a nominal consideration, to release to the several owners respectively all the right, title and interest which the city acquired by virtue of said location and taking in and to a strip of land five feet wide extending through said Brunswick avenue, so-called, from Bragdon street to West Walnut park, said old sewer having been abandoned and a new sewer having been constructed through a new location in said West Walnut park, extended to Amory street.

Report of Committee on Printing, on the order relative to the preparation of a digest of the Building Laws, recommending the passage of the same in the following new draft:

Ordered, That the special commission appointed to revise the statutes relating to the City of Boston be authorized to prepare and publish an edition of 1,000 copies of a digest of the Building Laws of the City of Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation already made for the expenses of said commission.

ORDER PASSED—NOT REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to grant to such of their subordinates as are veterans of the late war, and who would ordinarily be employed on Sunday and Monday, May 29 and 30, holidays without loss of pay, as part compensation for their services on said days.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following orders were presented to the Mayor, May 28, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to erect a flag-pole in the Fellows-street playground; the expense of the same not to exceed \$200, to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Ordered, That the City Messenger be hereby authorized to erect a flag-pole in Peabody square, Ward 24; the expense of the same not to exceed \$200, to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Ordered, That the Bath Commissioners be requested to place and maintain two urinals, one in Thomas park and the other in Independence square, South Boston; and that the expense attending the same be charged to the appropriation for Baths Department.

The following orders were presented to the Mayor May 24, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to erect a flag-staff and fly a flag therefrom in front of the Central Library building, the expense of the same to be charged to Library appropriation.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow the Stars and Stripes to float from all houses that are under the control of the Fire Department.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following orders were presented to the Mayor May 24, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim trees in front of premises 560 Eighth street, South Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree in front of estate No. 60 Cedar street, Ward 24; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim trees in front of estate 23 Grant street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Also the following permit:

To Smith and Kerrissey, to erect a stand for public speaking on Monday, May 23, in front of 16, 18, 20 Hayward place.

NEXT MEETING OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, June 14, at 3 P.M.

Governor's Messages.

SOLDIER CITIZENS TO VOTE.

The Governor transmitted to the House of Representatives the following message relative to enacting legislation authorizing registered voters in the service of the United States to vote. The message, which was accompanied by the opinion of the Attorney-General, was referred to the Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I deem it my duty to ask your honorable bodies to consider the propriety of enacting legislation which shall authorize registered voters of this Commonwealth, now or hereafter mustered into the service of the United States and absent at their post of duty, to vote at national, state and municipal elections.

I enclose for the information of your honorable bodies an opinion submitted to me by the Attorney-General in response to a letter of inquiry from me upon the subject.

Although present indications encourage the confident hope that war may be speedily brought to an honorable end, it is, in my opinion, an act of justice to those who have volunteered in defence of their country, that they shall not thereby lose their rights of citizenship in case circumstances shall require them to be absent from their homes upon the day of election.

ROGER WOLCOTT, Governor.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, ROGER WOLCOTT, Governor.

DEAR SIR: Replying to your letter of inquiry of June 2, I am of opinion that the General Court is authorized to enact by legislation that inhabitants of this Commonwealth, engaged in military service of the United States, being otherwise qualified, may cast their votes without the limits of this Commonwealth, or in any town or district within this Commonwealth, for electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, and for Representatives to Congress; also for sheriffs, registers of probate, clerks of courts, district attorneys, and all civil officers whose election is not otherwise provided for by the constitution of the Commonwealth; also for municipal officers.

I am further of opinion that the General Court may not, under the constitution, enact by legislation that inhabitants of this Commonwealth may cast their votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Councillor, Senator, Representative, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Secretary, Auditor or Attorney-General in any other place, whether within or without this Commonwealth, than in the town, city or district in which, under the provisions of the constitution of the Commonwealth, they are entitled to vote.

Yours very truly,

HOSEA M. KNOWLTON,
Attorney-General.

HOSPITAL SHIP.

The following message relative to the equipment of a vessel for hospital service was transmitted by the Governor to the House, Monday, June 6, together with a communication from the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association:

TO THE HONORABLE THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I ask the careful consideration of your honorable bodies for a communication, transmitted herewith, from the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association regarding the purchase and equipment of a vessel to act as a relief and hospital ship to our soldiers in the service of the United States, and requesting that the Commonwealth purchase a vessel for the above purpose, the cost thereof to be returned wholly or in part to the treasury of the Commonwealth at the close of the war unless circumstances which do not now seem probable intervene to make this impossible.

The plan presented in this communication has received the approval of United States officers, and is, in my opinion, deserving of favorable consideration.

ROGER WOLCOTT.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, ROGER WOLCOTT, Governor.

DEAR SIR: The Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association has given much time and thought to the best manner of supplying our soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States Government with such supplies as may be necessary to their welfare and comfort during their arduous service in the army and navy.

A great many suggestions have been made to us which we have considered, but one which commends itself most to our judgment has been that we should procure and properly equip a steamer which could carry supplies of all kinds to the men in the field, and also serve in some sense as a hospital ship, and as a transport for invalid men either from the battlefields in Cuba or from Southern or Western Indian ports to hospitals or refuge farther north. Through members of our committee we have examined various ships, and have found most of them that we have looked at to be unsuited for various reasons to this purpose. We have, however, found one ship, 'Bowden' by name, which has been plying to and from the West Indian ports, which, with a reasonable expenditure for alterations, we believe would suit our purposes. The company owning this ship has offered her to us at an extremely low price, viz., \$50,000, and has further agreed to be bidders for her after our use if we will alter her back into substantially the same condition in which we take her. Of course, we should have to pay a substantial sum for a charter price; and the expenses of running her, including crew, coal, etc., would be large. Beyond this we should have to furnish a large amount of supplies to be delivered to our soldiers and sailors. All these expenses will be very considerable.

We were inclined to charter a ship rather than to think of buying one, but under the war conditions existing, the owners refused to charter their ships. It would, therefore, be necessary for this association to pay the amount of the purchase price on taking possession of the ship. This amount, as we said before, is \$50,000, and we can think of no better way that Massachusetts could loan money than by aiding her soldiers and sailors engaged in the war. When I say loan money, I mean that we consider it a loan, because in case the ship is not wrecked or destroyed, the money furnished would be returned to the State after the war is over. The State would, of course, run the risk of losing the money it paid for the ship in case she should be destroyed or captured.

We feel sure, if this money can be furnished to us by the State for the purchase of a ship, that through the voluntary contributions of the patriotic people of Massachusetts we can equip and run her and furnish supplies of all kinds to our men engaged in the war. It might be necessary for us to fly the Red Cross flag to protect us and to give us an opportunity to do much good in the most efficient way. We should, under these circumstances, be debarred from carrying anything except sick men and supplies for the sick, and should of course live strictly up to these requirements.

We have been informed, on what we consider the best authority, that what would do more good than anything else to our sick men in the Southern climates would be the furnishing of good, wholesome, fresh food. One part of the equipment of this ship would be an ice machine and a cold storage room, so that we could carry all sorts of fresh supplies direct to the men in the field. It would be at times impossible for us to ship anything of this kind over the railroad or by express companies, and have it delivered fresh to our soldiers and sailors, but by the aid of this ship we could do this work, and, in addition, rescue the sick and the suffering, and bring them to hospitals near their homes. We believe there is no better method of aiding our volunteers than this, and we further believe that there is no nobler work in which the State of Massachusetts can employ itself than in assisting this enterprise.

We therefore ask of the State the sum of \$50,000 to be used for the purpose stated above.

EBEN S. DRAPER, Chairman.

STREET DEPARTMENT—AWARD OF CONTRACTS.

Proposals for constructing macadam roadway in Leroy and Rosseter streets, Dorchester, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, May 31, as follows:

Leroy street, Dorchester:

Bidders.	Totals.
Philip Doherty	\$910 10
Collins & Ham	976 81
D. E. Lynch	984 00
John Connors	1,082 90

The contract was awarded to Philip Doherty.

Rosseter street, Dorchester:

Bidders.	Totals.
P. O'Hara & Co.	\$1,864 10
D. E. Lynch	2,156 50
James Doherty & Co.	2,177 30
Collins & Ham	2,201 61
John Connors	2,282 10

The contract was awarded to P. O'Hara & Co.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN BOSTON, MAY, 1898.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of May, 1898, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 684; total number of mortgages, 627; total amount of mortgages, \$2,953,386.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	160
South Boston	38
East Boston	49
Roxbury	94
Dorchester	189
West Roxbury	68
Brighton	50
Charlestown	36
Total	684

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on June 27, 1898, examination may be taken for the grade of Nautical Expert, Navy Department, Hydrographic Office, at Boston or any other city in the United States where the Commission has a competent Board of Examiners. There is at present a vacancy in this grade at the Hydrographic Office at Washington, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum, and another at the branch Hydrographic Office, New York City, at a salary of \$1,400, which it is desired to fill.

The Commission also announces that on July 7, 1898, examination may be taken for any grade of engineer, at Boston or any other city in the United States where the Commission has a competent Board of Examiners. There is a vacancy in the Quarantine Station at Port Townsend, Washington, at a salary of \$80 per month, which it is desired to fill.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to the Secretary of the Board of Civil Service Examiners at the Post Office Building, this city, for application blanks, Forms 304 and 394, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission. The medical certificate in application blank, Form 304, must be executed by a medical officer of the marine hospital service.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following bill, constituting Chapter 434, of the Acts of 1898, particularly concerns the City of Boston:

Chapter 434, Acts of 1898, an Act Relative to the Finances of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. A Board of Estimate and Apportionment is hereby established for the City of Boston, to consist of the Mayor, the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, the President of the Common Council, who shall serve ex-officiis and without additional pay, and two members, who shall be elected by the voters of the city at large. In the year 1898 two members of said Board shall be elected at the annual municipal election, one to serve for the term of two years, and one for the term of one year, from the first Monday of January next ensuing; and thereafter at each annual municipal election one member of said Board shall be so elected to serve for the term of two years from said day. In case of a vacancy in the elected members of said Board through death or resignation, the Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners of said city shall fill such vacancy for the remainder of the municipal year; and in case of a second vacancy in such elected members, for like cause, the same shall be filled during the remainder of the municipal year by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds of said city. Each elected member of said Board shall be paid for his services at the rate of \$10 for each meeting of said Board at which he is present, but not exceeding the sum of \$750 in any one year.

Sect. 2. The Mayor, as early as practicable in the month of January, shall submit to said Board, with his recommendations thereon, the Department estimates furnished as required by Section 8 of Chapter 266 of the Acts of the year 1885; and said Board, by the affirmative vote and signatures of at least four of its members, including the Mayor, shall, prior to the first day of February, prepare and pass a general maintenance appropriation order, containing appropriations to enable the City of Boston to meet the current expenses, payable during the financial year beginning with said day, of performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston or the County of Suffolk, or the Departments or officers thereof.

Sect. 3. The Mayor, as early as practicable in the months of January or February, shall submit to such Board, with any recommendations which he may desire to make thereon, any requests for loan appropriations furnished to him by the several Departments; and said Board, by vote and signatures as aforesaid, shall, prior to the first day of March, prepare and pass a general loan appropriation order, containing such appropriations to be met by loan, and for such purposes as said Board shall deem

the public necessity or convenience may require, not exceeding in the aggregate four-fifths of the estimated amount which can be raised in that municipal year by loans within the debt limit of said city, but such loan appropriation order shall not be passed unless at least four of the members of said Board, including the Mayor, shall in writing certify upon such order that no item therein is to meet a current expense, or that certain specified items therein and no others are to meet current expenses, but that public necessity requires the borrowing of money therefor.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following list contains the titles of bills concerning the City of Boston which have been approved by the Governor, with the number of page of THE CITY RECORD on which they were previously noted or printed:

Approved by Governor.

- S. B. 34, to Authorize the Sale of Certain Land taken for Public Park Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 120.
- S. B. 43, relative to the Holding of Caucuses, p. 77.
- S. B. 44, relative to Wires and Electrical Appliances in the Streets of the City of Boston, p. 78.
- S. B. 50, relative to the Construction of Belvidere street in the City of Boston, p. 78.
- S. B. 62, relative to the Finances of the City of Boston, p. 53.
- S. B. 70, relative to Stony Brook in the City of Boston, p. 121.
- S. B. 71, to Payment of Assessments for the Laying-out and Construction of Highways in the City of Boston, p. 121.
- S. B. 110, to Provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 63.
- S. B. 118, relating to the Support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston, p. 65.
- S. B. 153, relative to Grounds for the Parade, Drill and Target Practice of the Militia of the City of Boston, p. 166.
- H. B. 82, as to change of Harbor Lines and Improvements in South Bay, p. 29.
- H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 30.
- H. B. 195, for widening Rutherford avenue, Devens and Bow streets, p. 43.
- H. B. 348, as to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 80.
- H. B. 356, as to payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Children of Charles A. Lambert, p. 81.
- H. B. 358, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Father of James W. McCabe, p. 81.
- H. B. 395, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Family of John Kelley, p. 81.

H. B. 410, as to Plotting and Laying-out of Streets in the City of Boston, p. 82.

H. B. 452, to Provide for the Appointment of One Additional Court Officer for Attendance upon the Several Sessions of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, p. 83.

H. B. 489, to Enable the City of Boston to Complete Blue Hill avenue and other avenues, p. 83.

H. B. 491, relative to Bennington Street in the City of Boston, p. 83.

H. B. 503, as to Payment by the City of Boston of Money to the Widow of Charles J. Vaughn, p. 84.

H. B. 506, to Facilitate the Inspection of Wires in Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 85.

H. B. 589, to Enable the City of Boston to Finish the Construction of its Public Parks, p. 122.

H. B. 645, relative to the Taking of Land for School Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 87.

H. B. 668, relative to the Pensioning of War Veterans who are Members of the Police Force of Boston, p. 123.

H. B. 670, to Establish an Art Department in the City of Boston, p. 62.

H. B. 673, to Authorize the Treasurer of the City of Boston to Issue Bonds for Taking of Land for School Purposes, p. 88.

H. B. 676, relative to the Time of Appointment and Assignment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 88.

H. B. 685, to Authorize the School Committee of the City of Boston to Erect Buildings for School Purposes not Fire-proof, p. 124.

H. B. 686, to Exempt School-houses from Certain Provisions of the Act relative to the Erection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 88.

H. B. 762, relative to the Construction, Maintenance and Inspection of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 92.

H. B. 764, relative to the Construction of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 93.

H. B. 768, relative to Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 93.

H. B. 825, to Further Provide for a Union Station for Passengers on Railroads entering the Southerly part of the City of Boston, p. 124.

H. B. 887, to Change Boundary Line between Boston and Cambridge, p. 94.

H. B. 888, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line between the Cities of Boston and Newton, p. 94.

H. B. 889, to Change a Part of the Boundary Line between the City of Boston and the Town of Hyde Park, p. 94.

H. B. 932, relative to Disabled Firemen in the City of Boston.

Petition that the City of Boston may pay sum of Money to Sister of Denis H. Morrissey.

Petition of Mayor Quincy for Provisions for laying out Alleys in the City of Boston, p. 64.

Petition, relative to the Power of Officers of the Law Department of the City of Boston to enter into certain agreements.

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON, IN PROGRESS OF PASSAGE, BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted, House.	Enacted, Senate.
1. S. B. 43, relative to the Holding of Caucuses, p. 77.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Mch. 10, 15. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	April 25. Am.	April 27. Am.	April 29. S.	May 2.	May 9.	May 23.	May 25.
2. H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Cities. Jan. 14.	Jan. 21. Feb. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	April 18. Am.	April 20.	April 22. S.	May 5. Sub.	May 10. Am.	May 19.	May 20.
3. H. B. 416, resolve to Provide for an Addition to the Normal Art School Building in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Education.	Feb. 17. Closed.	March 22. H. (B.)	May 19.	May 23.	May 25. S.	June 3.			
4. H. B. 505, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 84.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30	April 1. S.	May 9.	May 16. Am.	May 20. Vetoced.	May 20.
5. H. B. 753, relative to Ferries, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.						

Board Meetings.

Election Department.

Old Court House, June 6, 1898.

At a meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners, held on June 4, all the Commissioners being present, the following business was transacted:

A motion that the office of Secretary of the Board, as at present constituted, be abolished, was before the Board upon an equally divided vote, the motion having been submitted, as the law requires, to the Chief Justice of the Municipal Court. The following communication was received from His Honor, Judge Parmenter:

Boston, June 2, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS:

GENTLEMEN: There is before me the motion of Mr. Corbett "that the office of Secretary of this Board, as at present constituted, be abolished," on which a vote has been taken which resulted in an equal division, two of the members of the Board having voted in favor of and two members having voted against the adoption of the motion. It devolves upon me, under the provisions of law, to give the casting vote.

I have considered the suggestions of the several members of the Board, as well as the communication of His Honor the Mayor to the Commission. All of these bear upon the importance of keeping the bi-partisan character of the Board in the strictest balance, and of making sure that the deliberations and action of the members shall be confidential and unshared in by others.

Concurring in this view I cast my vote in favor of the motion.

WILLIAM E. PARMENTER,

Chief Justice of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston.

In accordance with the above vote, the office of Secretary of the Board, as at present constituted, is therefore abolished.

Voted, That a Secretary of the Board be elected from among its members, whose duty it shall be to keep the records of the meetings of the Board in executive session.

Voted, That Commissioner McDonough be

elected Secretary of the Board, in accordance with the foregoing vote.

Voted, That Mr. Charles F. Howard be appointed Deputy Commissioner, without increase of salary.

Voted, That Mr. Winsor S. Smith be appointed Assistant Registrar, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum, to take effect from the first day of June, 1898.

TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, May 27, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie and Lincoln, and the Librarian. Communications received: The Librarian's report.

Salary increased: Maud M. Morse, Grade C, Special, Branch Division, \$13 to \$13.50 per week, beginning June 1.

Leave of absence with loss of pay granted to Belle S. Hall of the Special Libraries, from July 27 to September 1.

The absence through illness of Frank Ryder, Chief of the Bindery, was excused without loss of pay.

Employment of extra service authorized: Of Cecilia W. Kueffner in the Branch Division, at a salary not exceeding \$11 per week, in the Issue Department, as needed between this date and September 30, at 15 cents per hour, to an amount not exceeding \$4.50 per week.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$374.49; to trust funds, \$74.39; to Station "P," \$1.20; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$4.82; miscellaneous articles, \$150.73.

Appointment of Examining Committee for 1898-99, as follows: Dr. J. Bapst Blake, Henry W. Bragg, Patrick A. Collins, Rev. Arthur T. Connolly, Rev. E. Winchester Donald, Dr. William H. Ensworth, C. W. Ernst, Miss Gretchen Field, Alfred Hemenway, Thomas Hills, John H. Lee, A. Lawrence Lowell, Miss E. F. Mason, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Parker, William L. Putnam, James J. Roche, Charles P. Searle, Mrs. Sarah H. Williamson, Frank Wood.

Voted, That the following persons be nominated to the Mayor, under the provisions of Chapter 410 of the Acts of 1898:

Arthur A. Carey, Arthur T. Lyman, Henry P. Bowditch, relating to an Art Commission for the City of Boston.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

The Board of Overseers of the Poor met at its rooms in Charity Building, Wednesday, June 1, 1898, at 3 o'clock.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Dr. Stuart, Mr. Sproules, Mr. Day, Mrs. Wolcott, Mr. Mullen, Miss Rogers, Mr. Kerrigan, Miss O'Brien and Mr. Humphreys. The following votes were taken:

Voted, To draw on the City Treasury for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-rolls.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers.

Voted, To pay \$4.65 for second hand directories of other cities and towns in the State, for the use of the office.

Circular No. 41, from His Honor the Mayor with regard to Saturday half-holidays, was referred to the Chairman and Secretary to carry out its provisions.

A communication from Mr. Charles U. Cotting suggesting the need of a new fence about the Longwood estate, was referred to the Committee on Real Estate.

A circular received from the Fire and Police Notification Company was referred to the Committee on Building.

Dr. Stuart reported for the Committee on Finance that the accounts for the month of May had been examined and found correct.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read by Miss Rogers, which was accepted and placed on file.

Mr. Humphreys read the monthly reports of the Lodge for Wayfarers and the Wood-yard, which were accepted and placed on file.

Mr. Sproules, for the Committee on Building, reported that the fence in front of the Temporary Home is in need of repairs, having been broken by a runaway horse. Voted to refer the same to the Committee on Building with full powers.

The Chairman stated that the flag on this building is in a dilapidated condition, and it was voted that the Committee on Building be authorized to purchase and put up a new one.

Voted, That a committee, to consist of the members of the Burial Committee, with Mr. Mullen and the Secretary, meet Dr. Brooks of the Harvard Medical School, for a conference with regard to bodies for dissection.

On motion of Mrs. Wolcott, it was voted that a special committee of five be appointed to consider the expediency of changing our system of registration. Mrs. Wolcott, Miss Rogers, Dr. Stuart, Miss O'Brien and Mr. Day were appointed as said committee.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, June 6, 1898.

A regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held on Monday, May 16, at 11 A.M., the full Board being present.

The Superintendent of Long Island reported that 4,857 pounds of milk were produced on the Long Island farm in the preceding week; an increase of 1,000 pounds in the last four weeks.

A mail-box has been placed on the wharf of the steamer "J. P. Bradlee," and by this means better mail facilities for Long Island are afforded.

The Board elected Professor W. T. Sedgwick Chairman, and Mrs. Alice N. Lincoln Secretary, for the ensuing year.

Number of inmates at Long Island, May 14, 1898:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	80	144	224
Children	6	6	12
Dormitory:			
Adults	—	199	199
Children	—	—	—
Institution	181	—	181
Totals	267	349	616

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following abstracts are taken from the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Friday, May 20.

Public hearings were given in the matter of locating a new channel from the Oakland Garden branch of Stony Brook, at Dorchester, between Colonial avenue and Franklin Field, and to Wheatland avenue; and in the matter of the construction of a surface drain in private lands, at Dorchester, from Sydney street, eastwardly across the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and thence northwardly.

Orders were passed for the relocation of the Oakland Garden branch of Stony Brook, between Colonial avenue and Franklin Field and to Wheatland avenue; and for the construction of a surface drain in private lands, at Dorchester, from Sydney street eastwardly across the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and thence northwardly.

Petitions for sewers were received from K. Bachofner and others, in Roslindale avenue; and from the Baker Farm Associates, in Chase street, at Dorchester.

A hearing was given in the matter of changing directions, locations, widths and grades of streets filed on Board of Survey plans covering territory bounded, approximately, by Geneva avenue, Bourneside street, Melville and Wheatland avenues, New England Railroad, and Harvard street.

Monday, May 23.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Lauriat street.

It was voted to give a hearing in the matter of changes in streets located in Plat 13, in Room 25, Old Court House, Friday, June 3, at 3 o'clock.

An order was received from the School Committee, requesting the Board to take land, for school purposes, adjoining the Robinson-street School estate, near Field's Corner.

A petition was received from W. J. Carlin for a catch-basin in Tremont street, at the corner of Burney street.

Tuesday, May 24.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to construct a surface drain in private land at West Roxbury, from May street to the Arborway; a sewer in private lands at Dorchester, between Ferndale street and Southern avenue, and in Southern avenue; and to locate a new channel for the stream or water-course at Dorchester, which crosses Freeport street at its junction with Pleasant street, from said Pleasant street to the water front on Dorchester Bay. Hearings at this office, June 8, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Bunker Hill, Temple and Brandon streets.

Petitions were received for sewers in Samoset, Gateley and Raven streets, at Dorchester; and a petition was received from A. T. Connolly and others that Priesing terrace may be laid out at Roxbury.

Friday, May 27.

It was voted to pay Jeremiah C. Spillane \$40,500 for all land taken from and damages occasioned his estate by the laying out of Columbia road; and to pay Arletta M. and Florence A. Taber \$6,000 for all land taken from and damages occasioned their estate by the laying out of Columbia road; agreements to accept these sums having been approved by the Mayor.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Eaton street, at Dorchester; and for a catch-basin in Tremont and Calumet streets.

Sewers were ordered to be built in the following streets: Kilsyth road, Selkirk road, Hano, Haskins, Dexter, Ellery, Kemp, Sonoma, Percy and St. Mark streets; and a catch-basin was ordered to be built in Round Hill street.

Mellen, Spencer and Spalding streets were ordered laid out.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out Ogden street, at West Roxbury; and in the matter of the construction of a sewer and surface drain in private lands, at Dorchester, between Adams street and the Milton branch of the Old Colony Railroad, and the taking of lands for said purpose.

An order was passed for the construction of a sewer and surface drain in private lands, at Dorchester, between Adams street and the Milton branch of the Old Colony Railroad.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, May 31, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the two weeks ending May 28, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.							
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.		
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.								
1...	3	4	1	—	—	5	7	1	5	19		
2...	1	3	—	—	—	5	6	—	6	9		
3...	2	3	2	—	—	—	1	—	2	2		
4...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	5		
5...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	7	1		
6...	—	13	1	6	—	—	14	2	14	45		
7...	—	11	—	1	—	—	11	2	14	78		
8...	—	4	—	3	—	—	8	2	16	38		
9...	2	3	—	—	—	—	3	5	11	24		
10...	—	2	—	—	5	2	2	—	6	26		
11...	1	3	3	—	1	—	3	3	6	39		
12...	—	5	—	—	—	1	4	—	4	27		
13...	1	1	—	—	—	2	4	—	2	1		
14...	2	9	1	1	—	—	11	—	3	15		
15...	—	3	—	—	—	1	2	—	6	13		
16...	6	6	1	—	—	4	10	—	7	26		
17...	—	4	0	1	—	—	6	1	13	29		
18...	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	4	16		
19...	12	2	—	4	—	4	4	2	8	13		
20...	22	10	2	1	—	7	12	2	31	101		
21...	—	1	3	—	—	3	3	1	11	65		
22...	3	2	1	—	—	3	2	—	7	16		
23...	9	5	3	—	—	6	2	3	17	7		
24...	8	6	1	—	1	6	8	2	38	45		
25...	4	7	2	—	—	4	8	9	12	40		
T'ls..	76	109	31	19	7	53	132	35	250	700		

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, June 6, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters filed in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending June 4, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	112
Number of discharges of mortgages	18
Number of assignments of mortgages	7
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	4
Number of assignments of wages	25
Number of married women's certificates	6
Number of ship liens	2
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	8

Accident notices were filed, as follows:

Herman Wolf, injuries to horse and team, caused by an alleged defect in highway, corner of Perkins and Prince streets, Jamaica Plain, May 16, 1898; Thomas J. J. A. and Cornelius Connelly, personal injuries, caused by collapsing of a band stand in Henry L. Pierce square, Dorchester, May 23, 1898.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, June 4, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

John R. Leonard, 50 Keyes street, Ward 23, one additional cow; hearing June 9, at 11 o'clock. J. T. Morse, jr., Sears street, Ward 7, 200 additional horses; hearing June 16, at 11 o'clock. C. W. & F. A. Davis, rear 332 Washington street, Ward 25, four horses; hearing June 16, at 11 o'clock. Patrick Cullen, Orange street, Ward 23, two horses; hearing June 16, at 11 o'clock. Ann McNealy, 63 Marshfield street, Ward 23, six horses; hearing June 16, at 11 o'clock. Caroline E. Skinner, trustee, Park road, Ward 23, two horses; hearing June 16, at 11 o'clock. Emil W. Keene, Knoll street, Ward 23, one horse; hearing June 16, at 11 o'clock. Joseph M. Leonard, 64 Colberg street, Ward 23, two horses; hearing June 16, at 11 o'clock.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Brighton Abbatoir for the week ending June 3, 1898:

Steers	253
New England cows	4
Sheep	57
Calves	259
Total	573

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending Saturday, June 4, 1898: Three hundred and thirty-two bushels, four barrels and six crates of green peas; 1,860 quarts of strawberries; two barrels of greens; one barrel of pineapples; four dozen asparagus; nine baskets of squashes; sixty pounds of fish; twenty-two pounds of lobsters.

The following is a summary of work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during May:

Number of samples of milk collected and examined:

From milk wagons	645
From stores, stands, etc.	440
Brought in by citizens	20

Total 1,105

Number of samples of cider-vinegar and vinegar 105

Number of samples of butter and oleo-margarine 156

Total samples 1,366

Number of cases pending in District Courts May 1 4

Number of cases entered during the month of May 15

Total 19

Number of cases ended during month 8

Number pending June 1 11

Total 19

Offences charged:

Sale of milk not of good standard quality, or possession of such with intent to sell 11

Serving oleomargarine in a restaurant without notification 1

Sale of vinegar not made of cider as cider-vinegar 3

Total 15

Amount paid in fines \$440

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Penal Institutions Department.

Statistics for the week ending May 28, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	161	12
Females	21	11
Totals	182	23
Offences:		
Against the person	5	0
Against property	11	5
Against public order and decency	168	18
Totals	*184	23
Discharges:		
Males	187	17
Females	22	5
Totals	209	22
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	123	21
Permit of Commissioner	62	0
Payment of fine	23	1
Transferred to Massachusetts Reformatory	1	0
Totals	209	22
Population:		
May 23, 1898.	1,621	567
Committed since May 23, 1898	182	23
Totals	1,803	590
Discharged since May 23, 1898	209	22
Totals	1,594	568

*Two men committed on two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Public Buildings Department.

The following changes in the organization of the Public Buildings Department, to take effect June 15, were made on Thursday, June 2, 1898:

A. D. Armstrong, George H. Grueby, Otis S. Davenport and Joseph P. Butler, formerly Deputy Superintendents, have been designated as Inspectors.

The office of Deputy Superintendent, held by Joseph W. Hill, whose duties have been entirely in connection with the School Committee, has been abolished.

The offices of Superintendent of Janitors and Superintendent of Painters, held by John H. Crowley and James McMain respectively, have been abolished.

The office of Keeper of the Old Court House has been abolished and the position of Janitor created, to which the former Keeper, Thomas Watson, has been appointed. James Quinn, James Porter, Patrick Callahan and Edward Mulhern have been appointed Assistant Janitors. The position of Janitress of the Department of Sealers of Weights and Measures has been abolished, and its occupant, Mrs. Sarah Shipsey, has been appointed Janitress of the Old Court House. The office of Janitor of the Old Probate Building has been abol-

ished, and the duties in connection with that building will be performed by Robert F. Coursey, Janitor of the Historical Building.

JOHN DROHAN,
Acting Superintendent.

Advertisements.**NOTICE.****STREET DEPARTMENT.**

Boston, June 6, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 2,797 linear feet of sewer work in Hamilton street and outlet in Homes avenue, Dorchester, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, June 13, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 6, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from each of his five buildings, Nos. 187, 189, 191, 193, and 195 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 10, a bay window of copper and iron, of the following description: To project from second, third and fourth stories over Massachusetts avenue, also a cornice not to project over 24 inches. Dimensions: Each window 25 feet high, 14 feet wide, and 3 feet over line of street.

FREDERICK AYER,
Ames Building, Boston, Mass.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

June 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twentieth day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.**OFFICE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.****PROPOSALS FOR COAL.**

Old Court House, Room 30, June 10, 1898.

Proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M., Wednesday, June 15, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing, for the three months ending October 1, 1898, whatever best quality hard, white ash broken, egg or stove coal that may be required for the Public Buildings and for the several departments of the City of Boston not otherwise provided for.

The amount required is about 3,000 tons, more or less, broken coal; 2,000 tons, more or less, egg coal; 1,000 tons, more or less, stove coal.

Also, about 1,200 tons, more or less, best quality George's Creek Cumberland Coal for steam and smithing uses.

And 2,000 tons, more or less, Cumberland Coal, for the Police and Fire Boats, for which bids will be received for 1 year ending July 1, 1899.

Information will be furnished by the Fuel Clerk at this office every day from 1 to 2 o'clock.

The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals if for the city's interest so to do.

Bids to be addressed "Proposals for Coal."

JOHN DROHAN,
Acting Superintendent Public Buildings Department.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, May 27, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Charles street, between Cambridge and Leverett streets, Ward 8; Leverett street, near Charles street, Ward 8, one pole. Also to remove poles from Charles street, between Cambridge and Leverett streets, Ward 8.

TO THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASS.:

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully asks leave to lay and maintain underground conduits and man-holes, with the wires and cables to be placed therein, under the surface of the following streets:

Cambridge street, between Sullivan square and Somerville line, Ward 4. Chester street, between Brighton avenue and Ashford street, Ward 25.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 7, 1898.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to locate poles for the support of its wires in the following streets: Dorchester—Rowdoin street, between Bowdoin avenue and Blakeville street, 11 poles, 40 feet x 14 inches, sidewalk 10 feet; Talbot avenue, between Norfolk street and Whitfield street, 6 poles, 40 feet x 14 inches, sidewalk 10 feet; Pleasant street, 3 poles, 40 feet x 14 inches, sidewalk 18 feet; East Cottage street, 2 poles, 40 feet x 14 inches, sidewalk 7 feet; Washington street, between Geneva avenue and Dorchester avenue, 89 poles, 40 feet x 14 inches, sidewalk 8 and 10 feet. Also to remove 60 poles from Washington street.

Boston Electric Light Company,

By SAMUEL S. SIAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Tuesday, June 14, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Dorchester Beacon, Boston Journal and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

TO TAXPAYERS.

ASSESSORS' OFFICE.

City Hall, May 1, 1898.

Your attention is called to our circular (now being distributed throughout the city) relative to making returns on property subject to taxation as early as possible, before June 15, at two o'clock P.M.

Per order of the Board of Assessors,

FRANK A. DREW, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDINANCES OF 1898—CHAPTER 7—CONCERNING PUBLIC BATHS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 43 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1892, RELATIVE TO BATHING.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 59 of Chapter 43 of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 is hereby amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

"Provided, however, that swimming or bathing from any bathing establishment or bath-house conducted by or under the authority of any department of the City Government shall be allowed under such rules and regulations as may be established by the officer or officers in charge of said department, with the approval of the Mayor."

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 9, 1898.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH A. CONRY, Chairman.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, May 26, 1898.

Concurred.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

Approved May 31, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, June 3, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25, in the Old Court House, at 3 o'clock P.M., on Friday, June 10, 1898, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plans numbered O 77, 78, made by the Board and filed January 6 and October 15, 1896, in the office of the City Engineer, in City Hall; said territory is in that part of Boston, formerly Brighton, and is bounded, approximately, by Beacon street, Sutherland road, Englewood avenue and Strathmore road.

JOHN P. DORE,

JOHN H. DUANE,

GEORGE H. INNIS,

Street Commissioners.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 4, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing about 6,000 cubic yards of good clean earth or gravel filling in Columbus avenue, at Roxbury street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$1,000 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Friday, June 10, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 3, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,175 linear feet of sewer work in Middleton avenue and outlet, Norfolk street to Willowwood street, Ward 24, Dorchester, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, June 9, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$200, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

MASONRY AND STEEL WORK.

Charlestown Bridge.—Sealed bids for building the superstructure for Section Three of the Charlestown approach for Charlestown Bridge, will be received by the Boston Transit Commission, at its office, 20 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., until 12 o'clock M. of Thursday, June 16, 1898, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read. No bid will be received or deposited unless accompanied by a properly certified check for the sum of \$5,000, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the City of Boston, which check will be returned to the bidder unless he fails to execute the contract should it be awarded to him. Notice to contractors, bid, contract, specifications and bond can be obtained, and plans can be seen at the office of the City Treasurer, 50 City Hall, Boston, on and after Thursday, June 9, 1898. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and reserves the right to award the contract as it deems for the best interest of the City of Boston. GEORGE G. CROCKER, Chairman, CHARLES H. DALTON, THOMAS J. GARGAN, GEORGE H. SWAIN, HORACE G. ALLEN, Boston Transit Commission. B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

THE BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Boston, June 8, 1898.

The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital will receive sealed proposals for supplying the Hospital Department with a cargo of from 1,200 to 1,500 tons—2,240 lbs. to the ton—of strictly Hard White Ash Broken Coal, to be delivered alongside of the coal pocket at the City Hospital Wharf, Roxbury Canal. Bidders must specify the kind or kinds of coal they propose to furnish, and the name of the mines from which the coal is taken. Delivery must be made previous to June 20, 1898. The relative value of the different kinds of coal offered will be considered in connection with the price. Proposals to be addressed to "The Boston City Hospital, Proposals for Coal," and left at the Superintendent's office at the Hospital, not later than Tuesday, June 14, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened. Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The right is reserved by the Trustees to reject any and all bids. Per order of the Trustees.

G. H. M. ROWE, Superintendent.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 6, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 433 Beacon street, corner of Heretford street, Ward 11, one bay window of the following description: To project from second story, over Heretford street. Dimensions: Eleven feet high, 13 feet wide and 3 feet over line of street.

DANIEL A. DWIGHT,

By THOS. M. WATSON, Agent,
30 Pemberton square, Room 12, Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twentieth day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENT OF BRIDGE COMMISSIONER.

Under the authority of Chapter 467 of the Acts of 1898, which provides for the construction of a bridge over Charles river to replace the present West Boston bridge, the Mayors of the cities of Boston and Cambridge, on June 14, appointed Mr. E. D. Leavitt, of Cambridge, as the third member of the Cambridge Bridge Commission.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY.

Dr. Hibbert Winslow Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory of the Health Department, makes the following report on the work under his supervision:

The value of the bacteriological diagnosis of disease is now very clearly established, not only as it aids the physician in his everyday work but also in the wider field of preventive medicine. The early recognition of the development of an infectious disease permits the carrying out of isolation and other sanitary precautions before the infection has an opportunity to become widely spread. Moreover, many such cases, after apparent full recovery, still retain the infectious material in a form capable of transmitting the

disease. Under regulations requiring the isolation of such cases of apparent recovery until bacteriological examination shows that the infectious material has completely disappeared, the prevalence of those infectious diseases which can be so examined is reduced to a remarkable extent.

On the other hand, it sometimes happens that non-infectious cases yield symptoms resembling an infectious disease so closely that a long and tedious isolation would be deemed necessary, but that the bacteriological examination reveals the true nature of the attack, and the patient is saved from wearisome precautions, not really essential.

For these reasons, all of the chief cities and many of the larger towns of the United States have established laboratories where the bacteriological diagnosis and bacteriological supervision of infectious diseases can be carried on. Such laboratories are usually connected with the Health Departments of the various municipalities.

In Boston, the value of this work was recognized by the Board of Health many years ago, at a time when the more general recognition, since accorded, had not yet developed. Three years ago, arrangements were made whereby the Diphtheria Diagnosis was carried on for the Health Department under Professor Ernst at the laboratory of Harvard Medical School, pending the formation of a laboratory devoted exclusively to bacteriological work, under the control of the Health Department. The necessary preliminaries having been at last successfully completed, the Health Department Laboratory was opened on May 10, 1898, at which time the Diphtheria Diagnosis was transferred to it from the Harvard Laboratory. The essentials of central locality, sufficient floor-space, good light, gas, water, steam and electricity, which go to form the ground-work of a thoroughly efficient laboratory, were secured. The necessary fitting was pushed through as fast as might be, compatible with good work. Apparatus, necessarily of the first quality, and sufficient in amount for the work in hand, was secured. Provision was made for the expected development of the science as well as for the natural growth of the needs of the city in the future, while simplicity and absence of all non-essentials was made the ruling principle of the design.

The present article is intended to describe the methods of the Diphtheria Diagnosis only. In a subsequent article, the Typhoid Diagnosis will be treated in a similar manner.

For the prompt and efficient service of the Diphtheria Diagnosis, culture-stations have been established throughout the city. These

stations are simply depots, generally in drug-stores, where the physician may obtain the culture-outfits, supplied to the stations from the laboratory, free of charge. After the physician has used the outfit, as described below, it is returned to the culture-station, from which it is promptly forwarded to the laboratory, where the examination is made and the result reported direct to the physician and to the Board of Health.

It will be seen that on the care and promptness of the druggists in charge of these stations, quick response from the laboratory is largely dependent.

The outfits consist of a small copper box containing two test tubes of thick glass, secured in place by springs. This latter design is now being used for, it is believed, the first time in this country, and has so far proved very satisfactory. A circular of directions, a circular defining the relation of the Board of Health to the laboratory results, and a card, having appropriate blanks for the date, patient's name and address, physician's name and address, and other necessary information, are enclosed with the tubes. One of the tubes contains sterilized blood-serum. The other contains a brass rod, on the end of which a small pellet of cotton, called a swab, is securely fastened. Box, tubes and swab are all sterilized each time before leaving the laboratory. The card and circulars are never used more than once. By these rules the possibility of transferring diphtheria from one case to another through the medium of the outfit itself, small as it would be even without such precautions, is obviated entirely.

In using the outfit, the physician simply obtains, on the swab, from the suspected throat a small quantity of the infectious material and transfers it to the surface of the serum. The card is then filled out, and the subsequent work devolves on the laboratory. There the tubes thus infected are "incubated," i. e., kept in a special receptacle, at the temperature of the human body, for about fourteen hours. The tubes are then examined. In most cases, a considerable growth of different kinds of bacteria is found, including some of those occurring in healthy throats, as well as those responsible for the various kinds of "sore throat" which are not diphtheria. If the patient from whom the culture comes has true diphtheria, there will be found also the special "bacillus of diphtheria."

In order to distinguish these numerous different forms from each other, the microscope is an essential. The growth in the tubes, therefore, is transferred to a glass slide, stained with a special preparation

which makes the bacteria more easily seen and recognized, and examined under a magnification of about one thousand diameters, which causes the bacteria to appear one million times larger than they are in reality. The bacilli of diphtheria then seem to be about as large as one of the pieces of an ordinary match which has been cut into sixths or eighths. Fortunately these bacilli have certain peculiarities which make their recognition quite possible, after some practice and experience, in spite of their extreme minuteness.

After the tubes are examined, all the results obtained are reported to the Board of Health, and each physician is notified of the finding in his own case.

If the bacilli of diphtheria are found, the patient from whom they came is thereby shown to be a source of danger to the public and rigid isolation is enforced until subsequent examination shows that the bacilli have disappeared. In many cases of convalescence from diphtheria, the patient may be apparently or really quite recovered himself, and yet the bacilli remain. It is evident that for the protection of the public, the Board of Health must continue to insist on isolation until the patient is no longer capable of infecting others. Moreover, it has been found that in such cases, single cultures may be taken sometimes which fail to show the presence of the bacilli although they are present, perhaps because they are few in number or at the time are lodged in the recesses of the throat where they cannot be reached. It has been found necessary, therefore, to insist that two consecutive cultures taken at different times should both fail to show the bacilli, before the patient is pronounced "safe" to go at large again.

Every week a summary of the cultures examined for that week is forwarded to the Health Department for publication in THE CITY RECORD. The cultures are classified as Primary, when they are from cases not examined before; Secondary, when from cases already examined one or more times. The results are classified as Positive, when the bacilli of diphtheria are found; Negative, when the bacilli are not found; "No growth," when, as occasionally happens, nothing can be found on the serum after incubation. This latter results either from the serum having been kept too long at the culture-station and having therefore become dry, or from some accident having allowed the admission of bacteria or moulds from the air to the serum. Occasionally, certain germs, transferred from the throat itself spoil the serum; sometimes, perhaps, an antiseptic has been used in washing out the throat just before the culture was taken. Of course, it must be added that very occasionally no growth occurs, because the physician does not follow the directions as closely as he should, but the "diphtheria diagnosis" is now so generally used that this source of trouble must be very small. The percentage of such "no growths" from all causes is, after all, insignificant, and does not interfere to an appreciable extent with the practical utility of the method.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will take place on Monday, June 20, at 3 P.M.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1898.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of May, 1898, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	528,912
Death rate for the month per 1,000 inhabitants	19.69
Death rate for corresponding month, 1897	22.40

Number of deaths:

Males	450
Females	418
	868

Condition:

Married	283
Single	426
Widows	109
Widowers	37
Unknown	13

Color:

White	840
Colored	28

Deaths of children:

Under 1 year	146
Under 2 years	178
Under 5 years	216

Nativity:

United States	533
Ireland	169
England	16
Scotland	8
Germany	17
British America	72
Italy	17
Russia	11
Other countries	13
Unknown	12

Parentage:

United States	197
Irish	285
English	12
Scotch	8
German	23
British American	55
Italian	33
Russian	16
Other countries	69
Mixed	70
Unknown	100

Still-births during the month	56
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Causes of Death:

I. ZYMOTICS.

Alcoholism	3
Croup	1
Carbuncle	1
Cholera infantum	3
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	13
Diarrhoea	1
Dysentery	1
Diphtheria	13
Erysipelas	4
Influenza	5
Measles	4
Purpura	1
Puerperal fever	1
Pyæmia	3
Rheumatism	3
Scarlatina	1
Syphilis (congenital)	1
Septicæmia	5
Typhoid fever	9
Whooping cough	5
Other zymotic diseases	2
	80

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	41
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	10
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	24
Phthisis pulmonalis	115
Other constitutional diseases	20
	210

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	48
Bright's disease	9
Bronchitis	29
Heart disease	89
Meningitis	24
Nephritis	24
Pleurisy	1
Pneumonia	94
Other local diseases	137
	455

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Cyanosis	3
Inanition	6
Old age	19
Premature birth	21
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	6
Other developmental diseases	9
	64

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	44
Homicidal	1
Suicidal	9
Other violent causes	3
	57
Unknown causes	2
	59
Total from all causes	868

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission invites attention to the fact that on account of the Department's desire to change the scope of the examination announced to be held on June 7, 1898, for photographer in the United States Naval Observatory, it became necessary to postpone the examination. The examination will be held at Boston and every other city in the United States where the Commission has a competent Board of Examiners, on June 23, 1898.

The salary attached to the vacancy in the grade for which this examination will be held is \$1,200 per annum.

The practical questions will be designed to show the applicants' knowledge of general and astronomical photography, and also, to some extent, of photo-lithography.

The Commission also announces that on June 20, 1898, examination may be taken for the grade of fourth assistant examiner in the Patent Office.

Persons who desire to compete should at once write to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Post Office Building, this city, for application blanks, Forms 304 and 375, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington.

RE-ELECTION OF SCHOOL OFFICERS.

At the meeting of the School Committee held on Tuesday, June 14, Edwin P. Seaver was re-elected Superintendent of Schools, and Ellis Peterson, Robert C. Metcalf, George H. Conley, George H. Martin, Walter S. Parker, and Sarah L. Arnold were re-elected Supervisors of Schools—all for the term of two years, beginning September 1, 1898.

IMMIGRATION DURING MAY.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston, from transatlantic ports, for the month ending May 31, 1898:

NATIONALITY.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Austria-Hungary —			
Galicia and Bukowina	5	—	5
Other Austria . . .	12	6	6
Denmark	25	14	11
France (including Corsica)	1	—	1
Germany	13	8	5
Italy	2	1	1
Norway	31	21	10
Russia (proper) . . .	29	19	10
Finland	18	12	6
Poland	10	9	1
Sweden	124	64	60
Switzerland	—	—	—
United Kingdom —			
England	270	127	143
Ireland	1,666	630	1,036
Scotland	58	26	32
Wales	4	2	2
Total from Europe . .	2,268	939	1,329
Nicaragua	1	1	—
Central America, not specified	1	1	—
Total from Central America	2	2	—
Quebec and Ontario . .	5	3	5
Nova Scotia	—	—	—
New Brunswick	1	—	1
Newfoundland and Labrador	1	1	—
Total from British North American possessions	10	4	6
Cuba	1	1	—
Other West Indies . . .	1	1	—
Total from West Indies	2	2	—
Grand total	2,282	947	1,335
Tourists or passengers en route	105	—	—
Debarred passengers . .	0	—	—
Total immigration for the month of May . .	2,393	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	Males.	Females.
North Atlantic Division —		
Maine	11	31
New Hampshire	24	35
Vermont	1	5
Massachusetts	753	1,119
Rhode Island	48	74
Connecticut	1	3
New York	36	23
Pennsylvania	10	6
Total	884	1,296
South Atlantic Division —		
Maryland	1	—
District of Columbia . .	1	—
Total	2	—
North Central Division —		
Ohio	—	2
Illinois	17	15
Michigan	8	2
Minnesota	19	10
Iowa	5	2
Missouri	1	—
North Dakota	1	1
South Dakota	2	2
Nebraska	1	—
Kansas	1	2
Total	55	36
South Central Division —		
Kentucky	1	—
Total	1	—
Western Division —		
Colorado	3	—
Washington	2	2
California	—	1
Total	5	3
RECAPITULATION.		
North Atlantic Division . .	884	1,296
South Atlantic Division . .	2	—
North Central Division . . .	55	36
South Central Division . . .	1	—
Western Division	5	3
Total	947	1,335

RULES FOR BATHING AT REVERE BEACH.

The following rules for bathers at the Revere Beach Reservation have been promulgated by the Metropolitan Park Commission:

RULES FOR BATHERS.

Valuables can be deposited in valuable room free of charge. No responsibility is assumed for articles stolen from dressing rooms.

Commit no nuisance in dressing rooms. Toilet rooms are provided with closets.

Button suits in front. Attendants will change suits which do not fit. Report any annoyance in the water at once to police officer on shore. After bathing leave bathing suit and towel in dressing room, with

door open, and deliver key to attendant at exit.

Defacing the bath-house or bringing intoxicating liquors therein are offences punishable by law.

A charge of twenty-five cents will be made for a lost key or "valuable" check.

Report any incivility of attendants at the office.

PRICES.

Cents.

For use of bathing suit, towel and dressing room	20
For use of towel and dressing room	15
For use of children's trunks and dressing room	10
For checking bicycle	5

NOTICE.

The duration of a bath for a strong, robust person should not exceed twenty minutes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders were promulgated by the Board of Police on June 8, 13 and 14, respectively:

June 8, 1898.

General Order No. 517.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Thomas R. Clark, of City Prison, for violation of Rule XXVI of the Police Manual, the Board orders the complaint to be dismissed.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Frank B. Erskine, of Division 9, for violation of Rule XXVI of the Police Manual, the Board orders the complaint to be dismissed.

III. The following-named Reserve Officers, temporarily assigned on May 20, 1898, are hereby permanently assigned as follows, to take effect at 5.45 o'clock P.M., the tenth instant:

John M. F. Little, to Division 1; John Lane, to Division 5; Michael J. Hartnett, to Division 10; James A. Morgan, to Division 12; John F. Peers, to Division 16; Michael J. Trainor, to Division 16.

June 13, 1898.

General Order No. 518.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman James P. Forde, of Division 6, for violation of Rule XXVI of the Police Manual, to wit, intoxication, the Board finds the said Patrolman Forde guilty and sentences him to be dismissed from the police force of the City of Boston.

II. Patrolman James Herdman, of Division 7, having been commended for performing meritorious service in rescuing five horses from a burning building on May 21 current, is hereby commended in General Orders.

June 14, 1898.

General Order No. 519.

The resignation of Patrolman Henry J. Carter, of Division 6, having been presented, while charges were pending against him, it is hereby accepted to take effect immediately.

In relation to absences mentioned above in connection with truancy, it may be said that parents who are anxious for their children to make a small amount of money actually excuse their absence and therefore it is not technically truancy.

Very respectfully,

GEORGE MURPHY, Chief Truant Officer.

Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Asphalting Emerson Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 14, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting "an estimate of the cost of asphalting Emerson street, from Broadway to M street."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, June 13, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with request contained in enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I respectfully submit the following estimate of cost:

Emerson street, Broadway to M:

Paving with asphalt and regulating . \$15,200

NOTE. This does not include the cost of paving the space occupied by the street-car tracks, which would have to be paid by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Westerly Sidewalk on Massachusetts Avenue for Bicycles.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 14, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, and from personal observation of the conditions I have no hesitation in recommending the passage of the accompanying order, in accordance with his suggestion.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, June 14, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: This Department is in receipt of many letters in regard to the condition of Massachusetts avenue, from Gerard street to Edward Everett square. This street is too rough for bicycles, and riders are forced to the sidewalk. The easterly sidewalk is planked, and I would respectfully ask if it would not be possible for an order to be in-

troduced into the Board of Aldermen giving up the westerly sidewalk for the use of bicycles.

If this would be a proper order, and meets with your approval, I think that by placing proper signs, I can so arrange the walks that the convenience of both pedestrians and bicycle riders will be advanced; and, if you see no objection, I would respectfully request that such an order be submitted to the Board of Aldermen.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be and hereby is authorized to reserve such portions of the way on the westerly side of Massachusetts avenue, between Gerard street and Edward Everett square, for use as a bicycle path, for such time and under such conditions and restrictions as he may deem proper for the public convenience.

The message was placed on file and the order was passed.

Amendments in Appropriation and Tax Orders.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 14, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Owing to the change made by the new law authorizing the School Committee to make its own appropriations within a certain limit, it becomes necessary to make certain formal amendments in the annual appropriation and tax orders, to make the same conform to the present law, and I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying orders for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the second and fourth orders in the appropriation and tax orders for the financial year 1898-99 be, and hereby are rescinded, viz.:

Ordered, That the appropriations herein-after specified, except those for the Water Department, be met out of the money remaining as a general balance in the treasury at the close of the thirty-first day of January, 1898, not including any money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and out of the income of the current year, other than that from the water works, and out of taxes to the amount of \$13,253,790.

Ordered, That to provide the said amount of taxes, the sum of \$13,253,790 be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston; that all such taxes, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1898, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1898; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1898, bear interest from and including said day until paid at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum up to the first day of

January, 1899, and at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum after and including said first day of January, except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum from and including said first day of November until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

Ordered, That the appropriations herein-after specified, except those for the Water Department, be met out of the money remaining as a general balance in the treasury at the close of the thirty-first day of January, 1898, not including any money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and out of the income of the current year, other than that from the water works, and out of taxes to the amount of \$10,589,201.

Ordered, That to provide the said amount of taxes, the sum of \$10,589,201 be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston; that all such taxes, all taxes for school purposes, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1898, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1898; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1898, bear interest from and including said day until paid at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum up to the first day of January, 1899, and at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum after and including said first day of January, except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum from and including said first day of November until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

The message was sent down and the orders were passed.

City Hospital Improvements.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 14, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital which explains itself, and I earnestly recommend the immediate passage of the accompanying loan order making provision for these admitted and pressing necessities. In the face of the statement of the Trustees, I cannot see how the City Council can refuse to provide for the steam-heating, which will be absolutely necessary during the coming winter, and the work of enlarging the boiler-house, for the reasons pointed out, should be started at once.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL.

Boston, June 11, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The Trustees note, with much satisfaction, that the Common Council on

Thursday evening, voted the special appropriation of \$23,000 for the completion of the laundry building and its equipment. This enables the Trustees to carry on this important work, which has practically been held in abeyance for some weeks.

The Trustees much regret that the City Council did not approve of their request for additional money, in accordance with the communications which the Trustees have addressed to Your Honor under dates of December 31, 1897, and January 13, 1898.

While an additional appropriation for the laundry was needed, additional money was quite as essential for the enlargement of the boiler-house. In my letter of January 13, I stated the conditions as to the inefficiency of our steam-heating plant. There are now six boilers, all worked to their full capacity. The coal-pocket has been completed, and already gives an increased efficiency and economy to the heating plant. The Trustees have consulted various experts and they are unanimous that more steam power is required.

The present boiler-house has no space for additional boilers; therefore the house must be extended, for which plans and specifications have been prepared under the supervision of Mr. William Jackson, City Engineer, and we are ready to call for proposals as soon as the additional appropriation is in hand. The Trustees propose, as previously stated, to burn the smaller grades of coal, which necessitates changing of the grates, forced draught and other changes. The new coal-pocket has already enabled us to reduce the cost of coal from \$5.51 to \$3.97 per ton. As soon as the changes are made, it is expected to reduce the cost of coal from \$3.97 to \$2.25—a further annual saving of several thousand dollars. Under advice of competent authority, the Trustees presented an estimate that the extension of the boiler-house, with four additional boilers, changes in grates, forced ventilation, etc., would cost \$29,800.

It is obvious that such work as this should be done during the summer months, because the changes necessary for the work cannot be made during the cold weather, except by shutting down the heat from the buildings for protracted periods, in which case, the patients must necessarily suffer. Moreover, the boilers should be completed and in position to furnish us with the necessary heat and power for the coming winter. During last winter, our present plant was forced to its utmost, and an accident might so far cripple our heating capacity, as to interfere with the welfare of patients, or even close some of the wards.

The Trustees would further call Your Honor's attention to the additional appropriation of \$8,500, as asked for in my communication of January 13. It is now two years and eight months since the work upon the Surgical Building was begun; and while a part of the building is occupied, the surgical amphitheatre and its auxiliary rooms remain uncompleted, and we are unable to occupy them for want of further appropriation to finish them.

The additional money asked for has been made necessary by the recommendations and requirements of Mr. F. W. Chandler, of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department, and his predecessors in office.

These additional expenditures are necessary by reason of unforeseen changes; additional heating, plumbing and ventilating apparatus, and other requirements of the Architectural Department.

Without additional money, the buildings must remain for an indefinite period uncompleted and unfit for occupation. I therefore, in behalf of the Trustees, respectfully, but most earnestly, press this matter upon Your Honor's attention, that the means for these items, viz.:

Enlargement of Boiler House and Steam Heating Plant.	\$29,800
Additional Requirements for the completion of the Surgical Department,	8,500
	\$38,300

may be immediately furnished for the Trustees to complete the work already begun, and to which the city is committed. I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

A. SHUMAN,

President of the Trustees.

Ordered, That the Trustees of the City Hospital be authorized to expend the sum of thirty thousand (30,000) dollars in enlarging the boiler-house and steam-heating plant, and the sum of eighty-five hundred (8,500) dollars in completing the Surgical Building; and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer issue, at his discretion, and sell, either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston for the sum of thirty-eight thousand five hundred (38,500) dollars, said bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Boston, ten years from the date of the same, with interest thereon at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

Ordered, That any premium obtained by the City Treasurer in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates of indebtedness, be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds, for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

The communication was sent down and the order was passed. Sent down.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, June 9, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received:

Sale of Crushed Stone.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 9, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, and in accordance with his request I recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, June 3, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In the manufacture of cracked stone at the crushers there is an accumulation of a smaller size of stone, which is not available to any large extent for the work of the Department. There is, however, a considerable market for it with the contractors, and I would respectfully request that authorization be given for the sale of such material, the proceeds to be returned, through the City Collector, to the Paving Division Appropriation. The cost of manufacturing this stone is charged to maintenance, and it is, therefore, but fair to return the money to the same appropriation from which it is first taken.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to sell the smaller sizes of crushed stone produced in the manufacture of cracked stone at the crushers, but not needed for the use of the Department, and that the proceeds of such sales be credited to the appropriation for Street Department, Paving Division.

The message was sent up, and the order passed. Sent up.

Twelve-Hour Basis for Firemen.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 9, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in reply to your order requesting "an estimate of the cost of establishing the Boston Fire Department on a twelve-hour basis."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER.

Bristol Street, June 2, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the request of the Honorable Common Council, I beg leave to respectfully report that, in order to place this Department on a twelve-hour basis, with the existing privileges of days off and vacations, additional money to the amount of \$828,000 per annum would be required after the necessary additional men had received regular firemen's pay; and, in my opinion, even such expenditure would in no way compensate for the evil incurred by a division of responsibility which such basis would imply.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Drinking Fountain, Ward 3.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 9, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Water Commissioner stating that, in accordance with the request contained in your order of May 19, he has located a drinking fountain at the Ward 3 playground.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, June 4, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Referring to the order of the Common Council of May 19, 1898, for the location of a drinking fountain at or near the Mystic playground, Ward 3, I have ordered that the fountain be located on Chelsea street, at the playground, the fountain now on Moulton street to be abandoned.

Yours very truly,

JOHN R. MURPHY,

Water Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Asphalting B Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 9, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order requesting "an estimate of the cost of asphalting B street, between Athens and West Third streets, South Boston."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, June 7, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with request contained in enclosed order of Common Council, I beg to report that the estimated cost of paving with asphalt and regulating B street, South Boston, Athens to West Third, is \$2,700.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Fence at Square, Ward 3.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 9, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Engineer, in reply to your order requesting a report on "the reason for the delay in constructing the iron fence around the square at the junction of Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton streets, Ward 3."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

50 City Hall, June 6, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In reply to the order of Common Council, dated June 2, 1898, "That the City Engineer be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council, at its next meeting, the reason for the delay in constructing the iron fence around the square at the junction of Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton streets, Ward 3," I would say the contract was awarded to George T. McLauthlin & Co. on May 7. The contractors say they have been delayed waiting for the stock. They are now drilling the holes in the curb for the posts, and say that the fence will be completed in ten days.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Placed on file.

Flag on Public Library.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 9, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Public Library Trustees in regard to your order requesting them "to erect a flagstaff, and fly a flag therefrom, in front of the Central Library Building," in which they state that a flagstaff has for some time been projecting in front of the library, and that a flag has been displayed thereon consecutively for weeks, and was so displayed at the time the said order was introduced.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

June 9, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In behalf of the Trustees I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of an order of the City Council, as follows:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to erect a flagstaff and fly a flag therefrom, in front of the Central Library Building; the expense of the same to be charged to the Library Appropriation.

With reference to the above I beg to state that there is already and has been for some time past a flagstaff projecting in front of the Library Building; and that a flag has been displayed thereon consecutively for weeks past, and was so displayed at the time the above order was introduced.

Very respectfully,

HERBERT PUTNAM, Librarian.

Placed on file.

New Ferry-Boat.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 9, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

As the ferry-boat "East Boston" has now been sold to the United States Government for the sum of \$57,500, and as a new boat

should be ordered very shortly to take her place, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order making the purchase price available for expenditure for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend the sum of \$71,000 for a new ferry-boat for the East Boston ferry, to take the place of the ferry-boat "East Boston," that the sum of fifty-seven thousand five hundred (57,500) dollars to be received from the United States Government for the above-named vessel be appropriated for said purpose, and that the remaining sum of thirteen thousand five hundred (13,500) dollars be charged to the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

The communication was sent up. The order was passed. Sent up.

Gymnasium, Commonwealth Park.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 9, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

As it is proposed very shortly to erect the gymnasium on Commonwealth Park, South Boston, for which the sum of \$15,000 was appropriated three years ago, and as the erection and administration of such a building clearly falls within the province of the Baths Department, which already has charge of the East Boston gymnasium, rather than of the Public Grounds Department, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order transferring such appropriation from the latter Department to the former.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer the loan appropriation of \$15,000 for Commonwealth Park, Gymnasium, from the Public Grounds Department to the Baths Department.

The order was passed and sent up.

School Yards for Playgrounds.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 9, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The subject of providing suitable occupation and wholesome recreation for children during the long summer vacation seems to me worthy of a great deal more attention than it has received in the past in this city. The problem of taking care of their children during the whole day, and seeing that they are kept out of mischief or danger, imposes a serious burden upon many parents, particularly in the crowded districts of the city. After giving a great deal of thought to the matter, I am convinced that it would be wise for the city

to undertake to do everything possible toward providing for the care and healthful recreation of its children during the summer season. In some foreign cities, vacation schools, differing widely in their character from the ordinary schools, have long been established with the best of results, and I believe that we must come to something of this sort in Boston if we are to prevent many children from losing, through being left without sufficient care during the summer, a portion of what they have gained in knowledge and in training during the school term.

There is one simple step which will result in considerable benefit, that it seems to me perfectly possible to take at once, and that is to provide for the opening of all school yards for use as playgrounds during the summer vacation. With the view of securing favorable action on the part of the School Committee, I desire to recommend the passage by the City Council of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to make arrangements for keeping all, or as many as possible, of the school yards open during the summer vacation, for use as playgrounds for children.

The message was sent up and the order passed. Sent up.

DAM ACROSS CHARLES RIVER.

The following bill relative to the construction of a dam across Charles River has been enacted by both branches of the Legislature, and was signed by the Governor June 14:

An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Dam across the Charles River between the Cities of Boston and Cambridge.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners, constituted under the authority of Chapter 407 of the Acts of the year 1893, is hereby authorized and directed to construct and maintain a dam with suitable lock or locks across the Charles River from a point at or about the intersection of St. Mary's street extended in the City of Boston with said river and a point in Cambridge nearly opposite St. Mary's street extended, and for this purpose may exercise, in addition to the powers herein conferred, all the powers conferred upon said Board by said Chapter 407 of the Acts of the year 1893 and all acts in addition thereto and amendment thereof. Said Board is authorized to apply for and take all necessary steps to obtain the approval of the Secretary of War or other proper authority of the United States for

carrying out the purposes of this act. Each member of said Board shall be paid his actual travelling expenses and all such other expenses as may be incurred by him in the performance of his duties under this act, and also any such compensation for services when absent from the Commonwealth as shall be allowed by the Governor and Council.

Sect. 2. To meet the expenses incurred under the provisions of this act, the Treasurer and Receiver-General shall, with the approval of the Governor and Council, issue scrip or certificates of debt in the name and behalf of the Commonwealth and under its seal to an amount not exceeding \$500,000 for a term not exceeding forty years, such scrip or certificates of debt to be issued at such times within one year after the approval by the United States Government of the building of said dam, as the Treasurer and Receiver-General shall determine. Said scrip or certificates of debt shall be issued as registered bonds or with interest coupons attached, shall bear interest not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July in each year, shall be designated on the face as the Charles River Improvement Loan, shall be countersigned by the Governor and shall be deemed a pledge of the good faith and credit of the Commonwealth; and the principal and interest shall be paid at the time specified therein in gold coin of the United States, and said scrip or certificates of debt shall be sold and disposed of at public auction or in such other mode and at such times and prices and in such amounts and at such rates of interest not exceeding the rate above specified as the Governor and Council shall deem best. The Treasurer and Receiver-General shall, on issuing any of said scrip or certificates of debt, establish a sinking-fund and the portion and amount to be paid thereto each year shall be sufficient with its accumulations to extinguish the debt at maturity. Any premium realized on the sale of said scrip or certificates of debt shall be applied to the payment of the interest on said loan as it accrues.

Sect. 3. The Supreme Judicial Court sitting in equity shall on the application of said Board and after notice to the cities of Boston, Cambridge, Newton and the town of Watertown, appoint three Commissioners who shall not be residents of said cities or town, who shall after due notice and hearing, and in such manner as they shall deem best and equitable, determine the proportion in which each of the said cities and town shall annually pay money into the treasury of the Commonwealth for the term of five years next following the year of the first issue of said scrip or certificates of debt to meet the interest and sinking-fund requirements for each of said years as estimated by

the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, and to meet the expenses of maintenance of said dam as estimated by said Board and certified by said Treasurer, and any deficiency in the amount previously paid in as found by said Treasurer and shall return their award into said court, and when said award shall have been accepted by said court the same shall be final and conclusive adjudication of all matters herein referred to said Commissioners and shall be binding on all parties. Before the expiration of said term of five years, and every five years thereafter, three such Commissioners shall again be appointed as aforesaid, with the same duties and powers with reference to the next succeeding term of five years.

Sect. 4. The amount of money required each year from each city and town hereinbefore named to meet the interest and sinking-fund requirements and expenses aforesaid for each year and deficiency, if any, shall be estimated by the Treasurer of the Commonwealth in accordance with the proportion determined as aforesaid, and shall be included in, and made a part of, the sum charged to such city or town and be assessed upon it in the apportionment and assessment of its annual State tax, and said Treasurer shall in each year notify each city and town of the amount of such assessment, and the same shall be paid by the city or town into the treasury of the Commonwealth at the time required for the payment and at a part of its State tax.

Sect. 5. The Supreme Judicial Court shall have jurisdiction in equity to enforce the provisions of this act, and shall fix and determine the compensation of all Commissioners appointed by said court under the provisions hereof.

Sect. 6. No action shall be taken relative to the construction and maintenance of said dam under the provisions of this act until all plans therefor have been duly submitted to the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners and received the approval of said Board.

Sect. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments was issued by His Honor the Mayor on June 11, 1898:

Circular No. 42.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: I have directed the Chief of the Electrical Construction Division to make periodical inspections of all isolated electric plants operated by the city, with particular reference to determining the efficiency of the apparatus and the cost per unit of producing electricity. Copies of such reports will be furnished to the heads of departments for their information. Please see that proper facilities are afforded for the making of such inspections and tests.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved June 7, 1898:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to appoint an agent to make all necessary arrangements for the celebration in Charlestown of the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill on the Seventeenth of June next, according to the programme prepared by the special committee appointed for the purpose, and the said agent is hereby authorized to expend on that account the income of the Foss and Babcock funds, and the sum of \$5,100 appropriated for the purpose; said amounts to be charged to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations, June Seventeenth.

PROGRAMME.

Seventeenth of June Carnival Association	\$1,900
Music	800
Branch 34, National Letter Carriers' Association	325
Charlestown Veteran Firemen	275
Division 5, A.O.H.	200
Division 37, A.O.H.	200
St. Francis de Sales Cadets	150
Conclave 114, Knights of Sherwood Forest	150
Knights of Pythias	150
Knights of the Golden Eagle	100
Company A, Fifth Regiment	100
Company H, Fifth Regiment	100
Charlestown Cycle Club	75
Abraham Lincoln Camp, Sons of Veterans	50
High School Cadets	50
Chief Marshal	25
Decorations	350
Fireworks	250
Observation Stand	100
Incidentals	75
Total	\$5,425

The following were approved June 10, 1898:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Ellen M. Brawley, widow of John P. Brawley, late Assistant Clerk of Committees in the employ of the city, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until the thirty-first day of January, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 446 of the Acts of 1898; said sum to be charged to the Reserved Fund.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to grant the use of ward-room, Ward 19, to Company D, Hooker Guards, of Post 26, G. A. R., for drilling purposes.

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered, permission be granted to Company K, Hooker Guards, to use the ward-room of Ward 20, on Wednesday and Friday evenings of each week for drilling purposes, and that the fee for the use of said ward-room be waived.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved June 7, 1898:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks, with necessary curves, sidings, crossovers, switches and connections on Walnut avenue, between Warren street and Humboldt avenue, on Humboldt avenue from Walnut avenue to Seaver street, and on Seaver street, from Walnut avenue to Blue Hill avenue, said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated February 21, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the consent of the Board of Aldermen be hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company, to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in the City of Boston, by the overhead system, so called, as follows:

On Walnut avenue, between Warren street and Humboldt avenue, on Humboldt avenue, from Walnut avenue to Seaver street and on Seaver street, from Walnut avenue to Blue Hill avenue.

And permission is hereby granted to the said West End Street Railway Company, to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, dated February 21, 1898, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days

from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The following were approved June 8, 1898:

Constables' bonds of the following-named persons: Henry W. Shepard, Paul C. Brooks, David Schapero, John J. Walsh, Philip O'Brien and James Needham.

License to A. A. White & Co., to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 62 Portland street.

The following permits, viz.:

For the use of Faneuil Hall, as follows: To Gamaliel Bradford and others, on the afternoon of June 15.

To Nunziato F. Mondello, on Thursday evening, June 2, waiving the fee.

To William B. Ladd, to run a passenger barge between Highland Station and Mt. Benedict Cemetery, on Sundays and holidays during the season.

To F. R. Brown & Co., to run four passenger barges between Forest Hills Station and Mt. Calvary Cemetery, on Sundays and holidays.

For the projection of signs, etc., as follows:

To E. A. Power, transparency, at the corner of Quincy and Bowdoin streets, Ward 20.

To E. A. Power, transparency, at the corner of Rill and Hancock streets, Ward 20.

To George G. King, two signs, at 534 Tremont street, Ward 9.

To M. Jenanyan, pole sign, at 1663 Washington street, Ward 12.

To Jerry Visconuti, three barber poles, at 76 West Springfield street, Ward 12.

To H. Levin, sign, at 1281 Washington street, Ward 9.

To I. Finkelstein, sign, at 2805 Washington street, Ward 22.

To Charles E. Blodgett, illuminated sign, at 31½ Howard street, Ward 6.

To George W. Dunlap, barber's pole, at 204 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 10.

To T. H. Mettling, sign, at Milton Block, Hyde Park avenue, Ward 23.

To Boston Fabric and Fibre Company, V-shaped sign, at 116-118 Second street, Ward 13.

To Professor John Angelo, V-shaped sign, at 302 Washington street, Ward 6.

To Edward A. Smith, to project a bay window at 83 Pinckney street, Ward 8.

The following were approved June 8, 1898:

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to erect, maintain, and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached, the work to be completed on or before November 15, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Norcross Brothers, two, over Marlboro street, nearly in rear of estates 409-415 Commonwealth avenue, Ward 11, for use in building construction.

J. K. Ryan, one, on the corner of Buckingham and Dartmouth streets, two on the corner of Berkeley street and the railroad bridge; four in Castle square, at the junction of Ferdinand and other streets, Ward 10, for use in track construction of Boston and Providence Railroad Company.

A. B. Gunter, M.D., to erect, maintain and use a hitching-post in sidewalk in front of estate 2 Dexter row, Ward 5.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to move wooden buildings, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

The John Cavanagh Building Moving Company, one mansard roof, thirty feet in length, twenty feet in width, twenty-four feet in height, from 31 West Walnut park to Columbus avenue, thence 400 feet along, to lot on Notre Dame street, a private way, Ward 22.

John Cavanagh Building Moving Company, one mansard roof, thirty feet in length, twenty feet in width, twenty-four feet in height, from 27 West Walnut park to Columbus avenue, thence 400 feet along, to lot on Notre Dame street, a private way, Ward 22.

John Soley, one pitch roof, thirty-two feet in length, thirty-one feet in width, thirty feet in height, from 9 Robert street, through said street to South Walter street, private way, Ward 23.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestone, the owners to furnish the said materials, viz.:

J. Shaffreen, corner Blue Hill and Lawrence avenues, Ward 20, of gravel.

O. E. Furber, east side of Humboldt avenue, between Townsend and Fuller streets, Ward 21, of gravel.

Anthony Weber, 16 Boylston street, Ward 22, of gravel.

C. M. Cook, 14 Gardner street, Ward 25, of gravel.

H. E. Weston, Dudley and Roxbury streets, Ward 18, of brick.

Neil McNeil, 196 Freeport street, Ward 20, of brick.

Urban Associates, Putnam street, corner Eagle street, Ward 1, of brick.

J. Goldinger, 216-218 Paris street, Ward 2, of brick.

Howard Brothers, 91-93 Old Harbor street, Ward 15, of brick.

Frederick Bleiler, 81-83 Minden street, Ward 19, of brick.

John M. Keane, 5 Centre avenue, Ward 20, of brick.

Robert A. Moore, Athelwold street, between Gawain and Millet streets, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Warren K. Blodgett, trustee, 615 Atlantic avenue, Ward 7, of artificial stone.

Albert A. Wiggin et al., 29-31 Bradlee street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Gertrude M. Glover, 102 Centre street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

J. L. Collins, 98 Centre street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

J. S. Fonner & Co., 378-394 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Frank P. Darcy, 69 Humboldt avenue, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

The following were approved June 8, 1898:

Ordered, That leave be granted to George H. Lyman, Collector of the Port of Boston, to occasionally place a platform across the sidewalk at No. 76 Central street and also across the sidewalk at the entrance to Nos. 1 and 2 State-street Block, facing the Cus-

tom House, for use in loading and unloading goods at the United States Appraiser's Store in said building.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to the Metropolitan Water Board to close the roadway on Morton street, between River and Corbett streets, in such sections and at such times as it may be deemed necessary for the reasonable requirements of the work of laying main pipes under and along said Morton street.

Ordered, That the Boston Parks Boat Service Company be, and hereby is granted a license to keep a ferry between the landings indicated on the plan filed herewith, and the rate of fares or tolls which said licensees are authorized to demand and receive for passengers shall not exceed ten cents, between each landing for each person each way.

The following were approved June 9:

Permits to project bay windows, viz.:

Patrick Quinn, three over Maverick street, three over Sumner street, and one over the corner of said square and street, from building 1-3-5-7 Maverick square and Sumner street, Ward 2; to John Alles, one window and a cornice, at 53 Joy street, Ward 8.

The following were approved June 11, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to David F. Barry to construct, maintain and use an area with a sidewalk-light cover and two coal-hole openings not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with iron covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Milford street, at the corner of No. 2 Bond street, Ward 9. The work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

O Street, Ward 14; two poles, thirty-five feet in height by twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet; date of plan, April 9, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by A. P. Allen; said pole to be located as follows:

Dorchester avenue; one pole, forty-five feet in height by eighteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet; date of plan, June 6, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby

authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said pole to be completed within thirty days from the date of the passage of this order.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That due notice be given to the owner or owners of the buildings situated on Athelwold street, on land recently taken by this city for school purposes, that this Board will, on Monday, the thirteenth day of June instant, at 3 o'clock P.M., give a public hearing on the matter of adjudging said buildings to be a nuisance to the neighborhood or dangerous.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be hereby requested to report to this Board at its next meeting a detailed statement of the amounts that have been expended by the city under the authority of Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895, being an Act Relative to the Establishment of a New Ferry Landing.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have the edgestones reset and the gutters repaired on Linden street, from Thomas Park to Fourth street, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements, Ward 15.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have the edgestones reset and gutters repaired on M street, from Broadway to Fourth street, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements, Ward 14.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to submit to this Board at its next meeting an estimate of the cost of asphaltting Emerson street from Broadway to M street.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and is hereby requested to petition the Legislature for the passage of an act authorizing this city to borrow, outside the limit of indebtedness provided by law, the sum of eighty thousand (80,000) dollars, said sum to be used for the purpose of reconstructing Faneuil Hall Building.

MUNICIPAL BAND.

The Music Commission has arranged the program, so far as it relates to the Municipal Band, which is to be carried out in connection with the celebration of "Bunker Hill Day" at Charlestown on Friday, June 17.

The band, which will consist of thirty-six players, besides its leader, will participate in the morning procession, and in the evening will render a concert of appropriate music at Monument square, Charlestown.

Evening concerts will also be given by the East Boston Cadet Band at Sullivan square and by the Bunker Hill Cadet Band at the junction of Bunker Hill and Vine streets, Charlestown.

STREET DEPARTMENT—AWARD OF CONTRACT.

Bids for furnishing 6,000 cubic yards of filling for Columbus avenue, at Roxbury street, were opened on Friday, June 10, at the City Hall. The bidders and their offers are as follows:

Bidders.	Price per cubic yard, cents.
J. J. Sullivan	89
A. J. Wellington	73
H. P. Nawn	63
J. Doherty & Co.	59½
Thomas Minton	47½
J. O'Brien	44
J. C. Coleman & Son	40
P. F. Donovan	33
J. T. Gilligan	30
J. P. Niland	23

The contract was awarded to J. T. Gilligan.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending June 4, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	17.6
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	20.6
Number of deaths:	
Males	100
Females	80
Total	180
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	205
Decrease	25

Of the 180 decedents, 174 were white and 6 colored; 111 were born in the United States, 67 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 2 unknown; 38 were of American parentage, 127 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 15 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	12	1
Scarlatina	11	1
Typhoid fever	10	3
Measles	63	3
Totals	96	8

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	16
Pneumonia	15
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	23
Bronchitis	5
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	5
Total from principal causes	69
Total from infectious diseases	8
Total from other causes	103
Total from all causes	180
Deaths of children under 1 year	36
Deaths of children under 5 years	55
Deaths of persons over 60 years	33
Deaths in public institutions	43

Proposals for furnishing coal for the buildings under the charge of the School Committee in the eight districts included in the City of Boston, were opened at the office of the Committee on Supplies, on June 8. The contract was awarded to Metropolitan Coal Company at \$4.43 per ton.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts**LEGISLATIVE BILLS.**

The following list contains the titles of bills concerning the City of Boston which have been approved by the Governor, with the number of page of THE CITY RECORD on which they were previously noted or printed:

Approved by Governor.

- S. B. 34, to Authorize the Sale of Certain Land taken for Public Park Purposes in the City of Boston, p. 120.
- S. B. 43, relative to the Holding of Caucuses, p. 77.
- S. B. 44, relative to Wires and Electrical Appliances in the Streets of the City of Boston, p. 78.
- S. B. 50, relative to the Construction of Belvidere street in the City of Boston, p. 78.
- S. B. 62, relative to the Finances of the City of Boston, p. 53.
- S. B. 70, relative to Stony Brook in the City of Boston, p. 121.
- S. B. 71, to Payment of Assessments for the Laying-out and Construction of Highways in the City of Boston, p. 121.
- S. B. 110, to Provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 63.
- S. B. 118, relating to the Support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston, p. 65.
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BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON, IN PROGRESS OF PASSAGE, BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1898.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted, House.	Enacted, Senate.
1. S. B. 43, relative to the Holding of Caucuses, p. 77.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Mch. 10, 15. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	April 25. Am.	April 27. Am.	April 29. S.	May 2.	May 9.	May 23.	May 25.
2. H. B. 114, as to Limit of Height of Buildings near Copley Square in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Cities. Jan. 14.	Jan. 21. Feb. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (B.)	April 18. Am.	April 20.	April 22. S.	May 5. Sub.	May 10. Am.	May 19.	May 20.
3. H. B. 416, resolve to Provide for an Addition to the Normal Art School Building in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Education.	Feb. 17. Closed.	March 22. H. (B.)	May 19.	May 23.	May 25. S.	June 3.	June 9.	June 10.	June 13.
4. H. B. 505, to Reorganize the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 84.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7, 8, 11. Closed.	March 11. H. (B.)	March 23.	March 30.	April 1. S.	May 9.	May 16. Am.	May 20. Vetoed.	May 20.
5. H. B. 753, relative to Ferries, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 1. Closed.	March 8. H. (B.)	March 9.	March 24. Rej.					

Board Meetings.

Insane Hospital Department.

32 Tremont Street, June 13, 1898.
The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street on June 9, 1898.

Present: Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion, Mr. Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$3,082.49, at Austin Farm, and \$897.91 at Pierce Farm, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for the amount. The pay rolls for the month, amounting to \$2,174.02, at Austin Farm, and \$1,537.33 at Pierce Farm, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for the amount.

It was voted to sell some surplus hay at Austin Farm, to purchase a new mowing machine and eighteen lawn settees at Austin Farm and to enlarge the hennery.

It was voted to ask for the transfer of twenty patients from State Hospitals to Pierce Farm, to purchase additional bedsteads for their accommodation, and to finish off additional rooms in the attics at Pierce Farm for night attendants.

The Superintendent was authorized to renew the insurance upon the boilers at Pierce Farm, and it was voted to buy five more cows.

Lincoln H. Jones was appointed Assistant Supervisor at Pierce Farm.

The Committee on Rules reported certain changes in the published rules, by which the institutions at Austin and Pierce Farms were placed under one Superintendent, to be conducted as a single institution. These changes in the rules were accepted.

The Committees on Service and Supplies recommended that the Superintendent keep a running inventory of all supplies, and that a store-keeper should be appointed who should have the whole management of the store-room, check goods as they arrive, and keep accurate account of their distribution. The recommendations were endorsed.

The Committee on Service recommended that there be one farmer, one engineer and one carpenter at the Boston Insane Hospital. These changes were authorized.

It was voted that the City Collector be requested to send to the Trustees, once in three months, a report of what bills against patients in the State and City Insane Hospitals had been paid and what had not been paid.

The Chairman and Mrs. Marion were appointed to represent the Trustees at the next Public Institutions Conference.

Patients in hospital June 8, 1898:

AUSTIN FARM.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	107	234	341
On visit	2	8	10
Total	109	242	351

PIERCE FARM.			
	Males.		
In house	178		
On visit	7		
Total	185		

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, June 3, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, DeNormandie, Lincoln, Prince and the Librarian.

Communications received: The Librarian's report; Auditor's monthly exhibit.

Employed: Benjamin Myers, for service at Station "P," in Grade D, at a salary of \$5 per week, beginning June 3.

Services dispensed with: Alice E. McKirdy, of Grade C, of the West End Branch, from and after July 10.

Discontinued: Station "K," at Bird street, from and after June 30.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$331.83; to trust funds, \$107.18; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$4.25; miscellaneous articles, \$149.13.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, May 31, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held May 31, 1898:

A communication from Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells requesting the action of the Board on the nomination of Miss H. S. Cutler as Superintendent of the Women's Division, Charlesbank, in place of Miss McMartin, resigned, was received, and it was

Voted, That Miss H. S. Cutler be appointed as Superintendent of the Women's Gymnasium at Charlesbank, at a salary of \$80 per month, to take effect June 20.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to erect iron fences at Charlesbank, on the lines of Cambridge and Leverett streets.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to purchase a driving horse for the use of the Department.

Voted, That whereas by an act of this Board passed June 9, 1897, a parcel of land and flats belonging to Mary E. Moseley et al., containing 32,200 square feet, more or less, situate in that part of Old Harbor which adjoins the location of the Old Colony Railroad, was taken for a public park, there be paid to the said Mary E. Moseley, et al., the sum of \$1,600 upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, subject to taxes for 1897, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Strandway from Marine Park west.

A proposition was received from Hugh Farrell to do the extra work required to complete the work on the Strandway, in accordance with the changes shown on the plan of April 18, 1898, for fifty cents per cubic yard, and it was

Voted, That the proposal be accepted.
An order to do the work in accordance with the modified plan was signed by the Chairman and submitted to the Mayor for approval.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, June 8, 1898.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held at 28 Court square, on Monday, June 6, at 11 A.M.

Present: Professor Sedgwick, Mr. Rutan, Dr. Grainger, Mrs. Fallon, Miss Morse, Mrs. Lincoln.

The following appointments were confirmed:

Mary Nugent, night matron at the dormitory, at a salary of \$20 per month; Wilbur P. Snow, farm hand at Long Island, at a salary of \$25 per month; L. I. Dell, engineer at Long Island, at a salary of \$75 per month; Levi Lingard, first assistant engineer at Long Island, at a salary of \$40 per month; O. S. Bumpus, second assistant engineer at Long Island, at a salary of \$35 per month.

A suggestion from the visiting staff, in regard to a sun-platform to adjoin the hospital, was referred to the Committee on Hospital.

The question of baking bread at Long Island, for the use of the United States troops stationed at Long Island Head, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Secretary reported that on May 31 she found that during the temporary absence of the Superintendent, the two assistant engineers at Long Island had tendered their resignations to the Deputy Superintendent, to take effect at once, as the chief engineer had been discharged for cause, and was leaving on that evening, after two weeks' notice. The deputy declined to accept the resignations, but as the two men refused to work, immediate action had to be taken, and the assistance of the Mayor was asked and obtained. By his orders, a competent engineer was sent from Deer Island to take charge of the Long Island plant immediately, and temporary assistance was provided by the Deputy Superintendent. The engineer thus furnished was subsequently engaged permanently, with the approval and consent of the Penal Institutions Commissioner.

The request for the use of Long Island by the Boston Parks Boat Service Company, outside of the Randidge excursions, was taken up, and such use not being considered desirable, it was refused.

At this meeting there was an informal discussion as to the time at which the Charlestown Almshouse should be made an almshouse for women and aged couples. It was decided to call a special meeting to consider this subject on June 8.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held on June 8, the full Board being present.

The following votes were passed:

Voted, That on and after July 15, 1898, the Charlestown Almshouse be regarded as an almshouse for women and aged couples.

Voted, That the Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse be informed that inasmuch as the Trustees have voted that on and after July 15, 1898, the Charlestown Almshouse be regarded as an almshouse for women and aged couples, and inasmuch as it is the intention of the Trustees to employ a woman superintendent, his services will not be required after August 1, 1898.

Voted, That the Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse be granted the usual

vacation, with pay, from July 15 to August 1, 1898.

Voted, That in the absence of the Chairman of the Board, Mr. William L. Rutan act as Chairman, with full powers.

Voted, That in the absence of the Chairman of the Board, Mr. William L. Rutan, Acting Chairman, shall have power to approve all bills.

Number of inmates at Long Island on June 4, 1898:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	79	140	219
Children	6	7	13
In Dormitory:			
Adults	—	185	185
Children	—	—	—
In Institution	175	—	175
Total	260	332	592

Number of Inmates June 4, 1897 549

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Tuesday, May 31.

Public hearings were given in the matters of relocating Amory street, at Roxbury, from School street to Bragdon street, and constructing the same; laying out and constructing Bragdon street, at Roxbury, from Columbus avenue to Amory street, and laying out and constructing Thane street, at Dorchester, from Park street to Athelwold street.

A petition was received from W. F. Granger for a catch-basin, corner of Saratoga and Ford streets, East Boston, and also a petition from C. Ripley, attorney, for a sewer in Trescott place, at Dorchester.

Catch-basins were ordered built in Norfolk street and in Tremont street.

It was voted to pay Jennie L. Huebener \$1,567 for land taken from, and damages occasioned to, her estate on Adams street, at Dorchester, by the action of this Board in the improvement of the water-course known as Tenean creek.

It was voted to pay Jennie L. Huebener \$2,762 for all land taken from, and damages occasioned to, her estate on Adams street, at Dorchester, by the widening of said Adams street.

To pay Mary Brophy \$425 for all rights acquired in, and damages occasioned to, her estate on Shelton street, at Dorchester, by the action of this Board in the improvement of the water-course known as Tenean creek.

It was voted to pay Stephen F. Forbush \$7,000 and Albert L. Forbush \$400 for all land taken from, and for all damages occasioned to their estates on Columbia street, by the laying out of Columbia road.

Wednesday, June 1, 1898.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out and constructing Aldworth street, at West Roxbury, from Centre street to Vane street; laying out and constructing Van Winkle street, at Dorchester, from Dorchester avenue to the Shawmut Branch railroad; and laying out and constructing Leeds street, at South Boston, from Woodward street to Dorchester avenue.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Chase street.

A petition was received from H. B. Fisher and others for a change in the locations, etc., of streets in sections O 77, 78 Plat 8 of the Board of Survey plans; particularly relating to the lines of Ayer and Orkney roads. It was voted to give a public advertised hearing on the changes requested in the above petition.

A petition was received from Mary Hayes for a sewer in Massachusetts avenue, to drain property running from Massachusetts avenue to Graham street.

Friday, June 3, 1898.

Public hearings were given in the matters of laying out Edison Green, at Dorchester, from Dorchester avenue to Pond street, and constructing the same; of the laying out and constructing of Marbury terrace, at Roxbury, from Amory street to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad; and of the laying out of Bayswater street, at East Boston, from Saratoga street to Austin avenue.

Sewers were ordered built in Adams and Richmond streets, Torrey street and Wentworth street, and catch-basins in Saratoga street and Neponset avenue.

An order of notice to quit was issued to abutters on Barrington (Hamilton) street.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Roland street, a catch-basin in Troy street, and a catch-basin in Bakersfield street.

A petition was received from F. M. Farquhar and others, that Marion street may be laid out, at West Roxbury.

A hearing was given in accordance with the advertisement in the matter of changes in locations, etc., of streets shown on plans S 24, 23, in Plat 13 of the Board of Survey plans.

Tuesday, June 6.

The following petitions were received:

For sewers in Oakridge street, Dorchester; Townsend street, Roxbury; for catch-basins in Cambridge street, Brighton; Bolton street, South Boston; and Clapp street, Dorchester; for a drop inlet in Norfolk street, Dorchester.

An order was passed assessing betterments on Boylston street.

Wednesday, June 8.

Public hearings were given in the matter of locating in a new channel the stream or water-course, at Dorchester, which crosses Freeport street, at its junction with Pleasant street, from said Pleasant street to the water front on Dorchester Bay; in the matter of the construction of a surface drain in private land between May street and the Arborway, at West Roxbury; in the matter of the construction of a sewer in private land, at Dorchester, between Ferndale street and Southern avenue, and in Southern avenue.

Petitions were received for a pipe chimney in Lauriat avenue, at Dorchester; and in Nottingham street, Dorchester.

A sewer was ordered to be built in private land at Dorchester, between Ferndale street and Southern avenue, and in Southern avenue. An order was passed locating in a new channel the stream or water-course, at Dorchester, between Freeport street and the water front on Dorchester bay.

Voted, That there be allowed and paid to William D. Lang, to Henry W. Hubbard, to

Jesse L. Nason, and to L. Foster Morse the sum of \$1,500 each, for services in appraising damages occasioned by the laying out of Columbia road, at Dorchester, and the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for four special drafts of \$1,500 each, in favor of such payments; said amounts to be charged to the appropriation for Laying-out and Construction of Highways.

Thursday, June 9.

It was voted, on recommendation of the Law Department, to pay James T. Colt and another, trustees, \$17,558 and interest at 5 per cent. from January 1, 1898, for damages occasioned their estate by the extension of Boylston street.

A catch-basin was ordered to be built in D street, South Boston.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to approve the several under-mentioned bills for expert examination and report on damages resulting from the laying out of Columbia road:

John C. Cobb, \$1,500; P. B. Corbett, \$400; Frederick H. Viaux, \$400; S. P. Holbrook, \$400; Joseph W. Homer, \$300.

Orders of notice were issued for the relocation of Geneva avenue, for the laying out of Homes avenue and of Esmond street, all in Dorchester.

A public hearing was given in the matter of the change in locations, etc., of streets shown on plans O 77, 78, Plat 8, of the Board of Survey plans.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

LETTER FROM CAPTAIN WILDES TO MAYOR QUINCY.

The following letter has been received by Mayor Quincy from Captain Wildes, U. S. N., who commanded the United States cruiser Boston, at the battle of Manila:

U. S. S. Boston, at Anchor off Cavite, five Miles S.W. from Manila, May 12, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the telegram, signed "City of Boston," giving congratulations to the cruiser Boston on the battle of May 1, off Manila; and in the name of the officers and crew of this vessel I thank the City of Boston through you for this most courteous and appreciative attention.

The Boston was struck five times and was on fire twice. When action closed we were in all respects ready for another.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

FRANK WILDES, Captain U. S. N.

P.S.—I ought to add that the Spaniards made a brave defence, but were overwhelmed by the steadiness and accuracy of our fire.

F. W.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held on Tuesday, June 14, 1898, the following appointments by His Honor the Mayor were specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board:

John H. Donovan, to be an Assessor, for the term ending April 30, 1899, in place of Joshua S. Dunklee, deceased.

Charles E. Folsom, to be an Assessor, for the term ending April 30, 1901.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, June 6, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending June 4, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	2	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	5	
2...	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	4	
3...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	2	
4...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	8	
5...	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	8	
6...	-	3	-	-	-	-	8	-	5	18	
7...	1	5	-	2	-	-	10	4	7	18	
8...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	16	
9...	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	7	
10...	-	5	-	1	-	-	5	-	4	8	
11...	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	12	
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	3	
13...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	3	
14...	-	5	2	-	-	2	10	-	4	11	
15...	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	3	6	
16...	1	3	1	-	-	-	3	-	4	13	
17...	2	3	8	1	2	-	5	1	4	10	
18...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	9	
19...	2	1	-	-	6	2	2	4	2	21	
20...	10	6	1	-	9	10	7	1	5	18	
21...	2	1	2	-	-	2	1	2	2	14	
22...	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	10	
23...	2	1	1	-	-	4	1	3	6	7	
24...	2	-	1	-	3	5	2	-	9	14	
25...	-	2	1	-	-	1	5	2	1	5	
T'ls..	26	48	18	4	21	31	84	18	87	250	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, June 11, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending June 11, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	140
Number of discharges of mortgages	20
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	5
Number of assignments of wages	36
Number of married women's certificates	12
Number of ship liens	2
Number of bills of sale	10
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1

The following accident notices were filed:

June 7 — Johanna McCabe, personal injuries received in front of 892 Harrison avenue, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk;

Elizabeth A. Hutchinson, damage to dress caused by newly painted building at 62 Pemberton square; Thomas Donnelly, personal injuries received by caving-in of banking at Franklin Park, near Blue Hill avenue.

June 8 — Walter S. Sampson & Son, damage to cellar of house 101 Prince street, caused by alleged defect of Water Department.

Petitions for assessment of damages for land taken by the Board of Park Commissioners have been filed by Mary A. Stone, et al. and Franklin King et al.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, June 11, 1898.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending June 11, as follows:

There has been purchased of A. W. Davis one horse at \$155; two horses of Welch & Hall, at \$125 each; two at \$135 each, and two at \$137.50 each.

A fire-alarm box has been ordered to be located at the corner of Greenbrier and Tonawanda streets.

James H. Bourne, of Ladder Company 6, and John H. Wheeler, of Engine Company 5, call members, have been honorably discharged.

Captain George H. Jones, of Engine Company 5, and D. K. Wheelock, of Chemical Company 9, have been retired on pensions.

Special drafts have been drawn as follows:

John A. Fox, balance for service as architect for new Engine House 30, \$508.52; L. K. Marston, part payment for work at new engine-house, Grove Hall, \$4,000, and for extras, new Engine House 30, West Roxbury, \$54.31; Shreve, Crump & Low, gas fixtures, Engine House 30, \$100; and Bay State Hardware Company, hardware, \$275; William Lumb & Co., balance for plumbing, engine-house at Grove Hall, \$417.50.

Captain Robert E. Bartlett has been transferred from Engine Company 1 to Engine Company 5.

William E. Riley has been transferred from Engine Company 32 to Chemical Company 9.

W. H. Brown has been appointed a call substitute for Engine Company 5, with call-man's pay.

Fire-alarm box 766 has been re-established in the Castle Square Theatre.

Orders have been drawn on Charles Waugh & Co., for repairs of hose wagon of Engine 8, \$217.45, and George S. Bourne, to scrape and paint outside of Engine 18, \$175.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, June 11, 1898.

The following is a list of the petitions presented during the week ending June 11, for the occupancy of stables:

J. T. Morse, jr., Sears street, 200 additional horses; hearing June 16, at 11 o'clock. John Cantwell, 141 Hillside street, Ward 19, two horses; hearing June 23, at 11 o'clock. E. N. Whitcomb, 44 Maple street, Ward 21,

two horses; hearing June 23, at 11 o'clock. James A. Colson, rear 187 Medford street, Ward 3, one horse; hearing June 23, at 11 o'clock. D. T. Ells & Co., 1440 Washington street, Ward 9, twenty-five additional horses; hearing June 16, at 11 o'clock. L. E. H. Jones, 449 Dorchester avenue, Ward 15, two horses; hearing June 16, at 11 o'clock.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending Saturday, June 11, 1898:

One hundred and ninety-eight quarts of strawberries; 142 bushels of peas; twelve bushels of potatoes; twenty-one barrels of cabbage; six crates of squashes and thirty-two pounds of veal.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Brighton Abattoir for the week ending June 10:

Steers	202
New England cows	2
New England bulls	1
Sheep	343
Calves	883
Total	1,431

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending June 11, 1898:

Cultures.	Pri- mary.	Sec- ondary.	Totals.
Positive	4	7	11
Negative	26	26	52
No growth	1	2	3
Totals	31	35	66

Pus from peritoneum, one case; streptococci absent; colon bacillus present.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, June 13.

Statistics for the week ending June 11, 1898:

Cases pending	1
Number of applications	75
Totals	76

Number of admissions:

To State Almshouse	22
Long Island Almshouse	26
Charlestown Almshouse	1
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	2
Boston Insane Hospital	3
Westboro' Insane Hospital	6
Foxboro' Asylum	4
Epileptic Hospital	1
Totals	65

Number of applications refused	5
Number of applications withdrawn	6
Cases pending	0
Totals	11

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28 Court Square, June 6, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending June 4, 1898:

Cases pending	2
Number of applications	59
Totals	61

Number of admissions:

To State Almshouse	20
Long Island Almshouse	13
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	3
Boston Insane Hospital	1
Westboro' Insane Hospital	3
Foxboro' Asylum	3
Worcester Lunatic Hospital	2
Epileptic Hospital	1
Totals	46

Applications refused	5
Applications withdrawn	9
Cases pending	1
Totals	15

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Statistics for the week ending May 28, 1898:

Cases pending	4
Number of applications	60
Totals	64

Number of admissions:

To State Almshouse	23
Long Island Almshouse	16
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	5
Boston Insane Hospital	4
Westboro' Insane Hospital	1
Totals	49

Number of applications refused	0
Number of applications withdrawn	13
Cases pending	2
Totals	15

Legal settlements investigated 88

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

Statistics for week ending June 4, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	119	8
Females	17	4
Totals	136	12
Offences:		
Against the person	3	—
Against property	15	6
Against public order and decency	121	6
Totals	*139	12
Discharges:		
Males	143	12
Females	24	3
Totals	167	15
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence, Permit of Commissioner	107	12
Payment of fine	35	—
Pardoned by Governor	24	2
Died	1	—
Totals	167	15

Population:		
May 30, 1898	1,594	568
Committed since May 30, 1898	136	12
Totals	1,730	580

Discharged since May 30, 1898	167	15
Totals	1,563	565

* Three men charged with two offences each.

The following appointment has been made:

Miss Lizzie Harris, to position of matron at House of Correction, South Boston, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Clara E. Gage. E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, June 7, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work of this Department for the two weeks ending June 4, 1898:

OVERHEAD, DEAD WIRE AND INTERIOR DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	954
Defects reported	147
Defects found corrected	151
Notices of new work received	198
Dead wire removed (feet)	26,000
Fixtures removed	3

The Department responded to alarm from box No. 513, May 25, which was a tree fire on Boylston street, Jamaica Plain, caused by defectively insulated wires of the Suburban Light and Power Company. Fire at Franklin Park Refectory, alarm from box No. 273, May 27, was also attended to; this was caused by the burning out of a transformer.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals for street openings have been granted, viz.:

Conduit construction	3
Building connections	32
Pole connections	1
Lamp connections	3
Repairs	1

Inspections have been made, as follows:

Conduit construction	20
Building connections	21
Lamp connections	5
Post connections	2
Pole connections	3
Repairs	11
Cable drawings	42
Installations of underground transformers,	4

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending June 11, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	14.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	17.5
Number of deaths:	
Males	86
Females	60
Total	146
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	174
Decrease	28

Of the 146 decedents, 143 were white and 3 colored; 90 were born in the United States and 56 in foreign countries; 34 were of American parentage, 104 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 8 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	19	3
Scarlatina	14	0

Typhoid fever	9	4
Measles	51	1
Totals	98	8

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	22
Pneumonia	15
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	10
Bronchitis	10
Violent causes	9

Total from principal causes	68
Total from infectious diseases	8
Total from other causes	70

Total from all causes	146
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Deaths of children under 1 year	20
Deaths of children under 5 years	37
Deaths of persons over 60 years	33
Deaths in public institutions	41

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 23, 1898.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to locate poles for the support of its wires in the following streets: East Boston, Brooks street, between Condor street and Chelsea street—18 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. Prescott street, between Trenton and Lexington streets—1 pole, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. Prescott street, between Chelsea and Saratoga streets—1 pole, 40 feet by 14 inches; 2 poles, 45 feet by 15 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. White street, between Brooks and Putnam streets—6 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. Putnam street, between White and Saratoga streets—5 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. Marion street, between White and Monmouth streets—2 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. Marion street, between Bennington and Princeton streets—3 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. Webster street, between Seaver street and B. & A. R.R.—7 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. Lamson street, between Maverick and Sumner streets—3 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 7 feet. Everett street, between Lamson and Cottage streets—2 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. Cottage street, between Everett and Sumner streets—1 pole, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. Orleans street, between Webster and Marginal streets—3 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. Sumner street, between Cottage and Seaver streets—3 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 10 feet. Sumner street, between Orleans and Bremen streets—3 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 12 feet. Eutaw street, between Meridian and Border streets—2 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. Border street, between Eutaw and Lexington streets—1 pole, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. Lexington street, between Meridian and Border streets—1 pole, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. Decatur street, between Havre and Border streets—4 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. Maverick street, between Liverpool and Border streets—3 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet. Paris street, between Meridian and Maverick streets—2 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk 8 feet.

The Boston Electric Light Company also requests permission to remove 12 poles from Brooks street; 1 pole from Prescott street, 5 poles from White street, 4 poles from Putnam street, 2 poles from Marion street, 1 pole from Eutaw street, 1 pole from Lexington street.

Boston Electric Light Company,

By SAMUEL S. SIAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twentieth day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Boston Post, East Boston Argus-Advocate and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

TON:

June 10, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Dorchester avenue, near Barnes street, Ward 24, two bay windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over Dorchester avenue. Dimensions: Each 20 feet high, 8 feet wide, and 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

THOMAS GAFFNEY,

Dorchester avenue, near Barnes street, Ashmont.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 10, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Homes avenue be laid out as a highway, at Dorchester, from Bowdoin street to Topliß street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fourth day of June, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 10, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Esmond street, at Dorchester, be laid out, from Blue Hill avenue, and over a private way known as Sanborn avenue, as a highway with the name of Esmond street, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fourth day of June, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 13, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the public footway extending from the southeasterly line of the location of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad at South street, West Roxbury, to another part of said South street, at Conway street, be relocated, the portion thereof crossing said location of said railroad passing thereunder as a subway, substantially as shown on a plan of said public footway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 A.M., of the twenty-eighth day of June, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 9, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,598 linear feet of sewer work in Richmond and Butler streets, Dorchester, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, June 16, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$250, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 9, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,000 linear feet of sewer work in Scaver street, between Humboldt and Elm Hill avenues, Roxbury, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, June 16, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

TON:

June 1, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 190-192 High street, Ward 7, a cornice of the following description: To project from sixth story, over High street. Dimensions: Three feet high, 36 feet long, and 2 feet 10 inches over line of street.

CHARLES A. MORRIS,

By KENDALL, TAYLOR & STEVENS, Architects,
87 Milk street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 7, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twentieth day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 10, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Geneva avenue be relocated as a highway, at Dorchester, between Bowdoin street and Olney street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fourth day of June, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume I. BOSTON, THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1898. Number 25.

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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

At its meeting on Monday, June 20, the Board of Aldermen confirmed the appointment by His Honor the Mayor of John H. Donovan, a First Assistant Assessor, to be an Assessor, for the term ending April 30, 1899, in place of Joshua S. Duncklee, deceased.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

The latter part of the current week will probably witness the adjournment of the present session of the State Legislature.

During the session, 1,268 petitions, as against 1,198 the year previous, were presented for action. Consideration, however, was really given to 1,342 matters, as in many instances several requests, each requiring separate action, were embodied in one petition.

Of these 1,342 bills and resolves, 653 were acted upon favorably, and the remainder, 689, were acted upon adversely, a large majority of the latter merely reaching the committee stage of consideration.

Of the above aggregate nearly one-tenth, or 150 matters, related to the City of Boston,

of which number, up to the present time, forty-five have been enacted by the Legislature and have received the approval of the Governor.

REPORT OF THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Printing Department, for the year ending January 31, 1898, constitutes City Document 27, 1898. The greater part of the report, which numbers forty-nine pages, and contains several illustrative cuts—is devoted to a consideration of the accounts of the Municipal Printing Plant. The analysis of the accounts, which in many respects is quite detailed and minute, covers the whole period of the Plant's operations, namely, eleven months from March 1, 1897, to January 31, 1898, inclusive.

Appended to the report of the Superintendent of Printing, which occupies thirty-seven pages, are (1) the report made to Mayor Quincy, on October 15, 1897, by Messrs. James P. Stearns, George H. Ellis, and John C. Cobb—the committee named by the Merchants' Municipal Committee to ascertain the results of the operation of the Printing Plant for the six months ending September 1, 1897; (2) a detailed report by Mr. William Franklin Hall, the expert accountant employed by the gentlemen named above, to examine the accounts of the Plant for the period covered by their report; and (3) a second report by Mr. Hall on the accounts of the Plant, for the entire period of its operation up to January 31, 1898, namely, eleven months. A general summary of the principal matters set forth in the document is given below.

The statements on which Mr. Whalen lays most stress in the text of his report may be summarized as follows:

The primary agitation for the establishment of the Municipal Printing Plant of Boston must be credited to the membership of Typographical Union, No. 13, of this city. The policy of the present administration in giving recognition to union labor and union principles made it possible for the plans of the union to be carried into practical effect.

The operation of the Plant by the city dates from March 1, 1897. The total payroll for the eleven months amounts to \$62,992.83; the total business done for the eleven months to \$122,265.52; the total operating expenses to \$110,058.12. Allowing for depreciation of the Plant, at the rate of

10 per cent. per annum, this Department is able to report a net gain, during the period covered by the report, of \$8,004.30, as against the old system of contract work.

Union conditions have been rigidly adhered to in the administration of the Plant. A high grade of competency has been insisted upon among the employees, and this has made possible the high grade of work produced.

In the matter of hours and wages the employees have been the beneficiaries of the union policy adopted, and a contented force of workmen is not the least pleasing result of this policy.

When the difficulties attending the inauguration of an enterprise of the nature of the Plant are taken into account, together with the opposition with which it had to contend, it may fairly be claimed that the results of its first year of operation are of such a character as to afford ample satisfaction to those who have stood as its sponsors.

It must be particularly pleasing to the Chief Executive of this city, as it is an assurance to the citizens of Boston that the financial calculations upon which he took the responsibility of recommending the establishment of a Municipal Printing Plant have been fully justified by the results of its operation thus far.

The accounts set forth by the Superintendent may be grouped under general heads, as follows: (A) A financial statement of the appropriation and revenue received from printing, rents, power, heating, etc.; also expenditures, paid up to January 31, 1898; (B) Statement of operation of Printing Plant from March 1, 1897, to February 1, 1898, including revenue uncollected and expenditures not paid; and (C) Tables covering several pages to show the cost of printing, stock, stationery and binding, supplied to the different Departments of the City Government, the courts of the County of Suffolk, and other appropriations enumerated and paid for by the same, outside of the City of Boston Printing Plant.

Under (A) the total credits for the year, amounting to \$162,227.36, are distributed as follows:

Transfer from preceding year . . .	\$40,000 00
Appropriation	28,800 00
Printing done at plant	80,793 41
Stamps, postals and government envelopes for different Departments	4,501 60
Rents from sub-tenants	1,425 00
Heat furnished	1,102 79
Steam power furnished	833 31
Printing and stationery	834 54
Sale of cylinder press	1,500 00
Sale of old material	125 00
Transfer from surplus revenue	2,211 71

Total. \$162,227 36

The amounts charged to the several Departments for "printing done at the plant" — aggregating \$80,793, are set forth in detail. No statement as to the number of employees in the Department is given, but the regular pay-roll for the eleven months, amounting to \$62,573, is analyzed by months and weeks. On the average, the monthly pay-roll was \$5,688. The largest pay-roll for a month was for August, when it amounted to \$9,396. The expenditures for type, cases, etc., binding, ruling, etc., paper stock, electrotyping, fuel, gas, ink, etc., are also itemized by months.

Under (B) the uncollected revenue, amounting to \$14,971 on February 1, 1898, is itemized by Departments; and the amount charged to the printing appropriation, viz., \$16,906, for printing annual reports, documents, etc., is also set forth in detail. The total net cost of the Plant to February 1, 1898, is set at \$42,031; its total operations at \$122,266; its total operating expenses at \$110,058. The gain accruing from the operation of the Plant is then \$12,207, or a net gain of \$8,004, after deducting \$4,203 for depreciation on the entire Plant, at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum.

The finding of Mr. Hall agrees with the statement of Mr. Whalen in respect to the figures, given above, under total credits, total operating expenses and net gain respectively. Mr. Hall's first report is of special interest, as it contains an extended analysis of the facts on which Messrs. Stearns, Ellis and Cobb based their summary report, to the effect that the actual net cost of the Printing Plant to the city on September 1, 1897, amounted to \$37,787, and that the result of the operation of the Plant, up to September 1, was a profit of \$6,360.

Mr. Hall's report on the cost and operation of the Printing Plant for the eleven months ending January 31, 1897, is full and explicit. Lack of space forbids an analysis of it here. His statement as to the assets and liabilities of the Plant on February 1, 1898, is as follows:

Statement of condition, February 1, 1898:

ASSETS.	
Plant	\$42,031 03
Uncollected revenue	14,971 06
Cash in bank	449 04
Stamps in office	5 00
Stock on hand	1,587 74
Unfinished work	3,885 26
Rents accrued	316 66
Heat and power accrued	344 66
Total assets	\$63,590 45
LIABILITIES.	
Unpaid bills	\$7,422 23
Pay-rolls, accrued, Plant,	620 41
Pay-rolls, accrued, City Hall	53 68
Reserve for depreciation,	4,203 10
	12,299 42
Surplus as shown above	\$51,291 03

THE MILK SUPPLY OF BOSTON.

The United States Department of Agriculture has recently published as "Bulletin Number 20," a pamphlet of thirty-seven pages, entitled "The Milk Supply of Boston and Other New England Cities," prepared by George M. Whitaker, M.A., who is

acting executive officer of the Massachusetts State Dairy Association, and the Secretary, for some years past, of the New England Milk Producers' Union. What follows is a condensed summary of the most salient facts set forth in Mr. Whitaker's report, which deals chiefly with the milk supply of the "Greater Boston."

A consideration of the milk supply of New England necessarily involves that of the Greater Boston, which contains 18 per cent. of the population of New England and over one-third of the city population of the section. Moreover, Boston is about the only city in New England whose supply presents interesting and peculiar conditions. Nearly all of the milk supply of the other cities and large towns comes from sources within a dozen miles of the point of consumption, and is largely distributed by producers from their own wagons. Three-fourths of the milk supply of the Greater Boston reaches the city by railroad in milk cars, specially constructed so as to secure refrigeration in summer and warmth in winter. The cars belong to the railroads and are leased by wholesale milk dealers, who furnish the car-men, ice and other supplies. The railroads haul the cars either on passenger trains or in special milk trains. The average number of cars in use is about thirty-five. The longest direct run is 140 miles, while some railroad milk comes only twenty miles. Most of the cars start between 4 and 6 o'clock in the morning and reach Boston between 10 and 11. In a few instances the cars are all night on the road. In some cases the milk is from eighteen to thirty hours old by the time it reaches Boston. The milk is shipped in cans, holding eight and one-half quarts wine measure — 900 cans being generally considered a carload.

Boston seems to have been the pioneer city in the Union as regards the railroad transportation of milk. It is said that the first railroad milk was brought to Boston on April 13, 1838, by Jason Chamberlain, over the Boston and Worcester Railroad. To-day the business of transporting milk to the city by railroad is done by seven concerns. Six of these milk-wholesaling houses have an association for securing uniformity of methods for mutual self-protection. The large wholesalers are known as "contractors," and three-fourths of the milk supply of Greater Boston passes through their hands. All of the contractors have factories for the manufacture of cheese or butter from surplus milk. The milk is bought in the country at a price for milk delivered at the car, at different country railroad stations. Milk is frequently drawn six miles to a railroad station; in some cases as far as ten or fifteen miles.

Members of the Milk Contractors' Association report monthly to each other their receipts and sales.

The following table shows approximately the amount of the business done by the association in the last five years, the figures representing the number of 8½-quart cans:

	Receipts.	Sales.	Surplus.
1893	9,263,487	7,619,722	1,643,765
1894	9,705,447	7,657,421	2,048,026
1895	9,856,500	8,040,732	1,815,768
1896	10,782,108	8,097,379	2,684,730
1897	11,798,231	8,738,572	3,059,619

The prices of milk are usually arranged by mutual agreement between the contractors and the officers of the Milk Producers' Union, the latter being an organization of farmers who sell milk to the contractors. The union has machinery in its constitution for ordering a strike in case of emergency. As milk is shipped from stations at various distances from the city, the following arrangement has been made for determining the price for each station. It has been agreed between the contractors and the Milk Producers' Union that all negotiations should be based upon a theoretical Boston price per can, and that there should be the following discounts from that price:

For stations between 17 and 23 miles from Boston	8 cents
For stations between 23 and 36 miles from Boston	9 cents
For stations between 36 and 56 miles from Boston	10 cents
For stations between 56 and 76 miles from Boston	11 cents
And 1 cent more for each additional 20 miles.	

The prices are adjusted twice a year for the six months beginning April 1 and October 1. The average theoretical Boston price in cents per can of 8½ quarts during the twelve years, 1886-97, was 32½ cents for summer milk and 36½ cents for winter milk.

Milk was sold in Boston by the contractors to pedlars during the summer of 1897 at thirty cents per can, with rumors of cutting prices to twenty-nine and even to twenty-eight cents. Milk is sold by the pedlars at varying prices. Hotels and large restaurants buy close, and allow only two or three cents for the handling; they bought during 1897 at from thirty-two to thirty-five cents per can. Small stores, which retail by the quart the contents of only a few cans, pay thirty-eight to forty cents per can. Consumers of a can daily pay forty-five and fifty cents; and those who have a quart of milk delivered at their houses daily by the milkman pay seven cents per quart. By going to a store for it, consumers frequently buy as low as six or even five cents. In a few cases, milk seems to be selected by grocers and provision dealers as an article to sell at cost, or a little less, as a bid for other business.

One of the peculiarities of the Boston milk business is the contractors' method of "grading the price." For instance, they agree to pay at stations at a certain distance from Boston twenty-four cents a can, from April to October, but they do not pay twenty-four cents for every month; they pay twenty-four cents on the average. During the flush months of May and June the price may be twenty-two cents, and to offset that cut the price will be increased to twenty-six cents during the sultry months of August and September, when milk is sometimes scarce. This tends to discourage exceptionally large shipments during months when the supply would naturally be largest.

The contractors agree to take all the milk that the farmers, from whom they buy at the various shipping stations, may produce. This leads to receipts largely in excess of the demand, such excess sometimes reaching one-fourth of the receipts. The contractors save themselves from loss by an arrangement through which the stipulated price is paid for only such milk as is sold

again, and a small margin in excess equal to about 5 per cent. of the sales. All surplus beyond this is made into butter by the contractors at their creameries, on the farmers' account. As a concession to the farmers, the contractors agree not to extend their routes or enlarge their territory.

On the arrival of the milk cars in Boston, at from 9 to 11 o'clock A.M., they are run on to the railroad sidings of the contractors. The cans are transferred from the cars to the pedlers' wagons, and, except in a few cases, the milk is then carried to the headquarters of the different pedlers, where it is run through large mixers for the purpose of securing uniformity of quality. It is then drawn out into pint and quart cans of tin and placed on ice. At about 2 o'clock the next morning the pedler starts out to deliver his milk to the customer. By this arrangement the milk remains in the city about eighteen hours before reaching the consumer, and may become from thirty-six to forty-eight hours old before it reaches him. According to the Milk Inspector of Boston, the number of persons selling milk from wagons in 1896 was 598, and the number of shopkeepers who sold milk was 1,019.

In addition to the milk brought to the city by the contractors, some milk is brought by pedlers into the city over the railroads. A portion of the milk of Greater Boston is produced within its limits. Several of the municipalities embraced within Greater Boston produce nearly all their local milk supply. Over 7,000 cows are kept in Greater Boston, the largest number (1,212) being in Newton. Waltham is credited with 882 cows, and Boston with 850. The Milk Inspector of Boston reports 5,232 cans sold daily within his jurisdiction, aside from the railroad milk. The milk in other cities and towns in Greater Boston, not brought by rail, must be 5,000 cans more. Although this near-by milk amounts to only about one-fourth of the city's supply, it appears to be increasing in quantity, and its competition with railroad milk is said to have been unusually severe during the last few months of 1897.

The cream trade has increased rapidly in Boston, Providence and other cities during the last few years. The rapid growth of the cream business has been largely due to the systematic enterprise of a few Maine creameries within the last ten or twelve years. The cream is sent in six-gallon cans, packed in ice, by express on fast trains, reaching Boston about six o'clock in the morning. It is there received by agents of the proprietors, put into half-pint, pint and quart glass jars, and delivered at once. Cream is retailed in Boston at sixty cents per quart.

The skim milk problem is of considerable importance in the City of Boston, owing to the great amount of surplus milk made into butter after it reaches the city. There is an unusual supply of skim milk, a great deal of which is allowed to run into the sewers, as there is no market for it. Some is sold and some is returned to the farmers, but the greater part is thrown away. This is a great loss of food material. If the people of the city could realize the food value of skim milk, and could buy it at a reasonable price, much good would result. But as too often sold, a quart of skim milk replaces a quart of

whole milk. Skim milk is also used to adulterate whole milk.

The use of condensed milk is increasing, especially in Boston. New England has six condensed milk factories, and the product from the West and even from abroad is also sold in grocery and provision stores.

The report also contains some account of the milk supply of Providence, Worcester, Lowell and other New England cities.

The price of milk to consumers in Providence is set at from five to seven cents per quart in summer and at six to eight cents in winter. Milk is from twelve to forty-eight hours old when it reaches the consumer in Providence. In Worcester, milk is retailed at six cents per quart, summer and winter. In Lowell, milk retails for the most part at five cents per quart in summer and six cents in winter. At New Bedford, the retail prices are usually six and seven cents. At Taunton, the retail price is six cents, summer and winter. In Burlington, Vermont, the prices range from four to six cents in summer and five to seven cents in winter.

All of the New England States have laws prohibiting the sale of adulterated or watered milk, or milk from which a portion of the cream has been removed; and all of the States, except Connecticut, have a statutory standard for milk. In Massachusetts, cities are required and towns are allowed to appoint milk inspectors. In Boston the present Milk Inspector is a man of ability and energy. He has a respectable salary and sufficient appropriation for collectors of samples, laboratory, etc. Hence the work of milk inspection in that city is very efficiently performed. All of the States have laws relative to the healthfulness of the milk supply. There is, however, no especial sanitary inspection of milk and its sources in any New England town or city, and cases are rarely brought into court for violation of sanitary laws. The milk inspection now in vogue relates almost exclusively to commercial frauds rather than to health matters. On the whole, the milk supply of New England seems reasonably up to the best average practice of the present times.

LEAGUE OF AMERICAN MUNICIPALITIES.

Invitations to be represented at the Second Annual Convention of the League of American Municipalities to be held in Detroit, August 1 to 4, inclusive, have been extended by the Executive Committee to all municipalities throughout the United States and Canada.

The convention promises to be one of the most important gatherings of city officials ever held. From two to three thousand mayors, councilmen and city officials are expected to be present.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At its meeting on June 20, the Board of Aldermen voted to adjourn to Wednesday, July 6, at 3 P.M., and that hearings on all orders of notice assigned for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

NEW ANATOMY ACT.

Chapter 479 of the Acts of 1898 is an Act Relative to the Promotion of Anatomical Science.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Upon the written application of the Dean or other officer of any medical school established by law in this Commonwealth, the Overseers of the Poor of a city or town, the Trustees for Children of the City of Boston, the Pauper Institution Trustees of said city, the Insane Hospital Trustees of said city, the Penal Institution Commissioner of said city, the Trustees and Superintendent of the State Almshouse, State Farm or other public institution supported in whole or in part at the public expense, except the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, shall, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, give such Dean or other officer permission to take the bodies of such persons dying in such town, city, city institution, State Almshouse, State Farm or public institution, as are required to be buried at the public expense, within three days of their death, to be used within the State for the advancement of anatomical science; provided, that such permission shall not be given to take the body of any soldier or sailor, known to be such, who has served in the War of the Rebellion or in the war between the United States and Spain. In giving such permission regard shall be had to preserving, as far as practicable, a fair proportion between the number of students in attendance at such institutions and the number of such bodies delivered to them respectively.

Sect. 2. Such Dean or other officer, before receiving any such dead body, shall give to the Board or officer surrendering the same to him a sufficient bond that such body thus received by him shall be used only for the promotion of anatomical science within this Commonwealth, and in such manner as in no event to outrage the public feeling, and that, after having been so used, the remains shall be decently buried, and further that it shall not be so used until the expiration of fourteen days from the date of the death of such deceased person, and further that such body shall during said fourteen days be kept in such condition and in such a place that it may be viewed by any person, at all reasonable times, for the purpose of identification.

Sect. 3. If the deceased person during his last sickness, of his own accord, requests to be buried or requests that his body be delivered up to any friend, or if within fourteen days after the death of such deceased person any person claiming to be and satisfying the authorities that he is a friend or is of kindred to the deceased, asks to have the body buried or surrendered to himself, or if such deceased person was a stranger or traveller who suddenly died, the body shall not be given up as aforesaid to such Dean or other officer, but shall in conformity with such request be either buried or delivered to such friend or kindred.

Sect. 4. So much of Chapter 81 of the Public Statutes, Chapter 310 of the Acts of the year 1887, and Chapter 185 of the Acts of the year 1891, as is inconsistent with this Act, is hereby repealed.

Approved May 27, 1898.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7.30 P.M., Tuesday, June 14, 1898, with President Huggan in the chair, and all members present except Mrs. Ames and Mr. Bassett.

The Chair read the following:

(1.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

June 9, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide a flag for the Adams-street School-house, Ward 24.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

June 9, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

June 13, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

(2.) OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

June 3, 1898.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Esq., Secretary School Committee.

SIR: I refer to you for consideration by the School Committee, a communication addressed to me.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

May 6, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: At the monthly meeting of this society, last night, one of the conference presidents spoke of the inadequate accommodations for children of school age in the Bates District, giving his opinion that the children who should be at school by reason of having no school to go to are certainly learning nothing good on the streets, and he felt it a duty to call the attention of the society to it, in the hope that a respectful appeal might be made to the proper authority to furnish sufficient accommodations for the children and remove them from the danger and temptations of the streets.

I asked Mr. Wise to state in writing what he had in mind, and enclose the same herewith for such action as you deem proper in the matter.

Respectfully yours,

THOMAS F. RING, President.

May 6, 1898.

THOMAS F. RING, Esq.

SIR AND DEAR BROTHER: In response to your request of last evening, I give you the name of Annie White, past six years, living with her parents at 13 Norwich street since

last August. Her father informed me this morning that there was no room for her at the Bates School, that being the school of the district where they reside, and further, the father reports that thirty children are waiting for an opportunity to be admitted. It occurred to me that where there are so many in waiting, temporary quarters might be secured by the proper authorities, thus affording a benefit to children so circumstanced.

I would be pleased to confer with you on this matter. Awaiting your pleasure, I am
Very truly yours in St. Vincent de Paul,

JAMES F. WISE.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

(3.) IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 16, 1898.

Ordered, That the items in the annual appropriation order appropriating money for the support of the public schools, namely:

School Committee—

Alteration and repairs on school buildings to be expended by the Public Buildings Department, and temporary accommodations for school purposes	\$170,000
Other current expenses,	2,300,000
	\$2,470,000

be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. May 19 came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor May 23, 1898.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Placed on file.

(4.) OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

June 14, 1898.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I think it proper to state that my reason for allowing the order making the appropriations for the schools for the current financial year, as passed by your body under the provisions of Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898, to take effect without action on my part, was that it did not seem practicable, so long after the beginning of the financial year, when expenditures had already gone so far, to raise questions as to the propriety of any of the items of your appropriations through disapproving them. It therefore seemed to me best to let your appropriation order take effect at the expiration of ten days without my signature, in order that, on the one hand, expenditures incurred might not at this late day be interfered with, and that, on the other hand, it might not be inferred that I had assented through signing the whole appropriation order to the propriety of each and every item contained in it. This leaves the whole matter of school appropriations open to be dealt with next year.

I need not call attention to the necessity the School Committee is now under of keeping absolutely within the limit of expenditure fixed by the Legislature. There is absolutely no way now of meeting any deficit, or authority to incur one.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations, Edwin P. Seaver was elected Superintendent of Schools, for the term beginning September 1, 1898, and ending August 31, 1900; and the following-named persons were elected to serve as Supervisors of Schools for the same term: Ellis Peterson, Robert C. Metcalf, George H. Conley, George H. Martin, Walter S. Parker, Sarah L. Arnold.

On the recommendation of the same committee the following-named persons were elected to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee:

Eliot District, Granville S. Webster, master; Rice Training School, Lincoln Owen, master; Thomas N. Hart District, John F. Dwight, master.

For the term ending August 31, 1899:

Brighton High School, John C. Ryder, head master; Mechanic Arts High School, Charles W. Parmenter, head master; Bigelow District, J. Gardner Bassett, master; Charles Sumner District, Loea P. Howard, master; Martin District, Edward P. Sherburne, master; Minot District, F. Morton King, master; Prescott District, William H. Furber, master; Director of Drawing, James Frederick Hopkins. E. M. Weaver, jr., was elected Instructor in Military Drill, for the term ending August 31, 1899.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations, the resignations of four teachers were accepted; the nominations of two assistant and five temporary teachers were confirmed; three teachers were nominated on probation; the appointments of eight teachers were confirmed; and three special teachers of Physical Training, and one armorer, were re-elected.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations, it was ordered:

(1.) Under suspension of the rules, that teachers with higher ranks than the rules allow be authorized for the school year 1898-99 as follows: One sub-master in the Bennett District; one sub-master in the Henry L. Pierce District; one sub-master in the Lewis District; one sub-master in the Mather District; one sub-master in the Quincy District; one sub-master in the Washington Allston District; one first assistant, grammar school, in the Christopher Gibson District; one first assistant, grammar school, in the Emerson District; one first assistant, grammar school, in the Longfellow District; one first assistant, grammar school, in the Robert G. Shaw District; one first assistant, primary school, in the Dwight District; and one first assistant, primary school, in the Rice Training School.

(2.) Under suspension of the rules, that ungraded classes be allowed in the following-named districts, as stated: Agassiz, two; Bigelow, three; Brimmer, two; Comins, two; Dearborn, two; Dudley, two; Eliot,

eleven; Franklin, two; Hancock, eight; Henry L. Pierce, two; John A. Andrew, two; Lawrence, four; Lyman, two; Norcross, three; Phillips, four; Quincy, two; Sherwin, two; Shurtleff, two; Wells, three.

(3.) That the nomination of teachers for re-election, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending August 31, 1899, as contained and specified in School Document No. 5, be confirmed.

The Chair read the following:

(1.) CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, June 8, 1898.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Esq., Secretary
School Committee.

DEAR SIR: The Committee on Children's Entertainments have decided to abandon the use of the Wells, Phillips, Franklin and Rice School-houses, and to substitute the Dudley School-house for the Hyde, and to add the Shurtleff School-house, South Boston, to the list. If you will kindly get the desired permission from the Committee on School-houses, so that we can go ahead with the printing of tickets, you will greatly oblige

Yours very truly,

JOHN F. DEVER,

Clerk of Committees.

Placed on file.

(2.) CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, May 31, 1898.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Esq., Secretary
School Committee.

DEAR SIR: Will you kindly arrange to give the Committee on the Fourth of July the use of the following-named school-houses for children's entertainments on July 4, 1898, viz.:

Emerson, Blackinton, Frothingham, Hancock, Eliot, Wells, Phillips, Quincy, Franklin, Rice, Lawrence, Lincoln, John A. Andrew, Sherwin, Hyde, Martin, Comins, Lowell, Hugh O'Brien, Roxbury High, Robert G. Shaw, Minot, Harris, Tileston, Henry L. Pierce, and the High School Drill Hall for dancing.

Please arrange to have the necessary instructions given for opening the above school buildings, and oblige

Yours very truly,

JOHN F. DEVER,

Clerk of Committees.

Placed on file.

Boston, May 28, 1898.

(3.) TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned, representing the Societies and Chapters of the War of the Revolution and the War of 1812, respectfully petition your honorable body that permission be granted us to adorn the walls of the corridors and class rooms of the Paul Revere School with such pictures and casts as may serve to instil patriotism and love for country in the hearts of the pupils, besides commemorating the deeds of the sterling patriots who secured to their pos-

terity and the world, the blessings of liberty.

ALICE F. ROBINSON, Secretary,
And others.

On the recommendation of the Committee on School-houses, it was ordered:

(1.) That the City Council be granted the use of the following school-houses for children's entertainments, July 4, 1898, provided that the regular janitors of said school-houses be employed at the expense of the City Council to take charge of the buildings on that day: Emerson, Blackinton, Frothingham, Hancock, Eliot, Quincy, Lawrence, Lincoln, John A. Andrew, Sherwin, Dudley, Martin, Comins, Lowell, Hugh O'Brien, Roxbury High, Robert G. Shaw, Minot, Harris, Tileston, Henry L. Pierce, Shurtleff, and the High School Drill Hall for dancing.

(2.) That the plans and specifications for a High School-house, Dorchester, prepared by Hartwell, Richardson & Driver, architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the said Hartwell, Richardson & Driver are hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with the said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School-houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make on behalf of this Board, the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

(3.) That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the lot of the Bailey-street School-house, Dorchester, a parcel of land adjoining said lot, belonging to the Mary R. Cleaves estate, and bounded and described as follows, viz.: South-westerly by land now or formerly of James Reid, about 145 feet; north-westerly by Bailey street, about sixty-eight feet; north-easterly by land of the City of Boston, about 147 feet; south-easterly by land now or formerly of Albert T. Sinclair and Michael Walsh, about sixty-eight feet, containing 12,000 square feet, more or less.

(4.) That the Committee on School-houses be directed to advertise for proposals for selling to the city a lot of land in Roxbury containing about 25,000 square feet, for a site for a new grammar school-house within the territory bounded approximately by Warren street, Canton street, Lawrence avenue, Magnolia street, Wayland street, Hartford street, Brookford street and Woodbine street, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897; and said committee are hereby authorized to give a hearing as provided for by said act, and make a report thereon to this Board.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Salaries, it was ordered:

(1.) That Mabel L. Warner, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from October 5, 1898.

(2.) That Edith A. Parkhurst, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the eighth year of service in her rank, to date from September 1, 1898.

(3.) That there be paid to John D. Philbrick the sum of one hundred (100) dollars,

for extra services performed in the evening schools during the term of 1897-98.

Accepted.

Mr. Anderson asked that the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, especially assigned to 8 P.M., be taken from the table.

Dr. Fleischer rose to a question of privilege, and proceeded to speak on the resolutions of censure laid on the table at the last meeting of the Board. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 347.) He said that in the heat of debate he had characterized as "rotten" the management of the evening schools. He wished to withdraw the word, for there were reasons why he would not prove his charge.

Mr. Paul, in reply, said Dr. Fleischer's statement was a reflection on the whole Board. He hoped the gentleman would ask for a public inquiry.

Mr. Anderson moved to take up the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, which had been especially assigned to 8 P.M. After outlining its dissenting features, Mr. Anderson moved the substitution of the minority report, and called for the yeas and nays.

Substitution of the minority report was refused by a ye and nay vote of 6 to 15.

Mr. Gallivan then moved the substitution of the minority report signed by himself.

This, also, was refused by a vote of 10 to 12.

The debate then turned to the majority report of the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Allen moved to amend Section 2 (Page 291 of the minutes) by adding to the list of committees named therein, one on high schools. This was passed by a vote of 17 to 4.

On motion by Mr. Allen, the section was further amended to include a Committee on the Normal School, by a vote of 15 yeas to 7 nays.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the same section was further amended by making it include a Committee on the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, by a vote of 14 yeas to 8 nays.

Mr. Calderwood moved further to amend the same section so as to make it include division committees. A ye and nay vote resulted 11 to 11.

Mr. Paul moved further to amend the same section by striking out the words "school-house agent." The motion was lost, 14 to 8.

It was ordered, that Mary H. Shed be appointed temporary assistant in the Girls' High School, at a salary of \$3 for each day of actual service from May 13, 1898, until June 27, 1898.

The resignation of Emily A. Fifield, as member of the Sixth Division Committee, was accepted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Eaton to be Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, vice Mr. Strange, resigned; and also appointed Mr. Nichols to the same committee, and to the Committee on Manual Training.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred, May 24, the request of W. Rankin Good, et al., of Cincinnati, Ohio, that contributions be solicited in the public schools of this city for the purpose of raising a fund with which to build a battleship to replace the Maine,

reported that in the opinion of this committee it is unwise to authorize the solicitation of contributions in the public schools for any purpose. They therefore recommend that the request be not granted.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred, May 24, the request of the National Maine Monument Committee for the signatures of all the pupils in the public schools of this city, these signatures to be placed in a special vault underneath the monument, and that the children be permitted to contribute to the fund for building the monument if they so desire, reported that your committee do not feel that the signatures of school children are an appropriate tribute to the memory of our sailors on the Maine, nor do they feel that contributions should be permitted in the public schools, for any purpose. For these reasons they recommend that it is inexpedient to grant the request contained in the communication referred.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On the recommendation of the same committee, the following order was passed to a second reading:

That the rules and regulations be amended as follows:

Insert the following: Section 249. Principals may excuse pupils under seven years of age from attendance during afternoon sessions when so requested in writing by the parents of such children.

Mr. Lowell moved that the resolutions concerning Dr. Fleischer be again laid upon the table. This was defeated by a vote of 5 yeas to 11 nays.

The first resolution was passed by a vote of 12 yeas to 4 nays.

The second resolution was passed by a vote of 11 yeas to 5 nays.

It was ordered:

(1.) That the Master of the Prince School be authorized to permit members of the Boston Normal School of Gymnastics, who may be recommended by the principal of that school and approved by him, to assist in giving instruction in physical training to the pupils in his school during the ensuing year.

(2.) That the Committee on School-houses be requested to furnish at once flag-staffs for the Bunker Hill and Harvard Grammar School-houses.

(3.) That the use of the Tyler-street School-house, and the wood-working room in the Pierpont School-house, Hudson street, be granted to the Denison House Association for vacation schools from July 1, 1898, to August 20, 1898, the same to be without expense to the city.

The Board adjourned at 11.31 P.M. to 7.30 P.M., Thursday, June 30.

VACATION SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK.

The Board of Education of New York City has decided to open ten public schools as vacation schools as soon as the regular session closes. Six of the ten are below Fourteenth street. All of the ten are in crowded neighborhoods. The younger children only will be encouraged to attend.

The object of the schools is to afford amusement and occupation rather than instruction; hence the courses offered will consist chiefly of manual training, music and the like. No "grammar courses" are to be offered. If a demand for higher instruction should arise, it is probable that an effort will be made to meet it.

The Board of Education has resolved also to open to the public a number of school yards as playgrounds. The best method of the use of the school playgrounds is under consideration by a special committee. The cost of maintaining the playgrounds during the present summer vacation is estimated at from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

RANDIDGE EXCURSIONS.

The following circular letter from His Honor the Mayor was mailed on June 16, 1898, to the clergymen of the City of Boston:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 16, 1898.

REVEREND SIR: If your church contains children who would care to avail themselves of the opportunity for a free excursion down the harbor during the summer, I desire to ask your co-operation in making arrangements for the children's excursions, to be given during the months of July and August from the income of the Randidge Fund, which I hope will this year be increased by a special appropriation from the city treasury. The city has set aside a large and suitable area of land and beach at Long Island for use for this purpose, and the steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee" will take the children there, leaving the city at about 9 A.M. and returning about 6 P.M. Last year over 5,000 children were thus taken down the harbor for a day's outing, which included an opportunity for bathing and a luncheon, and this year, with better facilities at Long Island and the benefit of the experience gained, the city hopes to provide for several times this number, running an excursion of about 200 children every week day during these two months.

Last year the arrangements for distributing the tickets for these excursions and for providing the necessary care for the children were made chiefly through the churches of the city, with highly satisfactory results. Believing that this is the best method of handling the matter on the enlarged scale now proposed, I am addressing this circular letter to the clergyman of every church in the city. If the matter is of any concern to you, I desire to ask you to send me the name and address of some member of your church, either a man or woman, who would be interested in this work, and willing

to act as the representative of your church upon a general committee, to meet for consultation as to all matters relating to these excursions and for deciding definitely upon many questions which arise in regard to them. It is also desired through such member of the general committee to secure the organization in each church which contains children desiring to go on one of these excursions of a committee to accompany them, as the city is unable to provide all the attendance necessary for their safety and enjoyment.

The general committee will meet at the Aldermen's Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday next, June 21, at 12.15 P.M. Will you, if you are willing to co-operate in this matter, designate some person to serve as a member, send me the name on the enclosed card, and place this circular in the hands of the person selected.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

In accordance with the above invitation the following-named persons, representing the various churches of the city, met in the Aldermanic Chamber on Tuesday afternoon, June 21:

Samuel Russell, Ruggles-street Baptist Church.

Benjamin F. Moore, North End Mission.

Christopher R. Eliot, Bulfinch-place Church.

Arthur A. Wordell, Parker Memorial, 11 Appleton street.

Samuel F. Hubbard, North End Union, 20 Parmenter street.

Florence N. Hobart, Every-Day Church, 397 Shawmut avenue.

Rev. Charles H. Washburn, Associate Pastor, Berkeley Temple.

Henry W. Young, 521 Seventh street, Gate of Heaven.

Dennis F. Brennan, 267 D street, St. Vincent's, South Boston.

Isaac Heller, 4 Baldwin place, Hebrew Free School.

James A. Josselyn, 33 Elm street, Charlestown, Monument-square Church.

Nahum A. Doe, 12 Cordis street, First Baptist Church.

Benjamin F. Schofield, 4 Cordis street, Charlestown, Bunker Hill Baptist Church.

Isom P. Wooton, Friends Church, Townsend street.

Charles P. Russell, Deacon of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, West Springfield street; Pastor, Rev. L. J. Montague; 175 children.

C. A. Langston, Barnard Memorial, 10 Warrenton street; seventy-five children.

J. A. L. Wallon, German M.E. Church.

Thomas Shay, St. Joseph's, Roxbury.

Sarah T. Burton, Church of Blessed Sacrament, Jamaica Plain.

Michael W. Hurley, St. James Church, Roman Catholic, Harrison avenue.

Alice Parker, Salvation Army, 13 Indiana street.

Rev. Augustus Prime, St. Margaret's Church, Brighton.

Miss Cara E. Pratt, 2 Trenton street, Charlestown, Missionary for Winthrop Congregational Church.

Mrs. May E. Talbot, St. Paul's Baptist Church, Joy street, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. H. A. Lockwood, 107 Putnam street, East Boston, Central-square Church, East Boston.

Miss S. G. Rowe, 84 Pinckney street, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Boston.

Mrs. M. C. Stanwood, 7 Boylston terrace, St. Andrew's M. E. Church, Jamaica Plain.

Mr. S. McNaugher, First Reformed Presbyterian Church, corner Ferdinand and Isabella streets, Boston, Mass.

Mr. A. Nilsson, 20 Emerald street, Boston, Emanuel Church (Swedish), Emerald street.

John S. Richardson, 29 Alaska street, Roxbury, First Universalist Society of Roxbury. (Office address, 1 Beacon street.)

James F. Wise, President of the Immaculate Conception Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Rev. Thomas F. McCarthy, 303 Bunker Hill street, Charlestown, representing St. Francis de Sales Church.

Miss Christine Maccullough, 47 West Cedar street, city, Church of the Advent, Brimmer street, Boston.

Mrs. Mary P. Brown, Charles-street A. M. E. Church, corner Charles and Mt. Vernon streets.

Mrs. A. J. Hopkins, Calvary Baptist Church, corner Ferdinand and Isabella streets, Boston.

Mrs. A. Prime, 434 Washington street, Brighton, delegate from St. Margaret's Church, Brighton.

Mrs. S. A. Bullard, 65 Harvest street, South Boston, delegate from Grace Church, South Boston.

Mrs. H. C. Coates, 36 Hanson street, Boston, First Christian Church, corner Kneeland and Tyler streets.

Mr. Michael W. Collins, St. Catherine's Parish, Charlestown District.

Irving F. Symonds (residence), 14 Greene street, Somerville, the Gospel of Spirit-Return Society, 9½ Appleton street.

Mrs. Lillian G. Carroll, 34 Sussex street, Boston, St. Mark's Congregational Church.

Mrs. Jeannie S. Bosworth, 1 Carlisle street, All Souls (Unitarian), Roxbury.

Mr. James J. Walsh, 669 Saratoga street, Star of the Sea Church, East Boston.

Hannah B. Wing, 7 Corwin street, Dorchester, Central Congregational. Pastor, Rev. P. B. Davis.

James M. Henderson, 93 Camden street, Revere-street M. E. Church.

Mrs. Florence C. Countee, 23 Temple street, Boston, A. M. E. Zion Church.

Rev. Joseph F. Coppinger and Mr. Florence Scannell, St. Joseph's Church, 6 Allen street, West End, Boston.

Miss Irene G. Hersey, 569 Broadway, South Boston, Hawes Unitarian Church, South Boston.

Mrs. Alice E. Jackson, 335 Centre street, Jamaica Plain, Centre-street Baptist, corner Mozart street.

Miss Amelia C. Jager, 7 Parker Hill avenue, Roxbury, Highland Congregational Church.

Mr. Frank Wilkinson, 180 H street, City Point M. E. Church.

Rev. J. C. Young, Pastor, Baker Congregational Church, East Boston.

William C. Parker, 156 Huntington avenue, South Congregational Church.

Matilda Daggett, 15 Hotel Warwick, Roxbury, Messiah's Church, Shawmut avenue, near Williams street, Roxbury.

Ida M. Bryant, 21 Pinckney street, First M. E. Church, Temple street, West End.

D. J. Gorman, 62 Forest street, St. Patrick's, Roxbury.

W. M. Crawford, 409 Sears Building; Bromfield-street Church.

Jesse Wagner, 9 Pratt street, Allston M. E. Church.

C. M. Ackerman, 103 Calumet street, Roxbury.

Florence A. Crosby, Clarendon-street Baptist Church.

Miss Katherine S. Willard, Union Congregational Church.

Miss Annie A. Barnes, 716 Harrison avenue, Shawmut Church.

Miss Phila A. Norris, 1677 Washington street, Mt. Vernon Church.

Miss Nellie A. Miller, 73 Montgomery street, Central Congregational Church.

William C. S. Healey, 193 Webster street, East Boston, St. Vincent de Paul, Assumption Church.

Alton L. Groves, 32 Folsom street, Roxbury, Harvard-street Baptist Church, city.

John O'Hare, St. Stephen's Parish.

John Gilchrist, Roxbury, Presbyterian.

William H. Hoyt, Boston, Lenox-street Congregational Church.

Frank H. Fitts, Brighton Evangelical Congregational Church, Dr. A. A. Berle.

Miss Theodate Wilson, 37 Princeton street, East Boston, Maverick Congregational Church.

Rev. J. C. Young (Pastor), 456 Bennington street, East Boston.

Elmer E. Chain, 28 Reedsdale street, Allston.

William A. Horgan, 218 Washington street, Dorchester, St. Peter's Parish, Dorchester, Mass.

John A. Volk, Roslindale, Bethlehem Chapel.

George O. Thurston, Saratoga-street Church, East Boston.

L. T. Hughson, Lower Mills Baptist Church, 2181 Dorchester avenue.

William J. Sullivan, 3 B street, South Boston, SS. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church.

Edna C. Brown, 693 Massachusetts avenue, Deaconess, Morgan Chapel.

Mary E. French, Morgan Chapel.

John W. Hunter, 35 Ellery street, South Boston, Dorchester-street M. E. Church.

Rev. G. H. Flint, 8 Westland avenue, Assistant Pastor Old South Church, and Pastor Hope Chapel.

John McDevitt, 36 Sheafe street, St. Mary's Church, Endicott street.

Robert T. Hay, 712 Exchange Building, Boston, First Presbyterian Church, East Boston.

E. L. Robinson, Bowdoin-square Baptist Tabernacle.

Philip Morrison, 2 Lawrence street, United Presbyterian Church.

In opening the conference, His Honor Mayor Quincy stated that more elaborate arrangements had been made for the entertainment of the children who participate in the excursions this year. Enlarged accommodations at Long Island have been set aside for their enjoyment, with an opportunity for bathing and athletic games, and a simple lunch would be provided for all.

A larger number of children will be able to take part in this season's excursions than during last year, and an appropriation by the City Government is to be recommended, to be added to the Randidge Fund.

Church committees would be given exclusive charge of the excursions. Ample shelter in case of storm would be provided for the children; open dates would be held at the end of the season to make good postponements on account of bad weather, and if more children were found to take advantage of the excursions than could be accommodated, a special boat, in addition to the city boat, would be chartered. Music will be provided on the trips, and it is hoped that instruction may be given to the children upon subjects suggested by the surroundings.

Arrangements will also be made to avail of the Park Department launches on certain days in each week, for the accommodation of mothers and small children.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, June 20, 1898, Chairman Conry presiding, and all the members present.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1.) George R. Swasey, to be a member of the Board of Appeal, authorized by Section 12 of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1892, to serve for the term ending April 30, 1901.

(2.) Peter H. Reinstein, to be a Constable of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the law.

The following messages were received:

Removal of Poles on Elmo Street—Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 20, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval the order passed at your last meeting directing the removal of certain poles on Elmo street, for the reasons indicated in a communication from the Fire Commissioner, which is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol Street, June 20, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Referring to the order of June 14 from the Honorable Board of Aldermen, regarding poles on Elmo street, I would respectfully report that these poles have been placed for the accommodation of a fire-alarm box which is one of the series located during the last year in a territory recently built upon to a degree which, in my opinion, necessitates the placing of this and other boxes for the proper protection of the neighborhood. Any poles must necessarily be more or less of a nuisance to some one; but, in behalf of the surrounding country, as well as for the efficiency of this Department, I protest against the removal of these until such times as the wires can be placed underground.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Stand on Sidewalk—Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 20, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature a

vote passed by your Board at its last meeting granting permission to John C. Treaner & Co., "to place a stand on sidewalk at 1085 Washington street, Ward 9," for the reason that the said vote is illegal.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Public Landing, Dorchester Bay.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 20, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Under the present law, the loan appropriation made last year for extending Granger street to Dorchester avenue cannot be expended, as this street extension will have to be made under the Assessment Act, if at all, and this appropriation of \$10,000 is therefore available for transfer for other purposes. I believe that a public landing on Dorchester Bay would prove very useful, as it has in other parts of the city, and that provision should be made for one, and I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order authorizing a transfer from the appropriation above mentioned for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be hereby authorized to transfer the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars from the appropriation for Street Laying-Out Department, Granger street extension to Dorchester avenue, to a special appropriation for Baths Department, Public Landing, Freeport street.

The order was passed.

Present Borrowing Capacity.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 20, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Auditor, in reply to your order requesting a report as to the present borrowing capacity of the city.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

AUDITING DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, June 20, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In answer to the request of the Board of Aldermen of June 14, 1898, I would state that the borrowing capacity within the debt limit established by law, at the present time, is \$549,997.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES H. DODGE, City Auditor.

Placed on file.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved June 14, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend the sum of \$71,000 for a new ferry-boat for the East Boston Ferry, to take the place of the "William E. Russell," and that the sum to be received from the United States Government for the above-named vessel (\$71,000) be appropriated for the said purpose.

Ordered, That the Trustees of the City Hospital be authorized to expend the sum of \$23,000 for new buildings, Hospital Department, work on laundry buildings and equipment of same; and that to meet the appropriation aforesaid the City Treasurer issue and sell, as may be required, either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston for the sum of \$23,000; said bonds or certificates to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer of the City of Boston twenty years from the date of the same, and to bear interest at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

Ordered, That any premium obtained in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

The following were approved June 16, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Auditor be hereby authorized to transfer the unexpended balance of the appropriation for Cabot street asphalt, between Linden Park and Vernon street, to the special appropriation for Street Improvements, Ward 18.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Frederick W. Todd & Co. the sum of \$75.66, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Harrison avenue, corner Newcomb street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,499, fol. 358.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Phillips the sum of \$141.58, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Bailey street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,420, fol. 76.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Phillips the sum of \$74.15, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Edwin street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,501, fol. 65.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to repay to David A. Barry & Co., the sum of \$1,400, being the amount paid by them for a liquor license at

1146 Washington street, which the Board of Police voted not to issue.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to David Floyd the sum of \$69.15, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Kilton street, Dorchester, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,500, fol. 86.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Boston, an instrument, satisfactory to the Law Department, releasing the conditions in the deeds given by the City of Boston to Paul D. Wallis, May 10, 1856, recorded Suffolk Deeds, Book 700, page 196; January 16, 1856, recorded same Deeds, Book 692, page 263; February 2, 1856, recorded same Deeds, Book 694, page 35; June 29, 1857, recorded same Deeds, Book 720, page 181, and March 19, 1859, recorded same Deeds, Book 753, page 172, of the estates on the east side of Washington street, between Massachusetts avenue and East Springfield street, now the properties respectively of George H. Bowles, Hannah Murray, Angelo Cunio and William A. Johnson, and at present known as Nos. 1750, 1746, 1742, 1738 and 1734 on said Washington street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$80,000 for the purpose of reconstructing Faneuil Hall Building, and to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue, at his discretion, and sell, either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston for the sum of \$80,000, said bonds or certificates to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Boston, twenty years from the date of the same with interest thereon at not exceeding the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

Ordered, That any premium obtained by the said City Treasurer in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates shall be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend the sum of \$71,000 for a new ferry-boat for the East Boston Ferry, to take the place of the ferry-boat "East Boston," that the sum of \$57,500 to be received from the United States Government for the above-named vessel be appropriated for said purpose, and that the remaining sum of \$13,500 be charged to the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer the loan appropriation of \$15,000 for Commonwealth Park, gymnasium, from the Public Grounds Department to the Baths Department.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to make arrangements for keeping all, or as many as possible, of the school-yards open during the summer vacation, for use as playgrounds for children.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to sell the smaller sizes of crushed stone produced in the manufacture of cracked stone at the crushers, but not needed for the use of the Department, and that the proceeds of such sales be credited

to the appropriation for Street Department, Paving Division.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to repay to Alfred H. Clark & Co. the sum of \$2,000, being the amount paid by them for a liquor license at Boston Tavern, which the Board of Police voted not to issue.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to lease a suitable location in the vicinity of Jeffries Point, Ward 2, to be used as a public landing, at an expense not exceeding \$300; the cost to be charged to appropriation, City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Ordered, That the second and fourth orders in the appropriation and tax orders for the financial year 1898-99 be, and hereby are, rescinded, viz.:

Ordered, That the appropriations herein-after specified, except those for the Water Department, be met out of the money remaining as a general balance in the treasury at the close of the thirty-first day of January, 1898, not including any money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and out of the income of the current year, other than that from the water works, and out of the taxes to the amount of \$13,253,790.

Ordered, That to provide the said amount of taxes, the sum of \$13,253,790 be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston; that all such taxes, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1898, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1898; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1898, bear interest from and including said day until paid at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum up to the first day of January, 1899, and at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum after and including said first day of January, except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum from and including said first day of November, until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

Ordered, That the appropriations herein-after specified, except those for the Water Department, be met out of the money remaining as a general balance in the treasury at the close of the thirty-first day of January, 1898, not including any money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and out of the income of the current year, other than that from the water works, and out of taxes to the amount of \$10,589,201.

Ordered, That to provide the said amount of taxes, the sum of \$10,589,201 be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston; that all such taxes, all taxes for school purposes, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1898, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1898; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1898, bear interest from and including said day until paid at the rate of 6 per cent. per

annum up to the first day of January, 1899, and at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum after and including said first day of January, except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum from and including said first day of November, until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following was approved June 14, 1898:

A permit to the Best Baking Company to excavate cellar bottom of bakery on Cottage terrace, Ward 17, below grade 12.

The following were approved June 16, 1898:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the Quincy and Boston Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain, and use additional tracks on Neponset avenue, from the abutments of Neponset bridge to its present tracks on said Neponset avenue, with necessary switches, turn-outs, cross-overs and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by H. T. Whitman, dated July, 1897, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said Quincy and Boston Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the consent of the Board of Aldermen be hereby granted to the Quincy and Boston Street Railway Company to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in the City of Boston, by the overhead system, so called:

On Neponset avenue, from the abutments of Neponset bridge to its present tracks on said Neponset avenue.

And permission is hereby granted to the said Quincy and Boston Street Railway Company, to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality or mate-

rial used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to lay and maintain underground conduits for electric wires and cables, provided with suitable man-holes in Cambridge street, between Sullivan square and Somerville line, Ward 4, and Chester street, between Brighton avenue and Ashford street, Ward 25.

The surface of said streets shall be disturbed for the purpose of laying or repairing cables, or conduits therefor, only at such times and in such manner and place of opening as the Superintendent of Streets shall indicate and issue permits therefor; and the surface of said streets shall not be disturbed as above until a plan has been filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets showing the location of said underground conduits and man-holes in the afore-said streets.

All the work of laying said conduits to be done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 36, Section 14, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:

Blue Hill avenue; one pole, forty feet in height by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet; date of plan, April 11, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red and blue dots on plans deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser and C. A. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:

Rockland street, Ward 25; thirteen poles, thirty-five feet in height by thirteen inches

in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet; date of plan, April 30, 1898.

Washington street, Ward 22; one pole, thirty-five feet in height by twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet; date of plan, April 23, 1892.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to remove five poles from Rockland street, shown by black dots on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated April 30, 1898, and one pole from Washington street, shown by red dot on plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated April 23, 1892; said plans being on file in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by E. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:

Bowdoin street; eleven poles, forty feet in height by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet.

Washington street; eighty-nine poles, forty feet in height by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight to ten feet; date of plans, June 7, 1898.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company, to remove sixty poles from Washington street, Dorchester, said poles being shown by blue dots on a plan made by E. A. Harrington, dated June 7, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within four months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the Boston and Maine Railroad Company be hereby authorized to sell at public auction on or before November 1, 1898, and after publication of the time and place of the sale according to law, the articles left and remaining unclaimed at the passenger station of said company in the City of Boston.

Ordered, That the time allowed the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, in which to construct underground conduits in Washington street, Brighton, and other streets, under the order passed by this Board July 29, 1895, be and the same is hereby extended to December 31, 1898.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be and is hereby authorized to reserve such portions of the way on the westerly side of Massachusetts avenue, between Gerard street and Edward Everett square, for use as a bicycle path, for such time and under such conditions and restrictions as he may deem proper for the public convenience.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following orders were presented to the Mayor June 8, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to A. B. Gunter, M.D., to erect, maintain and use a hitching-post in the sidewalk in front of estate 2 Dexter row, Ward 5. The work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 160 Ashmont street, and to trim a tree at the corner of Dorchester avenue and Richmond street, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of the estate of G. F. W. Richmond, 9 Whiting street, Ward 21; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate 354 Harrison avenue, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the trees on Newbury street, between Fairfield and Exeter streets, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Special Notices.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders were promulgated by the Board of Police on June 15 and 21 respectively:

General Order No. 520.

Whereas, It appears that Patrolman Christopher Karcher, of Division 11, has performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty-seven years; that he is an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion; and that he has requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of the year 1898; it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Christopher Karcher be retired from active service in the Police Department and placed upon the pension roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement.

This order will take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock P.M., the sixteenth instant.

General Order No. 521.

In the matter of the complaint made against Reserve Officer Jacob S. Butler, of Division 3, for violation of Rule XXVI of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, the Board finds the said Reserve Officer Butler guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of ten days' pay.

Awards of Contracts.

Park Department.

Proposals for furnishing and erecting an iron fence at School Master Hill Quarry, Franklin Park, have been received by the Commissioners as follows:

	Per linear foot.	Total.
James Flynn, Boston	\$1 42	\$1,095
James Russell Boiler Works Company, Boston	1 83	1,410
W. A. Snow & Co., Boston . .	1 93	1,485
P. J. Dinn, Boston	2 00	1,540
Van Dorn Iron Works Com- pany, Cleveland	2 08	1,598
George T. McLauthlin & Co., Boston	2 76	2,125

The contract was awarded to James Flynn.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Public Buildings Department.

Bids for furnishing coal for three months for the public buildings and several Departments of the city were opened and read June 15, 1898.

The names of the bidders and the price per ton of 2,000 pounds are appended:

	Broken.	Egg.	Stove.
Thomas & Pike	\$4 29	\$4 29	\$4 29
Metropolitan Coal Company	4 39	4 63	4 87
W. H. & S. L. Emery, . .	4 40	4 65	4 90
Marston & Converse Company	4 42	4 67	4 67

Cumberland coal for steam and smithing uses for three months:

Thomas & Pike	\$2 78
Metropolitan Coal Company	2 82
Marston & Converse Company	2 97
W. H. & S. L. Emery	3 00

Cumberland coal for police and fire-boats for one year:

Metropolitan Coal Company	\$2 73
Austin Gove & Son	3 15
John Morrison	3 19

The bids were taken under advisement.

JOHN DROHAN,
Acting-Superintendent.

Street Department.

Proposals for building about 2,797 linear feet of sewer work in Hamilton street, and about 1,598 linear feet of sewer work in Richmond and Butler streets, Dorchester, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on June 13 and 16 respectively, as follows:

Hamilton street and outlet:

Bidders.	Bid.
D. M. Dwyer	\$1,433 88
M. Russo & Co.	1,551 05
P. F. Danehy	1,605 30
James McGraw & Co.	1,632 12
T. H. Connolly	1,677 67
P. & F. E. McCarthy	1,702 63
D. E. Lynch	1,739 59
McDowell & Son	1,758 63
A. E. Stewart	1,776 11
S. W. Prescolme	1,804 85
T. P. O'Connell	1,808 30
Collins & Ham	1,907 42

The contract was awarded to D. M. Dwyer.

Richmond and Butler streets:

Bidders.	Bid.
James McGraw & Co.	\$2,282 92
P. H. Connolly	2,721 21
T. P. O'Connell	2,784 20
Flynn & Brophy	2,871 82
James Dolan	3,029 70
McDowell & Son	3,318 24
D. E. Lynch	3,371 76
M. Russo	4,083 80
Collins & Ham	4,327 81
George Tucker	5,192 00

The contract was awarded to James McGraw & Co.

Proposals were also opened on June 16, at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, for building about 1,000 linear feet of sewer in Seaver street, Roxbury, as follows:

Bidders.	Bid.
R. L. Barrett	\$1,690 01
D. A. Dorey	1,718 00
P. F. Danehy	1,800 01
T. H. Connolly	1,900 01
T. P. O'Connell	2,025 00
James Dolan	2,316 00
Burk & Cushing	2,365 00
D. E. Lynch	2,380 00
Collins & Ham	2,450 01
John Donovan	2,587 00
P. & F. E. McCarthy	2,900 01

The contract was awarded to R. L. Barrett.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of importations and exportations, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of May, 1898, as compared with the corresponding month of 1897:

	Importations.		Exportations.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
May, 1898	11,329	661	184	148,568
May, 1897	11,329	661	184	148,568
Arrival of passengers, May, 1898	201	170,366	220	156,038
Arrival of passengers, May, 1897	219	185,943	220	156,038

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending June 18, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	17.1
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	19.1
Number of deaths:	
Males	98
Females	76
Total	174
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	190
Decrease	16

Of the 174 decedents, 172 were white and 2 colored; 121 were born in the United States, 51 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 2 unknown; 36 were of American parentage, 119 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 19 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	21	2
Scarlatina	9	0
Typhoid fever	6	2
Measles	43	1
Totals	79	5

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	14
Whooping cough	3
Heart disease	16
Bronchitis	7
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	15
Total from principal causes	86
Total from infectious diseases	5
Total from other causes	83
Total from all causes	174

Deaths of children under 1 year	41
Deaths of children under 5 years	52
Deaths of persons over 60 years	30
Deaths in public institutions	46

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 22, 1898.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for Paving and Regulating Summer-street Extension, near L-street bridge, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston, Mass. A bond satisfactory to the City Engineer in the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work will be required.

The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal and leave it at said office before 12 o'clock noon of June 30, 1898, with a certified check for five hundred (\$500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston. This check is to be the property of the city if the Contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 15, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating about 570 linear feet of macadam roadway in Leedsville street, between Dorchester avenue and Adams street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$500 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, June 24, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 13, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the public footway extending from the southeasterly line of the location of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad at South street, West Roxbury, to another part of said South street, at Conway street, be relocated, the portion thereof crossing said location of said railroad passing thereunder as a subway, substantially as shown on a plan of said public footway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-eighth day of June, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

THE BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL.

PROPOSALS FOR ICE.

Boston, June 18, 1898.

The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital will receive proposals for a supply of ice for the Hospital Department for one year beginning July 1, 1898. The quantity to be 800 tons (more or less) of 2,000 pounds to the ton. The ice must be of the best quality, cleaned and stored on delivery, and delivered at such times and in such quantities as the Trustees or Superintendent may direct. The ice supply is to include delivery at the Hospital proper and the South Department, 745 Massachusetts avenue. Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for one hundred (100) dollars, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. Proposals to state the price per ton of 2,000 pounds each, and to be addressed "The Boston City Hospital, Proposals for Ice" and to be left at the Hospital not later than Friday, June 24, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place proposals will be publicly opened. The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals. By order of the Trustees,

G. H. M. ROWE, Superintendent.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 20, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that there be laid out, at East Boston, as a part of Bennington street, a highway including Bennington street from its junction with Chelsea street to its junction with Walley street, Walley street from its junction with Bennington street to its junction with Leyden street, Leyden street from its junction with Walley street to its junction with Beachmont avenue, and Beachmont avenue from its junction with Leyden street to Belle Isle Inlet, and that said highway be constructed by grading and covering with pavement, gravel, or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board, that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, including Chapter 319 of the Acts of 1897, and by authority of Chapter 226 of the Acts of 1888, and that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fifth day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 21, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Fowler street be laid out as a highway, at Dorchester, from Glenway street to Greenwood street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A. M., of the seventh day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 21, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Albano street, at West Roxbury, be laid out as a highway, from Washington street to Amherst street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A. M., of the seventh day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 21, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a new channel for the Canterbury Branch of Stony Brook be located at Dorchester and West Roxbury, between Franklin Field and the main channel of said Stony Brook, near Brook street, at West Roxbury, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A. M., of the sixth day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 21, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a new channel be located for the stream or water-course, at Dorchester, known as Mattapan Brook, from West Selden street to Blue Hill avenue at the crossing of the New England Railroad, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A. M., of the seventh day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 16, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating about 300 linear feet of macadam roadway in Carlos street, between Lauriat avenue and Chapman avenue, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$250 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, June 27, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 8, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use additional curves, with necessary cross-overs, switches and connections, at the junction of Columbus avenue and Berkeley street, substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated June 3, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the eleventh day of July, at 3 o'clock P. M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and the order thereon in the Boston Globe, Boston Post and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 8, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use a double track on Commonwealth avenue from its existing tracks on Brighton avenue, in the Brighton District, so-called, to, and connecting with, its existing tracks on Chestnut Hill and Commonwealth avenues, also in the Brighton District, with all necessary cross-overs, switches, curves and connections at either end, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated June 3, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

Also that consent and permission be given said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said new track, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the necessary poles, wires, appliances, and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets or avenues necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 14, 1898.

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Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 15, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating about 280 linear feet of macadam roadway in Elizabeth street, between Norfolk and Astoria streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$300 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, June 24, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 8, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use additional curves at the junction of Tremont, Berkeley and Dover streets, with necessary cross-overs, switches and connections, substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated June 3, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 14, 1898.

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Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 16, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating about 1,630 linear feet of macadam roadway in Lonsdale street, between Dorchester avenue and Adams street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$1,000 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, June 27, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 15, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Lexington street, corner 303 Meridian street, Ward 1, three bay windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, one over Lexington street, one over the corner of Lexington and Meridian streets, and one over 303 Meridian street. Dimensions: Each 20 feet high, two windows, 11 feet 9 inches wide, and one 9 feet wide; and each 3 feet over line of street.

AUGUSTUS W. BAILEY,
438 Meridian street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 20, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Wednesday, the sixth day of July, at 3 o'clock P. M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the East Boston Free Press and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume I.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1898.

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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting held on Monday, June 27, confirmed the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor:

George R. Swasey, to be a member of the Board of Appeal, for the term ending April 30, 1901.

Peter H. Reinstein, to be a Constable, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Russell Musculus, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Robert J. Desmond and William T. McLaughlin, to be Measurers of Grain and Inspectors of Pressed or Bundled Hay, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

The one hundred and twenty-second anniversary of the Declaration of Independence will be observed in the City of Boston on Monday, July 4, 1898, in the customary manner.

The total appropriation of \$12,000, made by the city for a proper observance of the day, is in part distributed for the following-named purposes:

Children's Entertainments—At various school-houses throughout the city, and at

the Grand Opera House and Bowdoin-square Theatre, with dancing at the High School Drill Hall, \$3,700.

Fireworks—At Boston Common; Franklin Park; Marine Park; Wood Island Park; Edward Everett Square; Meeting House Hill; Harvard street, corner Glenway; Nevin's Hill; opposite Highland Club; Metropolitan Hill; North End Park, \$2,200.

Sailing Regatta—Off City Point, at 11 A.M., \$500.

Whitehall Rowing Races—Off North End Park, \$175.

Bicycle Races—Franklin Park, 9.30 A.M., \$350.

Veteran Firemen's Play-out—Boston Common, 9.30 A.M., \$325.

Celebration—Wards 1 and 2, \$500.

Celebration—Wards 16, 20 and 24, \$750.

Celebration—Wards 17, 18 and 19, \$500.

Celebration—Wards 21, 22 and 23, \$750.

Celebrations, consisting of concerts and fireworks, will be given also in South Boston and Brighton.

Athletic sports will be held on Boston Common at 9.30 A.M., and at Wood Island Park all day.

During the day and evening, concerts will be rendered at various places, by the Municipal Band and other bands.

The oration of the day will be delivered in Faneuil Hall, at 10 A.M., by Rev. Denis O'Callaghan, and the Declaration of Independence will be read by Master Elmer P. Derby. Rev. John S. Lindsay, D.D., will officiate as chaplain.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

The following is an abstract of the Annual Report of the Library Department, for the year ending January 31, 1898. The report, which constitutes City Document No. 21, embodies the executive reports of the Trustees, Librarian, Supervisor of Branches and Stations, and of the Examining Committee, together with fourteen appendices, in which are included the yearly financial statement of the Library, a list of Trustees, Librarians and Examining Committees for forty-six years, copies of correspondence, names of donors to the Library, and the value of gifts.

In the report of the Trustees, which is principally devoted to a consideration of the use of the Library, acknowledgment is made of donations to the endowment fund received during the year.

The usefulness of the Library has far exceeded the most sanguine anticipations,

and in order that its high educational functions may be properly developed, additional accommodations must be provided. The need of small class-rooms and a lecture hall, in which may be given explanatory lectures in connection with the special exhibitions held from time to time, is most seriously felt, and it is hoped that provision may soon be made for this service.

Money thus expended in the development of the use of the Library must be regarded as a good investment. The influence of the Library in preventing idleness and crime has brought indirectly to the city an increase of wealth. The gifts to the Library since the erection of the present building have equalled in value approximately one-twelfth of its entire cost.

The Trustees call the attention of the City Government to the importance of adopting a definite policy with reference to the treatment of Copley square, that it may be laid out in a manner worthy of its surroundings.

The report of the Librarian covers forty-four pages, and deals with the administrative affairs of the Library.

During the year, the Library system has been augmented by the establishment of one new delivery and deposit station, while the deposit feature has been materially extended. The branch system now comprises fifty-seven outlying agencies, as against forty-three in existence February 1, 1897.

The endowments have been increased during the year by \$57,000, making the total endowment now available \$267,350, of which all, save the sum of \$1,000, is under investment. Certain sums, amounting to \$2,447, have also been received for direct expenditure.

The gross income of the Library during the year from all sources, including balances February 1, 1897, except special appropriations for construction and furnishing of Copley-square building and for improvement of the Broadway-extension delivery station, was \$295,138.08. The expenditure was \$259,096.65. A nominal balance on February 1, 1898, would appear, therefore, as \$36,041.43. This is, however, subject to outstanding obligations and in part to special restrictions. The available balance is but \$25,285.16.

Several improvements in the Central Library building and its equipment have been made during the past year, and various others, for the most important of which plans and estimates have been secured, are in contemplation. These include additions to the system of heating and ventilating; a service elevator; enlarging present space for various uses, and installing a system of intercommunication between the stacks.

According to last year's report, it appears that the number of volumes in the Central Library and branches on January 31, 1897, was 663,763, of which 492,901 were in the Central Library. On January 31, 1898, the number in all departments were 698,888, of which 528,079 were in the Central Library. The net increase is then 35,129.

The total expenditure for books and periodicals during the past year was \$40,351.62, as against \$40,430.23 in 1896. Of this amount, \$25,264.17 was expended for the Central Library.

The accessions of books during the past year, excluding mere transfers from one department to another, have been as follows:

	Volumes.	Volumes.	Total.
Added by purchase, Central Library . . .	18,099	Branches, 6,030	24,129
Added by gift, Central Library . . .	8,792	Branches, 210	9,002
Totals	26,891	6,240	33,131

The number of givers of books has increased from 1,545, in 1896, to 1,776 during the past year. In some cases the gifts comprise the entire libraries of certain Boston societies, organized for study in special directions, while many volumes donated by individuals are of the highest value.

The usefulness of the Graupner collection of photographs, given to the Library last year, suggested that a large service might be effected by a collection more widely representative of the various schools of painting and departments of art and architecture.

An appeal was made to the public of Boston for contributions towards such a purchase. The response was cordial, and resulted in \$1,321 being subscribed. Out of this amount, 6,765 photographs have been purchased and suitably mounted. The entire collection of photographs owned by the Library and in active use, now numbers over 9,000.

The work done by the Library Bindery during the year has been very extensive. Besides the repairing of books, mounting of photographs, folding, stitching and covering library publications, 11,161 volumes, including books, newspapers and pamphlets, were bound.

In addition, 13,929 volumes, under contract work, have been bound during the year, at an expense of \$3,802. The number of volumes and parts of volumes catalogued was 61,573, and the number of titles for same was 36,032.

During the past year, 1,038 pages of printed matter were issued, as against 360 pages during the year preceding. The number of publications distributed free of charge by the Library, was 82,282. The total amount realized from sales was but \$441.30.

The output of the Printing Department continues to include practically all of the printed work of the Library. The equipment of the department has been improved by the addition of one new press and of a second linotype.

The use of the linotype for such work is matter of general concern to the library profession. At the International Conference of Librarians held at London last summer, examples of the work of the machine, and a pamphlet descriptive of our experience with it, awakened decided interest.

The tables in the appendices of the report, classifying the persons holding cards, will be

found interesting and significant. The total number of active cards outstanding on January 31, 1898, was 64,973, as against 45,606 outstanding in 1897, showing a gain of 19,367 card-holders during the year.

The gross number of present active card-holders exceeds, it is believed, the number reported by any public library, except the system known as the New York Free Circulating Libraries.

Statistics of reference use of the Library are no longer attempted, but the general testimony is that the volume of use has perceptibly increased throughout the Central building. This is also true at certain of the branch libraries.

On twelve Sundays of the year an account was taken of the number of persons entering the Central Library building between 2 and 6 o'clock P.M. The smallest number on any one day was 1,541; the largest was 5,309; the total for the twelve Sundays was 42,731. Of this amount, 33,543 were adults and 9,188 children.

A count for the week ending March 5, 1898, was also taken, which resulted in showing that 34,064 persons entered the building. Deductions must be made for mere visitors, but an inference that, on the average, the year around, 30,000 persons a week enter the Central Library building, and that of these a large majority come to use, in some way, the collections in the Library, would not be unjust.

The activities of the Special Libraries' Department have advanced in scope and volume since last year, in visits of classes and clubs for the study of material in the Fine Art collections.

Use of the newspaper room is as large and as nearly continuous as that of almost any other single reference department. The number of readers at one time now exceeds 200, and the attendance is surprisingly large during hours when other departments are comparatively deserted.

The service rendered by the Children's Department is important, and its influence is not to be reckoned in figures. This department needs more space and greater seclusion.

The delivery of books to readers in Bates Hall is not yet as rapid and as effective as it should be. Delays cannot be obviated fully until increased facilities for issue are provided.

The circulation of books for home use in 1897, compared with that for 1896, is as follows:

	1896.	1897.	Gain, 1897.
Central Library (including Central Library books issued through branches and stations)	326,254	388,497	62,243
Branches and stations (direct issue)	678,765	811,169	132,404
Totals	1,005,019	1,199,666	194,647

The work of the Issue Department, involved in the recovery of books over-detained, and in the collection of penalties, is by no means small. The number of mail notices sent out from the Central Library during 1897 was 8,023; the number of messenger notices, 737; the net amount collected (including payments for eighty-two volumes lost) was \$3,001. Only sixty-nine volumes were unrecovered, of 388,489 circulated for home use.

Appended to the report of the Supervisor of Branches and Stations, is a map showing

the location of the various branches and stations. In each ward are entered figures showing the proportion of card-holders to the population. The map is here reproduced.

The proportion of card-holders to the population is largest in the immediate vicinity of the Central Library, and smallest in the districts north and east, which contain a large mixture of foreign elements.

In East Boston and South Boston, particularly, the reading population lies to the northeast and east of the established branches, which would seem to justify their removal to more central locations.

The following table shows the average attendance when the branches were opened in 1896, and from last November to January, 1898:

	1896. March and April. Readers. Adults.		1897-98. Nov. to Jan. Readers. Adults.	
Charlestown	91	21%	213	28%
East Boston	—	—	278	8%
South Boston	101	30%	248	36%

Special efforts have been made by the branches to accommodate teachers and pupils, and, in general, the work seems to be appreciated, although in many cases there is apathy on the part of teachers, which obliges the branches to take the initiative.

Four thousand six hundred and fifty-seven volumes of new books have been purchased for the branches this year, against 14,266 volumes the year before. One hundred and fifty-seven volumes have been received as gifts to the branches, as against ninety-eight during the year previous.

At almost every branch and station an increase in the circulation of books is shown. The gain in the issue through the entire branch system is 21 per cent.

The number of stations in the delivery and deposit system is seventeen. The cost of maintenance of a station, with rooms and attendants devoted solely to its use, may be estimated at \$1,000.

It is recommended that further advance be made in the direction of converting the larger delivery stations into stations devoted to the exclusive use of the Library and administered by its own employees.

At the beginning of the year, there were twenty-seven places to which deposits of books were sent from the Central Library; at the close, forty-two. These include twenty-one engine-houses, besides various public institutions.

An extension of the system to include police stations would doubtless be appreciated, and other institutions would be glad to avail of similar privileges.

The Examining Committee consists of fourteen members, and its report, covering twelve pages, is appended to the general report.

Special attention has been given by the Committee as to how far the book-delivery service has recently been improved, and how far it is capable of further improvement in the near future. In the opinion of the Committee, the utmost promptness will never be attained until the stacks are connected with each other and with the delivery desk in a manner entirely different from that now in use.

No expenditure should be avoided if thereby the time of delivery could be materially shortened; and the Committee expresses its opinion that the administration

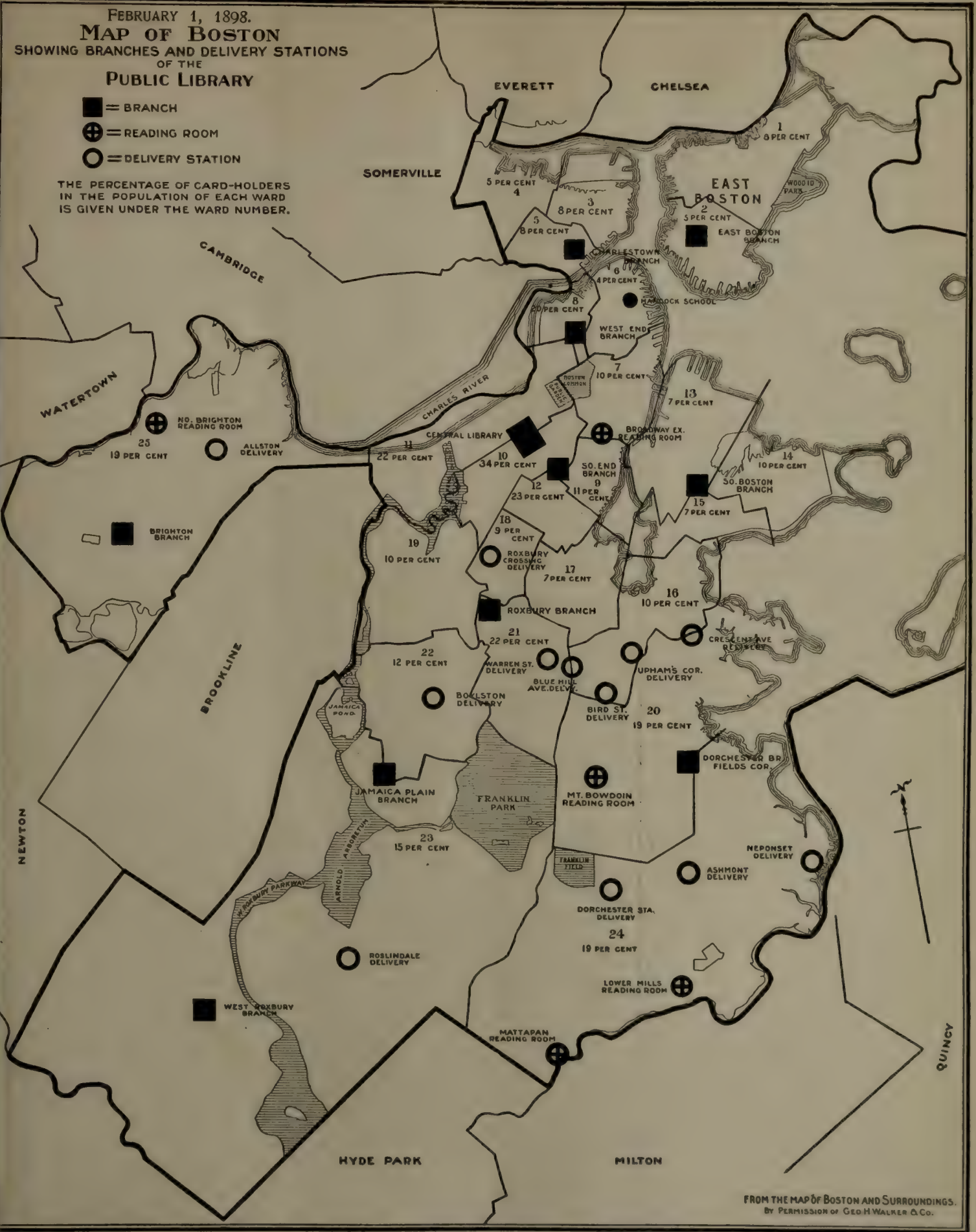
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MAP OF BOSTON

SHOWING BRANCHES AND DELIVERY STATIONS
OF THE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

- = BRANCH
- ⊕ = READING ROOM
- = DELIVERY STATION

THE PERCENTAGE OF CARD-HOLDERS
IN THE POPULATION OF EACH WARD
IS GIVEN UNDER THE WARD NUMBER.



of the Library can never be made to meet the reasonable demands of the public until the suggested changes are made.

With regard to the branches, the Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That a special appropriation be granted to relocate and properly equip the East Boston Branch.
2. That the South End Branch be removed to Washington street.
3. That a new deposit station be established near Northampton street.
4. And also one at the North End.
5. That the lighting of several branches, now insufficient, be improved.

The principle, now in practice, of avoiding unnecessary duplications in the great libraries of Boston and Cambridge should be, if practicable, extended.

The present collection of maps should be enlarged and the number of books of reference, dictionaries, encyclopædias, in all the principal departments of the Library, should be increased. Closer relations should be established between the Library and the great business interests of the city, which would render additional services to the man of affairs and business.

The report of the Examining Committee concludes as follows:

"We cannot refrain from commending the improvement in the administration of this great public institution from year to year. The standard of excellence is all the time advancing. Repeated visits to the Library and examinations of its various departments by the individual members of the Committee have discovered, as a rule, efficient administration united with commendable courtesy. Our citizens may well be proud of such an institution, 'built by the people, and dedicated to the advancement of learning.'"

ELECTROLYSIS OF WATER MAINS.

The electrolysis of water mains in the City of St. Louis, to which Water Commissioner M. L. Holman called the attention of the Board of Public Improvements two years ago, has assumed a serious form lately. A 48-inch main shows signs of injurious electric corrosion, and in case a break occurs in it, a large number of people will be put to serious inconvenience during the repairs. In some places the pipe has been eaten away for a half inch or so of its thickness, and the surface material can be cut like plumbago. Mr. Holman urges the passage of an ordinance covering this question, as the present general regulations concerning street railways, which have not been revised since the horse car period, do not protect the water pipes adequately. — [Engineers' Record.]

BOSTON BUREAU OF COMMERCE.

The Boston Bureau of Commerce, an organization recently formed to foster and increase the mercantile business of Boston and New England generally, has established its headquarters in the Hancock Building on Devonshire street.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Monday, June 27, 1898, at 3 o'clock, Chairman Conry presiding. Absent — Alderman Dyar.

The meeting was held pursuant to the following call, which the Clerk read:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 24, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, June 27, at 3 P.M., to take action upon matters acted upon by the Common Council and requiring the action of the Board, and to transact such other business as may come before you.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

The following messages were received:

Appointment of Weigher.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 27, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Henry D. Lynch a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

Loan for Various Purposes.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 27, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The borrowing capacity of the city at the present time, deducting the full amount of \$349,000 appropriated for street improvements in the different wards, amounts to \$162,497, which would be reduced by the passage of the loan orders which have already passed the Common Council to the sum of \$150,997. There is urgent necessity that a number of additional loan appropriations should be passed before the summer vacation, and I therefore desire to urge the City Council at the present time to take action, either severally or in a single order, upon the items contained in the accompanying order, amounting to the sum of \$78,500.

The item of \$30,000 for new voting booths and furnishings represents an absolutely necessary expenditure, and contracts to this amount have already been entered into by the Election Commissioners, as the refusal

of the School Committee to allow any further use of school rooms for election purposes has made it absolutely necessary to make seasonable provision in advance for an additional number of portable booths.

The expenditure of \$20,000 for reconstruction and equipment of the old Wareham-street Armory, for the use of the Repair and Electrical Construction Divisions of the Public Buildings Department, has already been made, in order to properly equip the divisions for the important work devolving upon them, and at present this stands charged against the appropriation for Public Buildings Department. The important work of this Department will be greatly hampered if this amount is not now provided by loan, as it should be. The Repair Division has proved itself an efficient and useful organization, and with the shop facilities thus afforded it has successfully and economically turned out a large amount of mechanical work. Ten thousand dollars for this purpose was included in the loan order reported in May by the Committee on Finance. The other items now recommended are precisely in the form in which they were incorporated in the order above referred to, and therefore do not need further explanation at the present time. The necessity of each and every one of them is urgent.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the several Departments hereinafter named be authorized to expend the sums of money, and for the purposes herein specified, and that to meet the appropriations aforesaid the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount, viz.:

BATHS DEPARTMENT.

Commonwealth Park Gymnasium, additional	\$5,000
Public Bath-house, Dover street, additional. Laundry, Machinery, Electric Wiring, Furnishing, etc.	6,000
	\$11,000

ELECTION DEPARTMENT.

Additional Portable Booths and Furnishings	30,000
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Completion of Salt Water Pipe System	7,500
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

North Grove-street Morgue, additional	\$3,000
Steamer "Vigilant," new boiler,	5,000
	8,000

INSANE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Improvement of Water Service	2,000
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PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

Alteration, Equipment and Furnishing of Wareham-street Armory, for use of Repair and Electrical Construction Divisions	20,000
	\$78,500

Passed. Sent down.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, June 23, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received:

"Open Square," Lauriat Avenue.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 21, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, in reply to your order requesting them to "lay out the open space at Lauriat and Milton avenues as a public square."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

June 20, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In answer to the order of the Common Council of June 18, the Board of Park Commissioners reports that it has no control of the open space at Lauriat and Milton avenues, and that it has no money with which to acquire the same.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Bath-House, Cabot Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 23, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The subject of providing bathing facilities at the old Cabot-street bath-house, now used for a ward-room, has lately been carefully considered by the Bath Commission and myself, and I now desire, with the concurrence of this Commission, to recommend the passage of the accompanying order, authorizing a loan of \$2,500 for the purpose of constructing a bathing-pool at this place. The Bath Commission and myself believe that it would be very desirable to erect later upon this site a two-story building, the lower story to be used for bathing purposes and the upper story for a gymnasium and for a ward-room, and I expect to recommend the necessary loan appropriation for this purpose when plans and estimates for such a building have been prepared. The bathing-pool which is suggested for immediate use would be equally suited for the larger scheme, so that no money would be wasted by authorizing its construction at the present time, and arrangements can be made so that this pool will not interfere with the use of the building for ward-room purposes. Bathing facilities at this location would accommodate a large population in several wards, who are

at some distance from the nearest salt water bathing establishment. In view of the liberal provision for salt water bathing which has been made for other sections of the city, it seems to me no more than equitable that this comparatively small amount should be now expended for providing bathing facilities for this district, which, I am confident, will be largely utilized, particularly by children.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Bath Commission be authorized to expend the sum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars for the construction of a bathing-pool and other facilities for bathing at the Cabot-street bath-house, and that, to provide for such expenditure, the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount.

The communication was sent up, and the order was passed.

Swimming-Pool, Orchard Park.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 23, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The swimming-pool in Orchard Park, recently authorized by the City Council, is now completed, and will be ready for use in a few days. As there was no special appropriation, the cost of constructing this pool has been charged temporarily to the appropriation of the Public Grounds Department, but there is no margin to cover such an expenditure of this appropriation, and it has only been made in anticipation of the passage of a special loan for the purpose.

The work has been very satisfactorily executed, and I think there is no doubt of the large usefulness of the pool. I desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order to provide for this expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be hereby authorized to expend the sum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars for a swimming-pool and bathing accommodations at Orchard Park, and that the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount.

Passed, under suspension of rules.

Bath-House, Parental School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 23, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The Bath Commission has arranged, at my suggestion, for providing at once a simple and inexpensive bathing establishment on the Charles River, upon the ground of the Parental School, West Roxbury. This

will provide excellent river bathing for a large population, too far from the salt water to enjoy frequent sea bathing. As the appropriation of the Baths Department is insufficient to enable it to meet this expenditure, I desire to recommend the immediate passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Baths Department be hereby authorized to expend the sum of fifteen hundred (1,500) dollars for a bathing establishment on the Charles River, upon the grounds of the Parental School, at West Roxbury, and that the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount.

The message was sent up, and the order was passed.

Children's Excursions.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 23, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Last year 3,000 children were given a day's excursion, out of the Randidge Fund, to a portion of Long Island, especially set aside for such use. Owing to the success of these excursions, it is expected that over 10,000 children will desire to participate in them this year, and it becomes necessary to provide a few simple and inexpensive buildings for their convenience. I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Trustees for Paupers be hereby authorized to expend the sum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars for buildings, etc., on Long Island, for the accommodation of children carried thereto on excursions provided for out of the Randidge Fund, and that the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

Bath-House, Neponset River.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 23, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In view of the strong desire which has been expressed to have a floating bath-house located in the Neponset River, the Bath Commission has decided, with my approval, to locate one at this point, and a suitable location has already been selected. Owing to the necessity of condemning one or two very old bath-houses, the Commission is building another bath-house, which will be completed shortly, to supply this want. As the appropriation of the Bath Commission is all needed for maintenance work, and is

insufficient to provide for the building of additional bath-houses, I recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Bath Commission, for the purpose of providing a floating bath-house, to be located in the Neponset River, be authorized to expend the sum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars for the construction of an additional floating bath-house.

The order was passed.

Special Notices.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders were promulgated by the Board of Police on June 27 and 28, 1898, respectively:

General Order No. 522.

The resignation of Reserve Officer Howard H. Favour, of Division 9, having been presented, it is hereby accepted, and he is granted an honorable discharge from the police force of the City of Boston, to take effect June 27, 1898.

General Order No. 523.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Alfred Fousha, of Division 5, for violation of Rule XXVI of the Police Manual, the Board orders that judgment be suspended.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman William M. Densmore, of Division 13, for violation of Rule XXVI of the Police Manual, the Board finds the said Patrolman Densmore guilty, and sentences him to a forfeiture of ten days' pay.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on July 26, 1898, examination may be taken at Boston or any other city in the United States where the Commission has a competent Board of Examiners, for the position of District Assistant in Forestry, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum; the Commission also announces that on July 21, 1898, examinations may be taken for the position of Assistant Chief, Division of Forestry, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum, and for the position of Assistant Curator, United States National Museum (Division of Mammals), Smithsonian Institution, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum.

Persons desiring to compete should at once write to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for application blanks, Form 304 and special forms, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved June 24, 1898:

Ordered, That in accordance with Chapter 341 of the Acts of 1898, there be allowed and paid to Catherine Regan, widow of Cornelius F. Regan, late a member of the Police Department of Boston, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to serve as a police officer until the close of the present fiscal year, the amount to be charged to the Reserved Fund.

The following were approved June 25, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire the lot of land heretofore used for temporary playground purposes, in Neponset, Ward 24; the expense of same not to exceed \$200, to be charged to appropriation, Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer from the unexpended balance of \$1,503.06 for Sydney street, Ward 20, the sum of \$1,250, to complete the construction of Centre street, Ward 20.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved June 21, 1898:

Permits to project signs, etc., issued as follows:

To D. Jacobs, two signs, at 355 Warren street, Ward 21.

To Isaac Mandelstam, two signs, at 125 Summer street, Ward 2.

To E. F. Jaynes & Co., illuminated sign, at 877 Washington street, Ward 9.

To Thomas W. Patrick, sign, at 13 Blossom street, Ward 8.

To Thomas W. Patrick, sign, at 18 Blossom street, Ward 8.

To M. & A. Rosenberg, sign, at 99 Northampton street, Ward 12.

To Cobb, Bates & Yerxa Company, four signs, at 274 Friend street, Ward 8.

To M. & A. Rosenberg, sign, at 101 Northampton street, Ward 12.

The constable's bond of John F. Bowen.

Orders granting permission to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to erect poles on Charles and Leverett streets, Ward 8, and to remove poles on said Charles street.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestones, the owners of the said estates to furnish the said materials, viz.:

J. H. Burt & Co., River street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 24, of brick.

Samuel W. Johnson, 412 East Eighth street, Ward 15, of brick.

Thomas Kellough, 294 Bremen street, Ward 2, of brick.

Joseph H. McNeil, Blackwood street, Ward 10.

The following were approved June 21, 1898:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use curved tracks and connections on Dorchester avenue, near Adams street, connecting with the company's tracks on said avenue and extending to a car-house of the company there situate; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated May 17, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within four months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use tracks on and near Eliot square, connecting with tracks on Dudley street and Roxbury street, thence on and through Centre street to a point near Linwood street, connecting with existing tracks of said company, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated March 22, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to cause the immediate removal of the old and dilapidated buildings now stand-

ing on land of the City of Boston in Athelwold street, Ward 20; the same being a nuisance to the neighborhood.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be authorized to close to public travel on Monday, July 4, 1898, during the formation and progress of the parade of the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association, the following-named streets:

Centre, Green, Washington, Wyman, Lamartine, South, Burroughs, Eliot, Holbrook, Orchard and May streets.

The following was approved June 25, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to M. P. R. Codman et al. to construct, maintain and use an area twenty-six feet long, seven feet wide, with Dale light covers and one coal-hole opening, not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with iron cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate Nos. 19-21 School street, Ward 6; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct heads of departments to allow employees, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, leave of absence to attend the National Encampment in September next, without loss of pay, and in part compensation for their services to the city.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel, under the direction of the Committee on Ordinances on the part of the Board, make a revision of the Revised Regulations of 1892 of the Board of Aldermen, and of all regulations subsequently passed, with such additions and changes as they may deem necessary, and report the same to this Board.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to remacadamize East Third street, between M and O streets, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvement, Ward 14.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to report to this Board at its next meeting an estimate of the cost of asphaltting Shawmut avenue, from the south side of Cherry street, to the north side of Cobb street.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to locate and maintain three electric lights on the Ward 14 Playground.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following order was presented to the Mayor, June 15, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to place electric fans in the Council Chamber; the expense of the same to be charged to the Electrical Construction Division, Public Buildings Department.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following order was presented to the Mayor, June 15, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to trim a tree standing in front of the house of S. L. Emery, 603 Tremont street, as the limbs of said tree, in high winds, endanger the house; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SWIMMING TEACHERS.

The following instructions to be observed by the teachers of swimming at the public baths have been issued by Director Hartvig Nissen:

1. Any child between nine and sixteen years of age can be admitted to the swimming classes.
2. No child should go in bathing within an hour after meals.
3. A class of ten to twelve children is to be taken every half hour.
4. Half an hour is the limit for any child to stay in the water.
5. No ducking, or other fooling, is permitted. No child should be forced into the water.
6. Always start beginners with the "land drill." The "breast" stroke with flat hands down, and the "side" stroke with the legs, being the regular strokes for all beginners.
7. When a child can swim alone, mark the date in the book, but keep him (or her) in the class and gradually teach more advanced swimming.
8. In the latter part of the season, teach how to rescue others, and also how to restore apparently drowned persons.
9. One side, or part, of the bathing house, or beach, should be devoted to the swimming school.
10. Keep good order and strict attendance.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

At a meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners, held on June 24, 1898, it was voted that until September 1, 1898, the office of the Board shall be open for registration on Saturdays between the hours of 9 A.M. and 12 M.

NEXT MEETING OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Board of Aldermen, at a meeting held on Monday, June 27, voted to hold its next regular meeting Monday, July 11, at 3 P.M.

Awards of Contracts.

School Department.

Proposals were received by the Committee on School-houses on June 16, 1898, for alteration and addition to West Roxbury High School-house, as follows:

MAIN CONTRACT.

Bidders.	Bid.
Mead, Mason & Co.	\$177,642
John S. Jacobs & Son	174,973
W. S. Sampson & Son	174,780
Norcross Brothers	174,300
Norcross & Cleveland	174,000
James Fagan	163,014
Mack & Moore	157,900

The contract was awarded to Mack & Moore.

HEATING AND VENTILATING.

Ingalls & Kendrick	\$17,841
Smith & Anthony Company	17,720
Lynch & Woodward	16,397
Isaac Coffin & Co.	16,366
Albert B. Franklin	15,585
A. A. Sanborn	15,480
Walworth Construction and Supply Company	14,644
William Lumb & Co.	11,691

The contract was awarded to William Lumb & Co.

PLUMBING.

William Lumb & Co.	\$9,431
William B. Johnson	9,300
Isaac N. Tucker	9,395
William N. McKenna	9,170
Pierce & Pierce	9,083
Using Dalton & Ingersoll's water-closet	8,916
James Tucker & Sons	8,865
Pierce & Cox	7,997
Edward C. Kelly	7,837

The contract was awarded to Edward C. Kelly.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for constructing macadam road in the following-named streets were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on June 24, viz.:

Leedsville street, Dorchester:

Bidders.	Bid.
Collins & Ham	\$1,200 66
John Connors	1,221 65
D. E. Lynch	1,256 80
James Doherty & Co.	1,282 00
P. O'Hara & Co.	1,427 90

The contract was awarded to Collins & Ham.

Elizabeth street, Dorchester:

Collins & Ham	\$610 06
P. O'Hara & Co.	685 90
D. E. Lynch	777 00
John Connors	799 95
James McGovern	825 30

The contract was awarded to Collins & Ham.

The following were opened on June 27:

Lonsdale street, Dorchester:

Bidders.	Bid.
P. O'Hara & Co.	\$2,505 30
J. A. Whittemore Sons	2,598 90
Collins & Ham	2,600 31
D. E. Lynch	2,688 80
James Doherty & Co.	2,693 80
John Connors	3,005 70
James McGovern	3,041 90
A. A. Libby & Co.	3,363 40

The contract was awarded to P. O'Hara & Co.

Carlos street, Boston:

Bidders.	Bid.
P. O'Hara & Co.	\$586 50
D. E. Lynch	605 80
A. A. Libby & Co.	677 45
J. A. Whittemore Sons	706 50
John Connors	709 85

The contract was awarded to P. O'Hara & Co.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending June 25, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	16.8
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	19.8
Number of deaths:	
Males	93
Females	78
Total	171
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	197
Decrease	26

Of the 171 decedents, 166 were white and 5 colored; 111 were born in the United States, 58 in foreign countries, and the birth-place of 2 was unknown; 40 were of American parentage, 115 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 16 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	24	1
Scarlatina	5	0
Typhoid fever	6	1
Measles	66	2
Totals	101	4

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	20
Pneumonia	9
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	15
Bronchitis	6
Marasmus	5
Violent causes	20
Total from principal causes	77
Total from infectious diseases	4
Total from other causes	90
Total from all causes	171
Deaths of children under 1 year	38
Deaths of children under 5 years	49
Deaths of persons over 60 years	30
Deaths in public institutions	42

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The following act relative to the support of the public schools of the City of Boston constitutes Chapter 400, Acts of 1898:

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The School Committee of the City of Boston shall forthwith after the passage of this act, and on or before the first day of March in each year thereafter, by vote of two-thirds of all its members, taken by yeas and nays, make appropriations for the support of the public schools of said city for the financial year, including repairs and alterations on school buildings. Such appropriations shall be made by items specifying the purposes for which the money is to be expended. Such appropriations which shall be included within the tax limit of said city for municipal purposes as now established by law, shall not exceed in the aggregate, upon each \$1,000 of the average valuation of the taxable property in said city as ascertained under the provisions of law limiting the rate of taxation in said city, the following sums for the periods specified, to wit: For the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of January in the year 1899, \$2.80; for the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of January in the year 1900, \$2.85; and for the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of January in the year 1901, and for each financial year thereafter, \$2.90; and any vote or appropriation requiring a larger assessment than as above specified shall be void; and said School Committee shall have no authority to incur any liability or make any expenditure in excess of such appropriations, anything in any statute to the contrary notwithstanding. Of the total amount authorized to be appropriated as aforesaid, an appropriation of which the several items shall amount to not less than twenty-five cents upon each \$1,000 of said average valuation, shall be expended only for such repairs and alterations upon school buildings as said School Committee shall order.

Sect. 2. The votes of said School Committee making such appropriations shall have the same force and effect as orders or votes of the City Council appropriating money, and shall be subject to the same provisions of law in respect to approval by the Mayor, except that a vote of three-fourths of all the members of said School Committee, taken by yeas and nays, shall be necessary to pass any such appropriation over the veto of the Mayor.

Sect. 3. After an order or vote of said School Committee making an appropriation shall have gone into effect the aggregate amount so appropriated shall be certified by the School Committee to the Board of Assessors, and shall be included by said assessors in the amount to be raised by taxation in said city for such year.

Sect. 4. Any balance of an appropriation so made by said School Committee remaining unexpended at the close of any financial year, and not needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and any amount within the limit above defined for such year not appropriated by said committee, shall be added to the amount which said committee may appropriate, as herein authorized, for the financial year next ensuing.

Sect. 5. The proceeds of any sale of any school lands or buildings shall be held in the city treasury of said city and used only for the purchase of land or the construction of buildings for school purposes, but shall not be used without the approval of the Mayor in writing in each specific case. Such proceeds shall be expended in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 408 of the Acts of the year 1895, and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

FOURTH OF JULY ORATIONS.

The custom of having an annual oration pronounced on the Fourth of July began in Boston, in 1783, previous to which time, beginning with 1771, the observance of the day in this manner was merged with the oration on the Boston Massacre. James Lovell, A.M., delivered the first oration on April 2, 1771, at the request of the inhabitants of the Town of Boston, and among other later orators was Dr. Joseph Warren. In 1783, the oration was given by Dr. John Warren on July 4.

CLASSES IN SWIMMING.

The Baths Department has adopted a scheme to utilize a certain number of the baths under its control as swimming schools. In developing its scheme of instruction, the Department has had the interests of the pupils of the public schools especially in mind.

The swimming classes will be under the general charge and direction of Mr. Hartvig Nissen, Acting-Director of Physical Training in the Boston Public Schools. The corps of teachers of swimming appointed to aid Mr. Nissen, are as follows: Mr. Peter S. McNally, at the North End Park beach; Mr. W. A. Smith, at L-street beach, South Boston; Mr. A. A. Oye, at Commercial Point beach, in Dorchester; Mr. James E. Crowley, at Malden Bridge float, Chelsea Bridge float, and Park beach, in Charlestown; Mr. George T. Holm, at Wood Island beach, Maverick and Border-street floats, in East Boston; Mr. P. J. Finneran, at K-street beach and L-street float, in South Boston; Mr. Matthew Leary, at Dover-street Bridge float, South End; Mr. Austin McGivern, Warren Bridge float, West End; Mr. David Abrams, at West Boston and Craigie Bridge floats, West End; and Mr. William J. Ivers, Orchard Park, Roxbury, and Spring street, West Roxbury.

On Saturday, June 25, the number of pupils enrolled amounted to over 1,200.

Special classes for women teachers will be held (1) at the Malden Bridge, in Charlestown, on June 28 and July 1, at 5 P.M.; July 5, 8, 13, 16 and 21, at 2 P.M.; (2) at K-street beach, South Boston, on June 29, and July 2, at 7 P.M.; on July 6, 9, 20 and 23, at 2 P.M., and on July 15, at 10 A.M.; and (3) at Commercial Point, Dorchester, on June 27 and 30, at 5 P.M., on July 4, at 1 P.M., and on July 7, 11, 19 and 22, at 2 P.M.

The schedules for the Boys' and Girls' swimming schools, from June 20 to July 19, inclusive, are given on the next page.

BOYS' SWIMMING SCHOOLS.

	East Boston. Instructor, George T. Holm.		Charlestown. Instructor, James E. Crowley.		North End. Instru'r, Peter S. McNally	West End. Instructors, David Abrams and Austin McGivern.		South End. Instructor, Matthew Leary.	South Boston. Instructor, W. A. Smith.		Roxbury. Instructor, William J. Ivers.	West Roxbury. Instructor, William J. Ivers.	Dorchester. Instructor, A. A. Oye.
DATES.	Wood Island.	Border street.	Park Beach.	Chelsea Bridge.	Park Beach.	Cragie Bridge.	Warren Bridge.	Dover street.	L street Beach.	Orchard Park.	Spring street.	Commercial Point.	
Monday, June 20.....	A.M. 9-11	P.M. 12.30-1.30		P.M. 12-1	P.M. 12-3	A.M. 9-12	P.M. 1-4	P.M. 12-3	A.M. 9-12	P.M. 12-3			A.M. 9-1
Tuesday, June 21.....	9.30-11.30	1-2		12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	1-4	10-12	12-4			10-1
Wednesday, June 22.....	10-11.30	1.30-2.30		12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	1-4	10-12	12-4			10-1
Thursday, June 23.....	P.M. 3.30-5	11-12		12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	2-5	11-12	12-5			11-1
Friday, June 24.....	4.30-6	1.30-2.30		12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	3-6		12-6			12-1
Saturday, June 25.....	4.30-6.30	1.30-2.30		12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	3.30-6.30		12.30-6.30			
Monday, June 27.....	6.30-8	2-3		12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	5-8		2-8			P.M. 6-8
Tuesday, June 28.....	7-9	3-4		12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	6-9		3-9			6-9
Wednesday, June 29.....	5.30-7.30	A.M. 8-9	A.M. 8-10	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	6-9		4-9			6-9
Thursday, June 30.....	6.30-8.30	8-9	8-10	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	5-8	8-10.30	5-8	8.30-10.30		6-9
Friday, July 1.....	6-8	8-9	8-10	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	6-9	8-11.30	6-8	8.30-10.30	P.M. 12-1	8-11.30
Saturday, July 2.....	7-9	8-10	8-10	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	11-12.30	8-12.30		8.30-10.30	12-1	8-12.30
Monday, July 4.....	11-12.30	8.30-9.30	8-10	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	11.30-2.30	8.30-12	12-2.30	8.30-10.30	12-1	8.30-1
Tuesday, July 5.....	11.30-1.30	9-10	9-11	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	12-3	9-12	12-3	8.30-10.30	12-1	9-1
Wednesday, July 6.....	12.30-2.30	10-11	9-11	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	1-4	10-12	12-4	8.30-10.30	12-1	10-1
Thursday, July 7.....	1.30-3.30	11-12	2.30-4.30	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	2-5	11-12	12-5	8.30-10.30	12-1	11-1
Friday, July 8.....	2.30-4.30	12-1	2.30-4.30	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	3-6		12-6	8.30-10.30	12-1	12-1
Saturday, July 9.....	2.30-4.30	6-7	2.30-4.30	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	4-7		1-7	8.30-10.30	12-1	
Monday, July 11.....	2.30-4.30	7.30-8.30	2.30-4.30	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	5.30-8.30		2.30-8.30	8.30-10.30	12-1	P.M. 6-8.30
Tuesday, July 12.....	3.30-4.30	7.30-9	2.30-4.30	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	6-9		3.30-9	8.30-10.30	12-1	6-9
Wednesday, July 13.....	6-8	8-9	8-10	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	4.30-8	8-10	4.30-8	8.30-10.30	12-1	6-9
Thursday, July 14.....	5.30-8	8-9	8-10	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	5.30-8	8-11	5.30-8	8.30-10.30	12-1	A.M. 8-11
Friday, July 15.....	6-8	8-10	8-10	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	11-12	8-12	6-8	8.30-10.30	12-1	8-12
Saturday, July 16.....	11.30-1	8-9	8-10	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	11-1	8-12	12-1	8.30-10.30	12-1	8-1
Monday, July 18.....	11-12.30	8-9	8-10	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	11-2	8-12	12-2	8.30-10.30	12-1	8-1
Tuesday, July 19.....	12-1.30	10.30-11.30	9-11	12-1	12-3	9-12	1-4	12-3	9-12	12-3	8.30-10.30	12-1	9-1

GIRLS' SWIMMING SCHOOLS.

	East Boston. Instructor, George T. Holm.		Charlestown. Instructor, James E. Crowley.		North End. Instru'r, Peter S. McNally	West End. Instructors, David Abrams and Austin McGivern.		South End. Instructor, Matthew Leary.	South Boston. Instructor, P. J. Finneran.		Roxbury. Instru'r, Wm. J. Ivers.	West Roxbury. Instru'r, Wm. J. Ivers.	Dorchester. Instructor, A. A. Oye.
DATES.	Border street.	Maverick street.	Malden Bridge.	Chelsea Bridge.	Park Beach.	West Boston Bridge.	Warren Bridge.	Dover street.	L street Bridge.	K street Beach.	Orchard Park.	Spring street.	Commercial Point.
Monday, June 20.....	P.M. 11.30-12.30	P.M. 2-3	P.M. 3-5	P.M. 1-2	A.M. 10-12	P.M. 1-4	A.M. 9-12	A.M. 9-12	P.M. 1-3	A.M. 9-12.30	P.M. 12.30-4	P.M. 1-2	P.M. 1-3
Tuesday, June 21.....	12-1	2.30-3.30	3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	10-1	2-4	10-1.30			1-4
Wednesday, June 22.....	12-1.30	3-4	3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	10-1	2-4	10-1.30			1-4
Thursday, June 23.....	12-1.30	2-3	3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	11-2	3-5	11-2.30			1-5
Friday, June 24.....	12-1.30	3-4	3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	12-3	4-6		12-3.30		1-6
Saturday, June 25.....	12.30-1.30	3-4	3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	12.30-3.30	4.30-6		12.30-4		1-6
Monday, June 27.....	3-5	5-6	3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	2-5	2-4		4.30-8		2-6
Tuesday, June 28.....	4-5	5-6	3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	3-6	3-5		5.30-9		3-6
Wednesday, June 29.....	A.M. 9-10	4-5	3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	4-6	4-6		6.30-9		4-6
Thursday, June 30.....	9-10.30	5-6	3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	8-10.30	5-6		6.30-8		5-6
Friday, July 1.....	9-11		3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	8-11			8-11.30	1-2	
Saturday, July 2.....	10-12		3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	8-11			8-12.30	1-2	
Monday, July 4.....	9.30-10.30	1-2.30	3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	8.30-11.30	1-2.30	8.30-12.30		1-2	1-2.30
Tuesday, July 5.....	10-11	2-3	3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	9-12	1-3	9-12.30		1-2	1-3
Wednesday, July 6.....	11-12	3-4	3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	10-1	2-4	10-1.30		1-2	1-4
Thursday, July 7.....	P.M. 12-1	4-5	5-6	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	11-2	3-5	11-2.30		1-2	1-5
Friday, July 8.....	1-2	5-6	5-6	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	12-3	4-6		12-3.30		1-6
Saturday, July 9.....	5-6	1-2	5-6	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	1-4	1-3		3.30-7		1-6
Monday, July 11.....	6.30-7.30	5-6	5-6	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	2.30-5.30	2.30-4.30		5-8.30		2.30-6
Tuesday, July 12.....	6.30-7.30	5-6	5-6	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	3.30-6	3.30-5.30		6-9		3.30-6
Wednesday, July 13.....	A.M. 9-10	4.30-5.30	3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	8-10	4.30-6	7-10	6.30-8	1-2	4.30-6
Thursday, July 14.....	9-11		3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	8-11		8-11	5.30-8	1-2	
Friday, July 15.....	10-12		3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	8-11		8-12	6-8	1-2	
Saturday, July 16.....	9-11		3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	8-11		8-1	7-8	1-2	
Monday, July 18.....	9-10.30	1-2	3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	8-11	1-2	7-12		1-2	1-2
Tuesday, July 19.....	9-10.30	2-3	3-5	1-2	10-12	1-4	9-12	9-12	1-3	8-12		1-2	1-3

N. B.—In reading the schedules it should be remembered that no instruction in swimming will be given after 9 P.M.

Board Meetings.

Children's Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, June 27, 1898.

At the stated meetings of the Trustees the following votes were passed:

May 23, 1898.

Voted, That the Chief of the Repair Division be authorized to carry out the repairs at the House of Reformation, agreed upon with the Chairman, at a price not exceeding \$600.

Voted, That Mr. O'Hare be a committee to see that boys from the House of Reformation who have earned their release by merit, be promptly released.

May 31, 1898.

Voted, That in suitable cases children may be placed in homes in the country, without going through the Marcella-street Home, such cases to be adjudged suitable by the officers of the Placing-out Department, in consultation with a member of the Board.

June 7, 1898.

Voted, That the School Committee have full power with regard to the examination of school work.

Voted, To authorize the School Committee to arrange for summer schools and for the closing of the schools and the length of the vacation.

June 14, 1898.

Voted, That the Secretary be authorized to order of the Repair Department a box for cards.

His Honor the Mayor attended the meeting, and at his suggestion it was

Voted, That the Bath Commission be authorized to place a bath-house on the land of the Parental School, at the corner between Spring street and the river.

June 21, 1898.

The School Committee reported that the regular school year at the House of Reformation should close on June 30, and begin September 1.

Voted, That the School Committee have authority to present plans for wooden buildings for school purposes at the Parental School.

Voted, That the Chairman have authority to invite the members of the City Government to visit the Parental School and the Marcella-street Home at an early day.

It having been reported by the Chairman that the only boiler at the House of Reformation had been inspected and found to be in a dangerous condition and liable at any time to break down, it was

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to arrange for a new boiler at the House of Reformation, in accordance with the estimates of the Architectural Department.

Ten boys have been released on probation, either to their homes or to places in the country, under the provisions of the new merit system.

Census of inmates on June 25, 1898:

Parental School	189
House of Reformation	146
Marcella-street Home	82
Boarding	387
Indentured	344
Home on Probation	49
Other Institutions	103

Total 1,300

Of the 103 in other institutions, thirty-five have board paid for them.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Library Department.

Thursday, June 16, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln, Prince, and the Librarian.

Communications received: Circular No. 42 from the Mayor; the Librarian's report; petition, signed by Rev. William H. Allbright and others, in regard to Station "K"; from American Statistical Association, offering library of the association as gift; from W. B. Waterman.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to building appropriation, S. H. Woodbridge, \$447.16.

Contract authorized: Smith & Lovett, iron work, \$2,900.

Librarian authorized to order such changes and additions as may be necessary in electric wiring and fixtures incidental to alterations at Central Library building; also to close temporarily from time to time such departments as cannot feasibly be operated during process of such alteration.

Purchases authorized: Miscellaneous articles to the amount of \$113.65.

Certain applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

Friday, June 10, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln and Prince, and the Librarian.

Communications received: Order from City Council, dated May 19.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to general appropriation, amounting to \$5,411.86; chargeable to trust funds, amounting to \$545.11; chargeable to special appropriation "Branch Library, Broadway Extension," amounting to \$32.73.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$333.30; to trust funds, \$352.99; to Station "P," \$3.83; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$15.65; miscellaneous articles, \$375.41.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

Contracts authorized for alterations and apparatus in Central Library Building as follows: With Jenney & Fox; Connery & Wentworth, \$2,160; Smith & Lovett, \$4,530; Lamson Store Service Company, \$2,240 and \$3,500; and Connery & Wentworth, general contract.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, June 23, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of a special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held June 23, 1898:

The Board executed a release to William Minot and Charles S. Rackemann, trustees under the will of Francis V. Balch, from the restrictions contained in a deed of said Balch to the city, dated December 31, 1896, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds.

Plans for the extension of the bath-house at Wood Island Park were submitted by the Architect's Division of the Public Buildings Department, and it was

Voted, To expend \$2,000 for the extension of the bath-house, in accordance with said plans.

Voted, That the Superintendent cause the pumping station and machinery, at Ward's pond, to be advertised for sale.

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Herbert E. Wheat for land taken for North End Playground, for the sum of \$6,750, without interest, upon his giving a deed or release of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department.

Jamaica Park, June 13, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held June 13, 1898:

The Superintendent reported, in response to the petition of Catherine B. Porter and others, that Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of each week be set apart for girls' class work and that the evenings of the same days be given to women at Wood Island Park gymnasium, on condition that the privilege be withdrawn if the attendance is not satisfactory, and it was

Voted, That the Superintendent's recommendation be adopted.

Voted, That the beach adjoining the L-street bath-house, and extending westward about 200 lineal feet, be assigned to the use of the Bath Commission for this season.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to install two additional lights at M-street Playground, for night athletic work.

Voted, That the Franklin Park golf links be closed for golfers on Saturday afternoons and holidays, for the protection of visitors to the park.

Voted, That the Lauriat Avenue Improvement Association be given permission to hold a concert and display of fireworks on Franklin Field, near Lyons street, on the evening of July 4, provided all the arrangements for said events be made satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks, including a sufficient detail of police to maintain order.

Voted, That the Committee on the Seventeenth of June Celebration be permitted to hold an exhibition of fireworks on Charles-town Playground on the evening of June 17, under the supervision of the police.

Voted, That the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association be authorized to hold a parade on the Parkway, between Perkins street and Forest Hills, on the morning of the Fourth of July, provided a suitable detail of police is provided to protect the property of this Department from injury.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to consult Messrs. Hartwell, Richardson & Driver for the preparation of plans for making an outside connection to the men's toilet and a proper screen for the women's lavatory at Franklin Park refectory.

Voted, That the elevations above seventy feet, as shown on the plans for house for William Minot, jr., on Commonwealth avenue, submitted by Peabody & Stearns, be approved, and that the Chairman endorse said approval on the plans.

A proposition from the Bay State Dredging Company, offering to make alterations in gravel filling in construction of beach at Charlestown Heights, for four cents per cubic yard more than the original contract price, was received and accepted.

A petition of Fred H. Annis and William T. Richardson, for the privilege of maintaining a temporary refreshment-stand on land of the Boston Water Power Company, fronting on Audubon road, was received, and the petition rejected.

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Eliza B. Macquarrie for land taken for North End Playground, for the sum of \$12,300, without interest.

Voted, That \$4,814 of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Robert Bacon et al., numbered 69 on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated, provided that the balance of the assessment be paid within thirty days.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, June 20, 1898.

The thirty-second regular meeting of the Trustees was held on June 20, 1898, at 11 A.M.

The Finance Committee reported the advisability of making four additional rooms for officers in one of the unused wards of the Institution Building on Long Island. The construction of such rooms was approved by the Board.

The Hospital Committee reported the need of an additional male nurse and two pupil nurses in the Long Island Hospital. Their employment was authorized.

The Finance Committee was given power to make the water connections at Long Island, as advised by Water Commissioner Murphy.

The following appointments, with monthly salaries, were confirmed:

Henrietta Willis, head-nurse, \$25; Mary Walsh, head-nurse, \$25; Herbert Brown, assistant cook, \$25; Louise Wright, assistant cook, \$15; Nora Keliher, cook, \$25; Annie Moore, head-nurse, \$25; Benjamin Haydock, nurse, \$20; Elizabeth Sullivan, second-year probationer, \$12.

The following votes were passed:

Voted, That Mr. E. C. Marshall, Acting-Registrar, be and hereby is authorized to sign, as agent for the Pauper Institutions Trustees, notices to the State Board of Lunacy and Charity, required by the provisions of Chapter 86, Section 25, Public Statutes, for such sick State poor as may be in charge of said Pauper Institutions Trustees.

Voted, That Mr. E. C. Marshall, Acting-Registrar, be and hereby is authorized to sign, as agent for the Pauper Institutions Trustees, notices to the Overseers of the Poor of cities and towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, required by the provisions of Chapter 84, Section 28, Pub-

lic Statutes, for such persons in distress and in need of immediate relief, whose lawful settlement is claimed in cities or towns other than the City of Boston.

Voted, That Mr. E. C. Marshall, Acting-Registrar, be requested to furnish the Pauper Institutions Trustees with the names of all persons at present inmates of the almshouses at Long Island and Charlestown, whose Boston settlement is lost by Chapter 425, Acts of 1898.

Number of inmates at Long Island on June 18, 1898:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	75	140	215
Children	3	5	8
In Dormitory:			
Adults	—	197	197
Children	2	2	4
In Institution	193	—	193
Total	273	344	617

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June 21, 1898.

A special meeting, for the appointment of a Superintendent for the Charlestown Almshouse, was held on June 21, 1898, at 10 A.M., and Miss Sarah Greenleaf Weeden was appointed to the position.

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, June 20.

The Board issued an order of notice of its intention to lay out Bennington street and extend it; returnable for a hearing at their office July 5, at 11 o'clock.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Waumbek street.

An order was received from the School Committee requesting the Street Commissioners to take land for an addition to the Charlestown High School lot.

Petitions were received for sewers in Bray street, at Roxbury; Jones and Mendum streets, at West Roxbury; and Rosemary street, at West Roxbury.

Tuesday, June 21.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to locate a new channel for the Canterbury branch of Stony Brook, at Dorchester and West Roxbury, between Franklin Field and Brook street, hearing July 6, 1898, at 11 o'clock, in their office; to locate a new channel for Mattapan Brook, from West Selden street to Blue Hill avenue, hearing July 7, 1898, at 11 o'clock, at their office; to lay out Fowler street, at Dorchester, from Glenway street to Greenwood street, and construct the same, hearing July 7, 1898, at 11 o'clock, in their office; to extend Albano street, at Roxbury, from Washington street to Amherst street, and construct the same, hearing July 7, 1898, at 11 o'clock, at their office.

A catch-basin was ordered to be built in Cambridge street.

A petition was received for catch-basins in Lanark and Kilsyth roads.

It was voted to pay Emma F. Walsh \$650, for damages occasioned her estate by the

laying out of St. Martin street, at Charlestown, the Mayor having approved her agreement to accept that sum.

Wednesday, June 22.

It was voted, after consultation with the Law Department, to pay Elizabeth M. Fisher and others, the sum of \$10,000, and interest from May 1, 1895, for damages occasioned their estate by the widening of Blue Hill avenue.

A catch-basin was ordered built in Clapp street.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out and construct Ashley avenue, at East Boston, with the name of Ashley street; hearing July 8, at 11 o'clock, in Commissioners' office.

North Harvard street, at Brighton, from Western avenue to the Charles River, was ordered relocated and constructed.

Thursday, June 23.

A petition was received for a sewer in Eaton square, Dorchester.

Sewers were ordered built in Nottingham, Raven and Homes streets, at Dorchester.

Public hearings were given in the matter of relocating Geneva avenue, at Dorchester, between Bowdoin street and Olney street, and constructing the same; in the matter of laying out and constructing Esmond street, at Dorchester, from Blue Hill avenue, and over a private way known as Sanborn avenue; in the matter of laying out Homes avenue, at Dorchester, from Bowdoin street, and constructing the same.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out and construct Middleton avenue, at Dorchester, from Norfolk street; hearing July 8, at 11 o'clock, in the Commissioners' office.

A catch-basin was ordered built in Bakersfield street, and a culvert in Commonwealth avenue, Brighton; sewers were ordered to be built in Spring street (Parental Home), and in a passageway leading from Cumberland street.

A petition was received for a sewer in Vaughn avenue, at Dorchester, between Geneva avenue and Devon street.

It was voted, after consultation with the Law Department, to pay Lucy A. Stockbridge the sum of \$500, without interest, for all damages occasioned to her estate by the relocation of Harold street.

Thursday, June 16.

Petitions were received for sewers in Whitford street, and in Darling street; and for a catch-basin in Howard avenue.

A sewer was ordered built in Barry street.

It was voted to pay John Higgins \$1,100 for all land taken from, and damages occasioned to his estate by the laying out of Columbia road; the Mayor having approved his agreement to accept the same.

A petition was received for laying out Brackett street.

Tuesday, June 14.

Sewers were ordered to be built in Walnut avenue, Beech Glen street, Norfolk and Evelyn streets; and catch-basins in Tremont and Calumet streets and Norfolk street.

Petitions were received for sewers in Westbourne road, and Massasoit avenue; and a catch-basin in Hunneman street.

On recommendation of the Law Department, it was voted to pay E. A. Whitmore \$19,517 and interest from January 1, 1897,

at 5 per cent., for damages occasioned his estate by the extension of Boylston street.

Monday, June 13.

The Board issued an order of notice of their intention to relocate South-street footway, at Roslindale station.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Troy street and in Brandon street.

It was voted to pay Charles H. Clark and J. Homer Pierce, trustees, \$2,500 for all land taken from, and all damages occasioned to their estate by the laying out of Columbia road; agreement to accept that sum having been approved by the Mayor.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Harvard street, Dorchester, and Beech street, West Roxbury.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

HOSPITAL SHIP.

The following statement has been issued by the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association:

TO THE PEOPLE OF MASSACHUSETTS:

It is the record of this Commonwealth that in every war in which the nation has engaged, Massachusetts has cared for her sick and wounded soldiers and sailors. The friends at home of the men in the field in this war desire to continue, and, if possible, improve upon the relief work carried so successfully forward in the War of the Rebellion under the Sanitary Commission.

To this end Governor Wolcott caused the formation of the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association soon after the declaration of war with Spain. The Executive Committee thereof have since been devising ways and means to organize and carry forward relief work to aid the soldiers and sailors from Massachusetts, who are now serving in the army and navy of the United States.

After consulting the military and medical authorities, National and State, the committee has decided that the most efficient and practical help can be afforded by providing a steamship that shall serve as a floating hospital, supply ship and transport for the sick and wounded. This vessel will be equipped with a plant to manufacture ice (an article much needed for the sick in tropical climates), provided with cold storage to carry fresh food, well stored with medical supplies, and will have on board experienced surgeons and trained nurses ready for any emergency of battle or disease. It will also serve as a transport to bring back sick or wounded soldiers, either from Cuban battlefields or Southern camps, to hospitals or places of refuge nearer their homes in the invigorating climate of Massachusetts.

Such a ship has been secured. Her name will be the "Bay State," and she is admirably adapted for the work of a relief ship.

She will sail under the Red Cross flag, and thus protected from hostile interference, she will carry substantial comforts and the good will of our people to the sick men at the front.

To fit out, man and run this ship is the special work of the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association, and to accomplish this good purpose we cordially invite the earnest co-operation of all the patriotic men and women of Massachusetts.

To change and adapt the ship for this special work and properly equip her will cost probably \$35,000. To supply and pay her running expenses will probably require \$5,000 a month, and it is necessary to prepare at the outset for at least a year's service, for, whatever the events of the war may be, we shall certainly have for that period sick and disabled soldiers to care for. Therefore, \$100,000 will be required.

The first appeal of the committee is for money, and it respectfully asks each person to give what he or she can afford for this definite purpose. There will also be needed many supplies of clothing, which can be made by the women of the Commonwealth, patterns and samples of which will be furnished to clubs and societies for this purpose.

The ship is now at the Atlantic Works, being fitted for the service she is to render, and the work of preparation will be vigorously pushed.

Make your donations generous, and send promptly to Colonel Henry L. Higginson, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association, 50 State street, Boston, Mass.

EBEN S. DRAPER,
NATHANIEL THAYER,
J. MALCOLM FORBES,
J. MONTGOMERY SEARS,
DUDLEY L. PICKMAN,
I. T. BURR,
HENRY PARKMAN,
Finance Committee.

FIREMEN'S CONTRIBUTION.

The following is a copy of the letter of the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association, in acknowledgment of money contributed by the Fire Department for the relief of soldiers at the front:

Boston, June 25, 1898.

COL. HENRY S. RUSSELL, Commissioner
Boston Fire Department.

DEAR SIR: I have your favor of June 24, with \$1,089.05 contributed by the Boston Fire Department to the fund in my hands for the Massachusetts soldiers at the front in the present war, which no doubt means the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association, as this association, appointed by the Governor, has the work in hand.

I beg to thank you sincerely for this very generous gift of the Fire Department, and beg that you will say as much to the brave and faithful men under your command.

Very truly yours,

HENRY L. HIGGINSON.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, June 13, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending June 11, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	3	-	-	-	1	3	-	4	-	
2...	5	2	-	-	-	3	2	-	3	5	
3...	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	
4...	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	
5...	-	6	2	-	-	1	6	1	-	-	
6...	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	6	33	
7...	-	3	-	2	-	1	6	1	15	53	
8...	-	5	1	-	-	-	5	-	3	8	
9...	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	9	17	
10...	-	2	-	-	3	-	3	-	6	12	
11...	8	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	4	13	
12...	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	
13...	-	3	-	1	-	1	2	-	1	5	
14...	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	5	
15...	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	5	
16...	-	3	-	-	2	4	3	-	3	6	
17...	1	4	4	-	13	-	4	-	5	5	
18...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	7	2	
19...	8	-	-	-	-	7	1	-	1	3	
20...	7	3	-	1	-	9	3	4	13	41	
21...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	28	
22...	4	4	-	-	-	4	2	-	7	10	
23...	5	-	4	-	-	7	-	1	10	14	
24...	4	4	2	-	-	4	5	1	12	20	
25...	5	1	-	-	-	3	1	3	5	12	
T'ls..	52	56	14	5	24	45	60	14	126	300	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, June 27, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending June 25, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	133
Number of discharges of mortgages	23
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	8
Number of assignments of wages	40
Number of married women's certificates,	8
Number of bills of sale	7
Number of assignments	4
Number of attachments	1

The following accident notices were filed:

June 20 — Lucy D. McGraw, personal injuries from alleged defect in sidewalk, opposite 94 Jamaica street, on May 28, 1898.

June 21 — Mary E. Hunt, personal injuries, caused by uncovered manhole, corner Court and Hanover streets, May 23,

1898; Annie B. Dares, personal injuries from alleged defect in Main street, near Baldwin street, Charlestown, June 7, 1898; Isabel S. Harrington, personal injuries from alleged defect in Dartmouth street, near Tremont street, June 15, 1898.

June 22—Ruth Sanderson, damage to dress, caused by crushing machine, corner Harrison avenue and Dudley street, June 21, 1898.

City Hall, June 20, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending June 18, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	103
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of discharges of mortgages	16
Number of assignments of mortgages	6
Number of assignments of wages	36
Number of married women's certificates	11
Number of ship liens	3
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	8
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of attachments	2

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, June 27, 1898.

The following official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending June 25:

There have been purchased of Welch & Hall two horses for \$130 each, and of A. W. Davis one horse for \$155.

Special drafts have been drawn on the City Auditor, as follows:

Public Buildings Department (Electrical Construction Division), \$6,255.86, for construction and material, mostly on account of severe storm of January 31 and February 1.

L. K. Marston, \$889, balance due on construction of new Engine House 30.

The following fire-alarm boxes have been established:

Box 356, corner Greenbrier and Tona-wanda streets; Box 375, corner Bernard and Kerwin streets; Box 376, corner Erie and Elmo streets; Box 377, corner Waterlow and Elmont streets; Box 85 has been changed from former location to corner of Tremont and Paul streets.

James T. Flavin, Ladder Company 5, has been granted a veteran's certificate for seven successive years' service in this Department.

An order has been drawn for 5,560 feet of cable, for salt-water fire service.

Ordered, That Joseph H. Egan, driver for Chief of District 3, forfeit two weeks' pay for making statements to his officers without qualification, which threw suspicion on his fellow-firemen.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, June 25, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Sarah Cohen, rear 127 Paris street, Ward 2, six horses; hearing July 7, at 11 o'clock.

Margaret F. Murray, wharf, 484 Albany street, Ward 9, eight horses; hearing July 7, at 11 o'clock. Ann McNealy, 63 Marsh-field street, Ward 23, six horses; hearing July 7, at 11 o'clock. James Swan, 243 Bowdoin street, Ward 20, three horses; hearing July 7, at 11 o'clock. James Foley, 102 Shirley street, Ward 17, one horse; hearing July 14, at 11 o'clock.

The petition of James A. Colson, for the occupancy of a stable on wharf, rear of 187 Medford street, Charlestown, for one horse, was granted.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending June 24:

Steers	195
New England cows	29
New England bulls	1
Sheep	526
Calves	567

Total 1,318

Remarks—470 pounds of tuberculous beef were condemned.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions, during the week ending Saturday, June 25, 1898:

Four hundred and eighty-two pounds of poultry; 378 pounds of fish; forty-seven pounds of veal; four baskets of squashes; thirty-two bushels of beans; forty-eight bushels of potatoes; one and one-half barrels of clams.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending June 25, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
Positive	6	13	19
Negative	23	7	30
Total	29	20	49

Old Court House, June 18, 1898.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

S. H. Whitwell, 329 Newbury street, Ward 11, ten horses; L. E. H. Jones, 449 Dorchester avenue, Ward 15, two horses; C. W. & F. A. Davis, rear 332 Washington street, Ward 25, four horses; Patrick Cullen, Orange street, Ward 23, two horses; Joseph M. Leonard, 64 Colberg avenue, Ward 23, two horses; Emil W. Keene, Knoll street, Ward 23, one horse.

The following applications for stable permits have been received:

M. F. Clarke, Bremen street, Ward 1, two horses; hearing June 30, at 11 A.M. Francis Raycroft, 118 Minot street, one additional horse and six cows; hearing June 30, at 11 A.M. Ella R. Searles, Baker street, Ward 23, one horse; hearing June 30, at 11 A.M. Abraham Glass, Malden street, Ward 9, 120 horses; hearing June 30, at 11 A.M. Edward MaGee, 281 Mt. Vernon street, Ward 23, three cows and one horse; hearing June 30, at 11 A.M. Sarah Cohen, rear 127 Paris street, Ward 2, six horses; hearing July 7, at 11 A.M.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending June 17:

Steers	189
New England cows	2
New England bulls	2
Sheep	3
Calves	365
Total	561

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending June 18, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	6	5	11
Negative	23	11	34
No growth	1	0	—
Totals	30	16	46

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, June 27, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending June 25, 1898:

Cases pending	4
Number of applications	88
Number of admissions:	—
To State Almshouse	36
Long Island Almshouse	25
Charlestown Almshouse	2
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	4
Boston Insane Hospital	4
Westboro' Insane Hos-	
pital	5
Foxboro' Asylum	3
Worcester Lunatic Hos-	
pital	1
State Farm, Insane,	
Bridgewater	1
	81
Number of applications refused	2
Number of applications withdrawn	7
Cases pending	2
Legal settlements investigated	94

Statistics for the week ending June 18, 1898:

Cases pending	0
Number of applications	84
Number of admissions:	84
To State Almshouse	23
Long Island Almshouse	20
Charlestown Almhouse	2
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	5
Boston Insane Hospital,	6
Westboro' Insane Hospi-	
tal	7
Foxboro' Asylum	6
Epileptic Hospital,	
Monson	1
	70
Number of applications refused	3
Number of applications withdrawn	7
Cases pending	4
Legal settlements investigated	96

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

Statistics for week ending June 11, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	221	6
Females	37	4
Totals	258	10
Offences:		
Against the person . .	11	3
Against property . . .	13	2
Against public order and decency	236	6
Totals	*260	†11
Discharges:		
Males	166	17
Females	24	4
Totals	190	21
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence .	125	20
Payment of fine	23	1
Permit of Commissioner,	42	0
Totals	190	21
Population:		
June 6, 1898.	1,563	566
Admitted since June 6, 1898	258	10
Totals	1,821	575
Discharged since June 6, 1898	190	21
June 11, 1898	1,631	554

* Two men committed on two offences each.
† One man charged with two offences.

Statistics for week ending June 18, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	218	35
Females	41	5
Totals	259	40
Offences:		
Against the person . .	16	6
Against property . . .	13	28
Against public order and decency	233	8
Totals	*262	†42
Discharges:		
Males	199	6
Females	20	5
Totals	219	11
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence,	131	11
Permit of Commis- sioner	52	-
Payment of fine	36	-
Totals	219	11
Population:		
June 13, 1898	1,631	554
Committed since June 13, 1898	259	40
Totals	1,890	594
Discharged since June 13, 1898	219	11
June 18, 1898	1,671	583

* Three men charged with two offences each.
† Two men charged with two offences each.

APPOINTMENTS.

Minnie H. McLean, to position of watch-
woman at House of Correction, Deer Island,
to fill vacancy caused by promotion of
Tressie M. Phillips.

Tressie M. Phillips, to position of laundry
matron at House of Correction, Deer Island,
to fill vacancy caused by resignation of J. E.
Belcher.

James McKenna, to position of watch-
man at House of Correction, Deer Island, to
fill vacancy caused by transfer of James
Duryea.

John R. Gove, to position of cook at
House of Correction, Deer Island, to fill
vacancy caused by resignation of John
Jensen.

Ellen M. Dwyer, to position of nurse at
House of Correction, Deer Island.

Mabel Surdez, to position of nurse at
House of Correction, Deer Island.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner

Building Department.

Old Court House, June 20, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number
of permits granted, material of buildings and
nature of permits, and plans approved and
disapproved, for the week ending June 18,
1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	
2...	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	6	-	
3...	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
5...	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	
6...	-	4	-	-	1	-	3	-	6	25	
7...	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	5	16	
8...	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	3	9	
9...	-	1	-	-	2	-	2	-	4	13	
10...	1	5	-	-	1	-	5	1	5	32	
11...	1	2	1	-	-	-	2	-	6	23	
12...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	14	
13...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	4	
14...	-	2	-	-	-	3	3	-	4	7	
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	
16...	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	15	
17...	4	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	6	16	
18...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	
19...	2	2	-	-	3	5	2	-	-	4	
20...	1	4	-	-	-	5	-	2	5	52	
21...	2	5	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	30	
22...	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	3	13	
23...	6	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	5	
24...	-	1	-	3	-	3	2	-	1	31	
25...	1	-	1	2	-	3	2	-	4	25	
T'ls..	22	40	4	5	12	23	38	7	80	350	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, June 27, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work
of this Department for the week ending
June 25, 1898:

OVERHEAD, DEAD WIRE AND INTERIOR DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	612
Defects reported	83
Defects found corrected	34
Notices of new work received	114
Dead wire removed (feet)	14,800

Inspections of temporary wiring at the
various theatres have been made.

Electric car fire June 22, 8.30 P.M., cor-
ner L and Fourth streets, has been investi-
gated, and was found to be due to defective
insulation around motor box.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals of permits for open-
ings have been granted, as follows:

Conduit construction	11
Building connections	8
Lamp connections	3
Repairs	3
Ground connections	9

Inspections have been made, as follows:

Building connections	39
Construction	39
Lamp connections	8
Post connections	2
Repairs	3
Cable drawings	31
Installations of underground transformers, .	3

Progress of work:

Conduit completed	9,046
Duct laid	53,303
Manholes built	49
Service connections	57
Feet of cable drawn in	18,238

Old Court House, June 20, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work
performed by this Department for the two
weeks ending June 18, 1898:

OVERHEAD, DEAD WIRE AND INTERIOR DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	928
Defects reported	173
Defects found corrected	146
Notices of new work received	208
Dead wire removed (feet)	22,700

Temporary wiring at the various theatres
has been inspected.

Fire at No. 6 Dorchester avenue, reported
as being probably due to electrical causes,
was found to be due to other causes.

Tree fire reported by Fire Department on
June 8, at the corner of Shawmut avenue
and Briggs place, was found to be due to
contact of high-tension wires with tree
limbs.

The following electric fires have been in-
vestigated and reported on:

June 13, 17-19 Meridian street; June 13,
8 Boylston square; June 14, 71 Highland
street; June 18, Blue Hill avenue and Inter-
vale street.

The Department responded to box No.
628, June 17, 8.10 P.M., fire No. 141 Sum-
ner street.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals of permits have been granted, as follows:

Conduit construction	9
Building connections	33
Lamp connections	8
Post connections	5
Repairs	6

Inspections have been made, as follows:

Conduit construction	46
Building connections	30
Lamp connections	14
Post connections	7
Repairs	11
Cable drawings	54
Installations of underground transformers, .	5

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	5,413
Feet of duct laid	29,337
Cable drawn in	21,561
Manholes built	29
Service connections made	39

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 27, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the stream or water-course at Dorchester, known as Tenean Creek, be located anew, from Brent street to Kenwood street, and that any parts of the original channel from which said water-course may be diverted between said points be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twelfth day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 21, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a new channel be located for the stream or water-course, at Dorchester, known as Mattapan Brook, from West Selden street to Blue Hill avenue at the crossing of the New England Railroad, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the seventh day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 27, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that the stream or water-course at Dorchester, known as Tenean Creek be located anew, between Gorham street and Dorchester avenue, and that any parts of the original channel from which said water-course may be diverted between said points be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twelfth day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, June 16, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

King street, between Neponset avenue and Train street, Ward 24.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the eleventh day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD, Dorchester Beacon, Boston Post.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 23, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating about 820 linear feet of macadam roadway in Oakley street, between Bowdoin street and Geneva avenue, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$600 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, June 30, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 23, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating about 700 linear feet of macadam roadway in Malvern street, between Brighton avenue and Ashford street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$500 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, June 30, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 27, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that a sewer outlet for Idaho street, at Dorchester, be constructed in private lands, between River street and the Metropolitan Sewer,—and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twelfth day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 27, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 21-23 West Broadway, Ward 13, one bay window of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over Broadway. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 14 feet wide, and 18 inches over line of street.

ALBERT C. HALEY,

21 West Broadway.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the eleventh day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the South Boston News and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 24, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Middleton avenue, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway with the name of Middleton street, from Norfolk street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the eighth day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 27, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 59 to 71 Ferrin street, Ward 3, eight bay windows, of wood, of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over Ferrin street; also a cornice, 20 inches over said street. Dimensions of windows: Each 24 feet high, 13 feet wide, and 3 feet over line of street.

THOMAS F. McMANUS,

39 Mt. Vernon street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the eleventh day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 16, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 2 Bond street, corner Milford street, Ward 9, one bay window of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over Milford street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 12 feet wide, and 3 feet over line of street.

DAVID F. BARRY,
By J. M. BARRY,
5 Taylor street

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 20, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Wednesday, the sixth day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 23, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,556 linear feet of sewer work in Evelyn street, outlet in Norfolk street, Dorchester, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, June 30, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$250, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 22, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Ashley avenue, at East Boston, be laid out, from Breed street to Walley street, as a highway with the name of Ashley street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel, or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the eighth day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for erecting and completing a high school building at East Boston, for the City of Boston. A satisfactory bond in the sum of thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of John Lyman Faxon, No. 7 Exchange place, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of July 14, 1898, with a certified check for three thousand (\$3,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston; this check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

THOMAS F. STRANGE,
Chairman of the Committee on School-Houses.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDINANCES OF 1898—CHAPTER 8—CONCERNING
THE DEPARTMENT OF BATHS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER ONE OF THE ORDINANCES OF 1898, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF BATHS."

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 2 of Chapter 1 of the Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Said Board shall establish and maintain bath-houses and gymnasia, and shall have the care and custody of all bath-houses, whether for all-the-year-around use, or floating bath-houses in salt water for summer use, and of all gymnasia, other than those situated on parks or playgrounds and placed by statute under the control of the Park Department, now or hereafter established by the city, and shall have the care and custody of all urinals or public convenience stations now or hereafter established by the city, and shall have and exercise over such baths and urinals all the powers now vested in the Board of Health."

IN COMMON COUNCIL, May 26, 1898.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, June 14, 1898.

Concurred. JOSEPH A. CONRY, Chairman.

Approved June 21, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

A true copy. Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 25, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,193 linear feet of sewer work in Ipswich street, between Charlesgate West and Boylston road, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, July 1, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 25, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 134, 136 and 138 Bowdoin street, Ward 20, three bay windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, two over Bowdoin street and one over Geneva avenue. Dimensions: Each 22 feet high, 8 feet 4 inches wide, and 2 feet over line of street.

CARL S. NIELSON,
27 State street, Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the eleventh day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order thereon, in the Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD, 611 Washington street, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 27, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 250 linear feet of sewer work in Mascot street, between Jones avenue and Mountain avenue, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, July 1, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$100, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 21, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a new channel for the Canterbury Branch of Stony Brook be located, at Dorchester and West Roxbury, between Franklin Field and the main channel of said Stony Brook, near Brook street, at West Roxbury, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the sixth day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 20, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that there be laid out, at East Boston, as a part of Bennington street, a highway including Bennington street from its junction with Chelsea street to its junction with Walley street, Walley street from its junction with Bennington street to its junction with Leyden street, Leyden street from its junction with Walley street to its junction with Beachmont avenue, and Beachmont avenue from its junction with Leyden street to Belle Isle Inlet, and that said highway be constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, including Chapter 319 of the Acts of 1897, and by authority of Chapter 226 of the Acts of 1898—and that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fifth day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

BATHS DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited by the Bath Commission of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for the erection of a Gymnasium Building, Commonwealth Park, South Boston, according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department, Room 70, City Hall; a satisfactory bond in the sum of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said Architectural Division, Room 70, City Hall, sign the proposal and leave it in a sealed envelope marked "Proposal for the erection of a Gymnasium Building, Commonwealth Park, South Boston," at the office of the Bath Commission, 64 Pemberton Square, Boston, before 12 o'clock M., of Wednesday, July 6, 1898, with a certified check for one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston. This check is to be the property of the City of Boston if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The Bath Commission hereby reserve the right to reject any and all bids or to accept the one deemed best for the city.

THOMAS J. LANE, Chairman Bath Commission.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



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BOSTON, THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1898.

Number 27.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filed in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale by the W. B. Clarke Company—Park Street Church stores A and B, Park and Tremont streets.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
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611 WASHINGTON STREET.

The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Registry Department for the year 1897, constituting City Document No. 30, has recently been issued. The following is an abstract of its principal features:

According to the books of the office there were recorded during the year 16,973 births, including 280 children of parents usually residing out of the city, and 34 born out of town of Boston parents; 6,790 intentions of marriage; 6,062 marriages solemnized in Boston; 846 marriages of citizens married elsewhere in the States, including 115 marriages of citizens married out of the State; 11,170 deaths; 640 still-born children.

The following table compares the above statistics with previous years:

	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
Births	14,602	15,401	15,613	16,484	16,973
Intentions	6,564	6,251	6,799	7,043	6,790
Marriages	5,755	5,464	5,932	6,318	6,062
Deaths	11,713	11,531	11,331	11,650	11,170

The financial statement of the Department for the year ending January 31, 1898, is as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Cash on hand February 1, 1897 . .	\$265 50
Appropriation for 1897	30,000 00
Received for marriage licenses from February 1, 1897, to January 31, 1898	3,381 50
Total	\$33,647 00

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries regular employees	\$20,612 88
Collecting births of 1895	1,791 49
Binding records in office	1,220 48
Printing and stationery	1,319 88
Sundries	1,053 85
Transfer by Auditor, January, 1898	4,001 42
Paid physicians for 12,905 births, at 25 cents, reported from February 1, 1897, to February 1, 1898	3,226 25
Cash paid City Collector	300 00
	\$33,526 25
Cash balance February 1, 1898 . .	120 75

Chapter 444 of the Acts of 1897, relating to the registry and return of births, marriages and deaths, came into effect on January 1, 1898, and as yet, it is too soon to decide upon its practical working.

Two new acts concerning the Department were passed by the Legislature of 1898. Chapter 389 provides for official seals for the City Registrar of Boston and for the clerks of towns, such seals to be used in attesting copies of records. Chapter 510 inflicts a penalty upon certain officials if they do not use in certain cases the standard ink, approved by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Other necessary legislation has failed to receive the approval of the Legislature. Especial regret is felt that no action was taken on a bill providing for a special census in Boston, to record statistics respecting the families of present residents. Every year suffered to pass before the enactment of such a law, destroys a mass of evidence.

In the immediate future it will be necessary to enter upon a large measure of copying our defective records. The ink used in the early seventies is rapidly fading from the pages and copies must be made.

The present law concerning the obtaining of death records is very defective and should be amended.

The following publications of ancient records are in the printer's hands:

Two volumes of the Record Commissioner's Reports; the second volume of marriages (1751-1800); Aspinwall's Note Book; Suffolk Court Records.

In the appendices of the report is given a lengthy list of noteworthy persons who died in Boston during the year 1897.

RANDIDGE EXCURSIONS.

The following is a schedule prepared by the Penal Institutions Commissioner, with regard to the Children's Excursions, provided by the City of Boston from the Randidge Fund:

JULY.

July 5—North End schools; St. Andrew's M. E. Church, Jamaica Plain.
July 6—Brighton Congregational Church.

July 7—Gate of Heaven Church.
July 8—Union Church; Shawmut Chapel.
July 9—Mt. Vernon Church; Central Congregational Church; Park-street Church.
July 11—Marcella-street Home; St. Philip's Church.
July 12—South Congregational Church; Phillips Congregational Church.
July 13—North Bennet-street Club; North End Mission.
July 14—St. Joseph's, St. John's, St. Hugh's Churches.
July 15—Maverick Congregational Church; United Presbyterian Church.
July 16—St. James Church, Harrison avenue.
July 18—St. Francis de Sales Church.
July 19—Every-Day Church.
July 20—First Reformed Presbyterian Sunday School; Roxbury Presbyterian Sunday School; Friends Church.
July 21—St. Patrick's Church, Roxbury.
July 22—Grace Church, South Boston; Lenox-street Congregational Chapel.
July 23—Morgan Chapel.
July 25—Church of Blessed Sacrament.
July 26—Berkeley Temple; Clarendon-street Baptist Church.
July 27—Church of Immaculate Conception.
July 28—St. Stephen's Church.
July 29—St. Mark's Congregational Church; Hawes Unitarian Church, South Boston.
July 30—Assumption Church, East Boston.

AUGUST.

August 1—Barnard Memorial Church; St. John's Episcopal Church, East Boston; St. Mary's Episcopal Church, East Boston.
August 2—First Presbyterian Church, East Boston; Baker Congregational Church.
August 3—St. Margaret's Church, Brighton; St. Andrew's House.
August 4—St. Catherine's Church, Charlestown.
August 5—Ruggles-street Church; Messiah's Church, Shawmut avenue.
August 6—St. Vincent's Church, South Boston.
August 8—Baptist Tabernacle; Harvard-street Baptist Church.
August 9—Highland Congregational Church; First Universalist Society of Roxbury; Dorchester Temple Baptist Church.
August 10—Benevolent Fraternity of Churches (Bulfinch-place Church, North End Mission and Parker Memorial included).
August 11—St. Francis de Sales, Charlestown.
August 12—Ebenezer Baptist Church; St. Paul's Baptist Church.
August 13—St. Joseph's, West End.
August 15—City Point M. E. Church; German M. E. Church; First M. E. Church, Temple street; Allston M. E. Church.
August 16—Salvation Army.
August 17—Emerald-street Parish; Ruggles-street Church.
August 18—St. Mary's Church, North End.
August 19—Morgan Chapel.
August 20—Assumption Church, East Boston.

August 22—Cathedral, Washington street.
 August 23—Charles-street A. M. E. Church;
 A. M. E. Zion Church.
 August 24—St. Joseph's, St. John's, St.
 Hugh's churches.
 August 25—Star of the Sea Church, East
 Boston.
 August 26—Revere-street M. E. Church; Cal-
 vary Baptist Church.
 August 27—St. Peter's Church.
 August 29—St. James Church, Harrison
 avenue.
 August 30—Protestant churches of Charles-
 town.
 August 31—Home for Destitute Catholic
 Children.

SINKING-FUNDS DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Commissioners of Sinking
 Funds, in its Annual Report for the year
 ending January 31, 1898, makes the follow-
 ing statement, showing the transactions
 during the year:

Amount of cash in treasury January 31, 1897	\$2,515,537 13
Receipts during the year	4,874,163 99
	\$7,389,701 12
Payments during the year	3,199,681 15
	\$4,190,019 97
Amount of cash January 31, 1898	\$22,851,050
Total amount of investments January 31, 1897	2,278,300
Investments purchased during the year	1,741,000
Investments matured during the year	23,388,350 00
Amount of funds January 31, 1898 . . .	\$27,578,369 97

ASSESSABLE POLLS.

The following table shows by wards the
 number of assessable polls on May 1, 1898,
 as taken from the Assessors' list, compared
 with the number on May 1, 1897:

WARDS.	May 1, 1897. Polls.	May 1, 1898. Polls.	Increase.	Decrease.
1.	6,307	6,289	18	
2.	6,224	6,452	228	
3.	4,144	4,229	85	
4.	4,018	3,991	27	
5.	4,291	4,286	5	
6.	7,702	8,522	820	
7.	5,466	4,953	513	
8.	7,465	7,573	108	
9.	7,656	8,060	404	
10.	7,277	7,068	209	
11.	5,845	6,187	342	
12.	6,120	6,141	21	
13.	7,461	7,494	33	
14.	5,850	5,950	100	
15.	5,133	5,354	221	
16.	5,293	5,420	127	
17.	6,758	6,887	129	
18.	7,024	7,063	39	
19.	6,802	6,983	181	
20.	6,966	7,572	606	
21.	6,321	6,336	15	
22.	6,745	6,862	117	
23.	5,618	5,806	188	
24.	6,521	7,004	483	
25.	5,262	5,646	384	
Totals	154,269	158,128	4,631	772

The list of polls is a most extensive docu-
 ment. It contains 4,800 pages, or approx-
 imately 7,526,400 ems, of printed matter.
 In the preparation of the list at the
 Municipal Printing Plant, sixty persons
 were steadily employed for a period of five
 weeks.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee held a regular
 meeting in the School Committee Chamber,
 Mason street, Thursday, June 30, 1898, at
 7.30 P.M. Mr. Allen was elected President
 pro tempore.

The Chair read the following:

(1.) IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 20, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee be
 requested to cause the immediate removal
 of the old and dilapidated buildings now
 standing on land of the City of Boston,
 in Athelwold street, Ward 20; the same
 being a menace to the neighborhood.

Passed. Approved by the Mayor, June
 21, 1898.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
 Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School-
 houses.

(2.) IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 14, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee be
 requested to make arrangements for keeping
 all, or as many as possible, of the school
 yards open during the summer vacation, for
 use as playgrounds for children.

Passed in Common Council, June 9. Came
 up for concurrence. Concurred. Approved
 by the Mayor, June 16, 1898.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
 Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School-
 houses.

(3.) STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

June 28, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMIT-
 TEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

In compliance with the request contained
 in your order of May 24, 1898, the Board of
 Street Commissioners have to-day taken, for
 school purposes, an addition to the Charles-
 town High School lot, 3,255 square feet,
 more or less, of land on Monument square
 and Cedar street, and their decree of taking
 has been this day recorded in the Registry
 of Deeds.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

On the recommendation of the Commit-
 tee on Nominations, the Board voted to
 accept the resignations of four teachers; to
 confirm the nominations of three temporary
 teachers, and of six teachers on probation;
 to confirm the nominations of four perma-
 nent teachers; and to grant leave of absence
 to one teacher.

The Board elected the following-named
 persons Principals of Evening Schools, for
 the term 1898-99, their term of service to
 begin September 26, 1898:

Benjamin Tenney, head-master Evening
 High School; John D. Philbrick, Bigelow
 School; John E. Butler, Comins School;
 John S. Richardson, Dearborn School; Wal-
 ter Mooers, Eliot School; Augustine L.
 Rafter, Franklin School; Gustavus F. Guild,
 Lincoln School; Orris L. Beverage, Mather
 School; Alanson H. Mayers, Quincy School;
 John A. Brett, Washington Allston School;
 Charles E. Harris, Wells School. On the
 recommendation of the Board of Super-
 visors—Herbert L. Morse, Lyman School;
 Walter L. Harrington, Warren School. On
 the recommendation of the Committee on
 Evening Schools—Henry H. Folsom, Ly-
 man School; James H. Leary, Warren
 School. Accepted.

On the recommendation of the Committee
 on School-houses, it was ordered:

(1.) That the use of the King-street
 School-house be granted to Carleton Hunne-
 man for a vacation school, during the months
 of July and August, the same to be without
 expense to the city.

(2.) That the plans and specifications
 prepared by Andrews, Jaques & Rantoul,
 architects, for the grading of the playgrounds
 of the West Roxbury High School having
 been approved by the Superintendent of
 Schools, be accepted, and they are hereby
 approved by this Board, and the Committee
 on School-houses is hereby authorized to
 advertise for proposals to grade said play-
 grounds in accordance with said plans and
 specifications, and to make, in behalf of this
 Board, the necessary contracts for such
 work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

(3.) That the plans prepared by Whit-
 man & Hood, architects, for the erection
 of an eight-room primary school-house on
 Webster avenue, be accepted, and the same
 are hereby approved by this Board; and the
 said Whitman & Hood are hereby selected
 and employed to supervise the construction
 and erection of said school-house in accord-
 ance with said plans, and the Committee on
 School-houses is hereby authorized to adver-
 tise for proposals to construct and erect
 the same in a proper and workmanlike manner
 in accordance with said plans, and to prepare
 and submit to this Board for approval, as
 soon as practicable, necessary and proper
 contracts for that purpose.

(4.) That the plans and specifications for
 a High School-house, South Boston, prepared
 by Herbert D. Hale, architect, having been
 approved by the Superintendent of Schools,
 be accepted, and the same are hereby ap-
 proved by this Board, and the said Herbert
 D. Hale is hereby selected and employed to
 supervise the construction and erection of
 said school-house in accordance with said
 plans and specifications; and the Committee
 on School-houses is hereby authorized to ad-
 vertise for proposals to construct and erect
 the same in accordance with said plans and
 specifications, and to make, on behalf of this
 Board, the necessary contracts for such
 work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to
 whom was referred, June 30, a communica-
 tion from the City Council, requesting the
 School Committee to make arrangements
 for keeping all, or as many as possible, of
 the school yards open during the summer
 vacation for use as playgrounds for children,
 reported that your committee are heartily in
 favor of providing those children to whom

the public parks and playgrounds are inaccessible, with facilities for out-of-door play other than the streets during the summer months, and appreciate the force of the suggestion that the use of school yards should be allowed for such purposes. Your committee feel, however, that suitable restrictions should be enforced, and that neighboring residents should not be subjected to annoyance by such use of school premises. They therefore recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed that the School Committee do not object to the use of school yards in the more crowded sections of the city as playgrounds during the summer vacation, provided the City Council will assume the responsibility for any damage that may thereby be occasioned to school property, and will take suitable measures to preserve good order, with the distinct understanding that the School Committee expressly reserve the right to terminate at any time, by order of the Committee on School-houses, such use of any or all yards. Your committee also recommend that the City Council be requested to designate the yards which are to be used for the purpose specified.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, June 14, a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing communications from members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with regard to the inadequacy of the school accommodations in the "Bates District," reported that the matter has been investigated, and recommend that His Honor the Mayor be informed that it is the intention of this committee to provide additional accommodations in September, should they be needed.

The new rules as proposed by the Committee on Rules and Regulations being taken up, became the subject of a protracted and animated discussion. Numerous amendments were proposed. In the main, however, the rules reported by the majority were adopted. The most signal instance of action contrary to the recommendations of the committee was the restoration of division committees.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Ordered, That the President forthwith appoint standing committees, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 2 and 4 of the new rules, for the remainder of the current municipal year, and that upon such appointments all the existing committee appointments be vacated. But committees discontinued under the provisions of the new rules, whose duties are not conferred upon some new committee, may report upon matters hitherto referred to them by the Board, but shall continue in existence for no other purpose.

Mr. Bassett presented a report from the Committee on Salaries. The report was accepted. The principal changes in the schedule of salaries proposed by the committee are as follows:

High Schools—Head-masters of schools having an average membership of 500 pupils or less, except the Mechanic Arts High School, reduced from \$3,780 to \$3,348.

Minimum of junior-masters reduced from \$1,476 to \$1,332; maximum from \$3,060 to \$2,916.

Grammar Schools—Minimum of masters

reduced from \$2,580 to \$2,460; maximum from \$3,180 to \$3,000.

Minimum of sub-masters reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,380; maximum from \$2,340 to \$2,220.

Special Instructors of Music—Reduced from \$2,640 to \$2,508.

Director of Drawing—Reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,880.

Assistant to Director of Drawing—Reduced from \$2,508 to \$2,388.

Traut Officers—Reduced from \$1,300 to \$1,200.

Training Teachers—In 1897 it was voted to pay training teachers fifty cents per day of actual service, in addition to the regular salary of their rank. It is not recommended that compensation for such services be continued.

Teachers of Sewing—The scale of salaries for these instructors has again been rearranged to correspond with the maximum salary to be paid assistants in the grammar and primary schools during the ensuing year, the salary of a teacher in charge of twelve divisions being fixed at the rate of \$888, and the others in proportion. This action is in conformity with the policy adopted in 1896 and continued in 1897 with regard to these instructors, and is to go into effect January 1, 1899.

Since January 1, 1897, there has been an assistant principal in the Roxbury High School at a salary of \$1,620 per annum, which is the maximum paid high school assistants. There is but one other assistant principal in the service, viz., in the Girls' High School, whose salary is \$2,040 per annum. It is evident that an instructor of this rank should be paid more than an assistant, and as the rules provide for a four-year scale for assistant principals in mixed high schools, your committee recommend the following schedule for that position in the Roxbury High School: Minimum, \$1,620; annual increase, \$72; maximum, \$1,836; and that the present incumbent be placed upon the second year of the new schedule, \$1,692 per annum, on September 1, 1898, and advanced to the third year, \$1,764, on January 1, 1899.

Appended to the report are certain orders intended to give effect to the proposed changes mentioned above. On the motion of Mr. Paul, the orders referred to were laid upon the table.

On the motion of Mr. McDonald, the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Text-books were taken from the table.

The orders, forty-nine in all, were adopted without essential amendment, excepting No. 2, to wit:

Ordered, That H. E. Holt's New and Improved Normal Course in Music be authorized for use as additional text-books in music in the grammar and primary schools, which was referred to the Board of Supervisors.

On the motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, to whom was referred June 14 a petition signed by Hon. F. Robinson, Secretary, representing the societies and chapters of the War of the Revolution and the War of 1812, that they be granted permission to adorn the walls of the corridors and class rooms of the Paul Revere School with such pictures and casts as may serve to instil patriotism and love for country in the hearts of the pupils, besides commem-

orating the deeds of the sterling patriots who secured for their posterity and the world the blessings of liberty, report that they have considered the matter and recommend that the petitioners be allowed to place such pictures and casts in the Paul Revere School-house as may be approved by the Committee on Drawing, and that the thanks of the Board be extended to them for their generous offer.

On the motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Text-books, it was

Ordered, That the list of authorized text, reference and supplementary reading books for the school year 1898-99 be printed.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Ordered, That the following-named principals of kindergartens be placed on the second year of service in their rank from the several dates specified: Sarah T. Whitmarsh, from October 17, 1897; Ellen M. Murphy, from April 1, 1898; Mabel M. Winslow, from April 25, 1898.

The report of Mr. Bassett, from the same committee, that Martha C. Kincaide be paid the sum of \$142 for extra services as teacher of typesetting and printing in the Horace Mann School since January 4, 1898, was accepted and laid over to the next meeting.

The report of Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, that Caroline D. Aborn, principal of the training school kindergarten, be paid the sum of \$240 for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School, was accepted and went over, under the rule.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, to whom was referred, May 24, a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, with regard to instruction in swimming to pupils in the public schools during the summer vacation, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the School Committee cordially approves of the proposal of the Baths Department to furnish such instruction to school children, and will cooperate in the carrying-out of such plan as it may lie in their power to do. Report accepted and returned to the Mayor.

Adjourned at 3.27 A.M. to July 19.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate, and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of June, 1898, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 801; total number of mortgages, 733; total amount of mortgages, \$3,434,326.

	Transfers.
Boston	180
South Boston	41
East Boston	59
Roxbury	112
Dorchester	240
West Roxbury	76
Brighton	42
Charlestown	51
Total	801

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 1 P.M., on Thursday, June 30, 1898, Chairman Conry presiding. Absent—Aldermen Charles and Dyar.

The meeting was held pursuant to the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 28, 1898.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, June 30, 1898, at 1 o'clock P.M., to act upon the amendment to the Revised Ordinances now before your body, and to transact such other business as may come before you.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., Thursday, June 30, 1898, a quorum being present.

In the absence of President Connolly, Mr. Bigelow of Ward 25 was chosen President pro tempore.

The following messages were received:

Fire Protection—Pauper Institutions.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 30, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Trustees for Paupers, which explains itself. The matter referred to is an important one, and I earnestly recommend the appropriation requested.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS TRUSTEES.

28 Court Square, June 27, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Trustees much regret that the City Council did not approve their request for appropriations for improvements at the almshouse and hospital at Long Island, in accordance with the communication which the Trustees have addressed to Your Honor under date of April 9, 1898. All these improvements are absolutely necessary to the safe and economical administration of the almshouse and hospital. We would, however, bring to your notice at the present time our request for alterations and additions in the water-supply system necessary

to install a salt water fire-system, it being imperative that the appropriation for which we asked to enable us to install this system, should be granted immediately.

Since the Trustees have had charge of the almshouse and hospital at Long Island, they have given careful consideration to the question of protection against fire, and have found the existing means for putting out fires totally inadequate, and have decided that a separate salt water fire-system is the only satisfactory solution of the problem.

We have called attention to the inadequacy of our present facilities for dealing with fire in our annual report, dated January 31, 1898.

Water Commissioner Mr. John R. Murphy notified the Trustees under date of February 10, 1898, as follows:

"I deem it sufficiently important at this time to draw your attention to the fact that the domestic water-supply system at Long Island cannot be relied upon as a protection against a serious fire, and a separate salt water fire-system only will furnish an adequate fire-service."

On April 9, 1898, the Water Commissioner sent to the Trustees, in reply to their request of March 25, an estimate made by City Engineer Mr. William Jackson, of the cost of making alterations in water supply pipe, and installing a salt water fire-system to cost \$11,050. In making this estimate, the City Engineer recommended that the work be done "in order to give a sufficient protection for fire."

Fire Commissioner Mr. H. S. Russell wrote Your Honor May 12, 1898, as follows:

"Replying to your favor of May 9, it seems to me a clear case, from the firemen's point of view, that the Pauper Institutions at Long Island should be supplied with a pump far enough away from the buildings to prevent any nervousness to the engineer or danger to the machinery. In addition to hose for outside service, the buildings should be provided with standpipes adapted for outside connection with the pump, and supplied with outlets of hose on each floor."

The force of these recommendations must be appreciated when the present conditions are considered.

We have a population ranging from 700 to 950 in these buildings on Long Island, from 250 to 300 of this number being in the hospital. The floors and roofs of these buildings are entirely of wood and very dry, the interior finish and the entire floor surface being made of yellow pine and finished with varnish and oil, all of these materials being of a very combustible nature.

We have a very imperfect and partial system of standpipes and hose, so that our main reliance at the present time is on hand fire extinguishers, which Your Honor can readily see would be of little value under certain contingencies.

Several hundred thousand dollars worth of property is to a large degree unprotected from fire, and several hundred lives are continually exposed to the same danger. The ordinary danger of fire getting started is certainly greatly increased by the mental and moral condition of a large number of the inmates.

The Trustees feel that they would not be doing their duty if they did not bring this matter forcibly to your attention, believing

the danger to be so great that it should be provided against without further delay.

We trust that Your Honor will recommend that the necessary appropriation be made.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM L. RUTAN, Acting-Chairman.

Sent up.

Rent of Old Public Library.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 30, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Law Department, in reply to your order requesting a report as to what steps it has taken to recover the amount due the City of Boston for rent of the Old Public Library Building on Boylston street.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

June 23, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The following order was referred to the Law Department by you under date of June 20, 1898:

Ordered, That the officers of the Law Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to this Council, at its next meeting, what steps they have or may take to recover the sum of \$14,350, being money due the City of Boston for rent of the Old Public Library Building on Boylston street, which was occupied by the so-called "Zoo" up to the twenty-fourth day of April, 1898, and if any of the said sum has been collected, and if so how much.

The Law Department was unaware until to-day the amount of rent due from Charles H. Atkinson, for rent of the building on Boylston street, formerly occupied by the Public Library, and as no bill has ever been put into its hands by the Trustees of the Public Library for collection, it cannot state what steps it may take to recover the same, although as at present advised, it would probably return the same to the Trustees of the Public Library as absolutely uncollectible.

The facts as known to the Law Department are these:

On or about December 10, 1897, the City Solicitor received from the Board of Trustees, through the Librarian, a letter informing him that Mr. Atkinson was behindhand on his rent, and that he owed at that time \$4,701.28. The Librarian asked the Trustees what had better be done with regard to the matter.

A letter was written to Mr. Atkinson, informing him that unless immediate payment was made of the whole or a large part of the balance due, he would be ejected from the building and steps taken to recover the rents due. Mr. Atkinson called in consequence of the letter, and stated that he was insolvent and losing money, and was unable to pay. Inquiry showed that the animals did not belong to him, but were hired from parties in New York and elsewhere; that he owed \$1,400 on them; that he had no property which could be attached, and that he was insolvent and very much in debt.

The City Solicitor wrote to the Trustees under date of December 14, 1897, and January 18, 1898, informing them of these facts; that it was practically impossible to eject the animals from the building, as the lions and tigers could not be put out on the street and no storage warehouse would receive them; that if the doors were closed and possession taken of the building, we should have to heat it for the protection of the animals and provide keepers and food for them; that under the circumstances it would be better to let Mr. Atkinson stay and make what payments he could and have arrangements made to have the owners remove the animals and the place fixed up so as to be rentable to another tenant. Mr. Atkinson made payments on account—\$300 on December 31, and other amounts in January, February, and the early part of March, said payments aggregating \$1,250. Meanwhile the animals were removed by the owners, the building was put in good condition at Mr. Atkinson's expense, and on the twenty-second of March, 1898, the building was closed.

We are informed to-day by the Librarian that if Mr. Atkinson had not closed the building, there would have been due on the fourth of March, \$11,910, and on the twenty-fourth of April, \$14,350, but probably on account of being informed that Mr. Atkinson was insolvent, and that no considerable sum of money could be collected of him, no bill has been placed in the hands of the Law Department by the Trustees, and nothing further has been done by the Law Department since it informed the Trustees that Mr. Atkinson had failed and that the building was vacated.

Respectfully, for the Law Department,
THOMAS M. BABSON, City Solicitor.
The communication was placed on file.

Entertainment Norcross School—Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 30, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I feel obliged to withhold my approval from the order passed by the City Council appropriating the sum of \$90 for a children's entertainment in the Norcross School, in South Boston, as I believe that all children's entertainments should be provided for out of the regular appropriation available for the Fourth of July, and that it is an objectionable practice to add any single school or schools after the regular list has been made up, and to charge the additional expense to any other fund.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The message was placed on file, and the order was indefinitely postponed.

Appointment of Trustees.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 28, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

You are hereby notified that I have this day reappointed Mr. John O'Hare a member

of the Board of Trustees for the Children's Institutions Department, for the term ending April 30, 1903, and that I have also appointed Miss Helen Cheever a member of the said Board, for the term ending April 30, 1899, in place of Miss Emily G. Balch, resigned.

Respectfully,
Sent up. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Public Landing, Mystic Playground.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 30, 1898

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

At the suggestion of a Councilman from the ward in which the Mystic Playground is situated in Charlestown, I recommend a transfer of \$500 from the balance of the loan appropriation for Street Improvements, Ward 3, to the Baths Department, for a public landing at Mystic Playground. I believe that such a public landing would be a decided convenience, and that there is a suitable location for it at this playground.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

In connection with the above, Mr. Horri-gan of Ward 3 offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer \$500 from the balance of the loan appropriation for Street Improvements, Ward 3, to the Baths Department, for a public landing at Mystic Playground.

The order was passed and sent up.

Veto of Loan Items.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 30, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith the order appropriating the sum of \$349,000 for street improvements in the various wards, having approved the items for Wards 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 24. I hereby disapprove the other items contained in the order for the reason that, as I advised the City Council prior to the passage of this order, I believe it to be an indefensible practice to appropriate exactly the same amount of money for street improvements in each of the wards of the city in spite of the admitted differences in their current necessities.

I have approved the items for certain wards only because it seemed to me clear that these particular wards clearly require at least a pro rata share of the total amount of the appropriation.

I regret that the City Council has compelled me to act upon the street improvement appropriation in this unsatisfactory manner, but I cannot assent to the equal division, particularly in view of the small

amount to be distributed this year, nor, on the other hand, does it seem necessary or practicable to disapprove of all the ward items, and I am therefore obliged to divide the ward items into two classes, and approve some and disapprove others, according to the best general classification which I can make, based on the pressing necessities of the wards. Of course I realize that money should be expended for street improvements in the other wards, and I merely take the position that their situation is not such as to make it clearly advisable to expend the full pro rata amount in each one of them.

I trust that the City Council will pass an unrestricted appropriation for street improvements to the amount of the items now disapproved, in order that some proper provision may be made for pressing needs in various departments.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.
Assigned to the next meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders were promulgated by the Board of Police on June 30 and July 2, respectively:

General Order No. 524.

In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman William E. Wiseman, of Division 2, for violation of Rule XXVI of the Police Manual, to wit: Leaving his route without permission while on duty, the Board finds the said Patrolman Wiseman guilty, and sentences him to a forfeiture of ten days' pay.

General Order No. 525.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Sergeant James P. Keelan, of Division 14, for violation of Rule XXVI of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty and intoxication, the Board finds and adjudges the said Sergeant Keelan guilty, and sentences him to be dismissed from the police force.

II. Sergeant William B. Murphy, of Division 12, is hereby transferred to Division 14 for duty, to take effect at 7.45 A.M., Tuesday, the sixth instant.

JULY PAYMENTS.

The City Treasurer made payments for the City of Boston on July 1, 1898, as follows:

Mayor's general draft	\$357,341 37
Interest on all classes of debt	652,732 00
County of Suffolk monthly draft,	85,630 60

Total \$1,095,703 97

There has been remitted to London £20,000, to pay interest falling due there on the Consolidated Street Improvement Sterling Loan.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved June 27, 1898:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the City Hospital be authorized to expend the sum of \$30,000 in enlarging the boiler-house and steam-heating plant, and the sum of \$8,500 in completing the surgical building; and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer issue, at his discretion, and sell, either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston for the sum of \$38,500, said bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Boston, ten years from the date of the same, with interest thereon at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

Ordered, That any premium obtained by the City Treasurer in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates of indebtedness be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be hereby authorized to transfer from the Reserved Fund the sum of \$200, said sum to constitute a special appropriation for a fireworks display in the North End, on July 4, 1898.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Francis J. McCauley the sum of \$15, being the expense incurred in defence of a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

Ordered, That Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, entitled "An Act Relative to Alleys in the City of Boston," be and hereby is accepted.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized in the name and behalf of the city, and for a nominal consideration, to release to Annie De Wolf Brigham all the right, title and interest which the city acquired by virtue of a taking by the Board of Aldermen by a resolve and order, passed March 26, 1872, for the Old Dorchester Brook sewer, in and to a strip of land ten feet wide, extending through the parcel of land now owned by said Brigham on the westerly side of Norfolk avenue, between Shirley and Pontine streets, said old sewer having been abandoned, and a new sewer having been constructed through a new location in said land of said Brigham.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, and for a nominal consideration, to release to Robert A. Moore, his heirs and assigns, all the right, title and interest which the said City of Boston acquired in land of said Robert A. Moore by virtue of a taking for sewerage or surface drainage purposes by the Board of Street Commissioners, by a resolve and order of said Board passed January 26, 1898, for the Oakland Garden fork of the Canterbury Branch of Stony Brook, in and

to certain parcels of land on and near Gawn, Millet, Athelwold and Kilton streets, in the Dorchester District, owned by said Moore; the said taking, so far as said land of Moore is concerned, having been abandoned by the city, and the lands and rights in lands seized by said taking never having been used, and a different arrangement for said sewerage or drainage purposes having been made by the authorities of said City of Boston.

The following were approved June 28, 1898:

Ordered, That the Bath Commission, for the purpose of providing a floating bath-house, to be located in the Neponset River, be authorized to expend the sum of \$2,500 for the construction of an additional floating bath-house, and that, to provide for such expenditure, the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount.

Ordered, That the Baths Department be hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$1,500 for a bathing establishment on the Charles River, upon the grounds of the Parental School at West Roxbury, and that the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount.

Ordered, That the Bath Commission be authorized to expend the sum of \$2,500 for the construction of a bathing-pool and other facilities for bathing, at the Cabot-street bath-house, and that, to provide for such expenditure, the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$2,500 for a swimming-pool and bathing accommodations at Orchard Park, and that the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount.

Ordered, That the Trustees for Paupers be hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$2,500 for buildings, etc., on Long Island, for the accommodation of children carried thereto on excursions provided for out of the Randidge Fund, and that the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be hereby authorized to transfer from the Reserved Fund the sum of \$400; said sum to constitute a special appropriation for athletic sports on Boston Common, July 4, 1898.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to John Lyons the sum of \$300, being the amount paid for a liquor license of the Fourth Class A issued to him by mistake and afterwards surrendered.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to E. O. Shepard the sum of \$16.32, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on corner La Grange and Weld streets, for unpaid taxes of the year 1894, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,314, fol. 564.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis L. Willard the sum of \$10.86, being the amount held by

the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Madison avenue (lot 42), for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,409, fol. 393.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis L. Willard the sum of \$10.86, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Madison avenue (lot 43) for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,409, fol. 394.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis L. Willard the sum of \$10.96, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Harvest street (lot 48), for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,409, fol. 387.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis L. Willard the sum of \$10.86, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Harvest street (lot 49), for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,409, fol. 385.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis L. Willard the sum of \$9.48, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Harvest street (lot 50), for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,409, fol. 386.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis L. Willard the sum of \$9.48, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Willowood street (lot 44), for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2,409, fol. 396.

Ordered, That during the annual recess of the Common Council, the joint standing committee on Building Department be authorized to allow the erection of wooden buildings and wooden additions, upon such terms and conditions as said committee may deem expedient.

The following were approved June 29, 1898:

Ordered, That the Inspector of Buildings be authorized to issue a permit to the J. O. Whitten Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Western avenue, rear Upton court, Ward 25, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Department for the Inspection of Buildings; said building to be occupied as a wash-house.

Ordered, That the Inspector of Buildings be authorized to issue a permit to the J. O. Whitten Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Western avenue, rear Upton court, Ward 25, in excess of size allowed, and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Department for the Inspection of Buildings; said addition to be occupied for packing purposes; main building occupied for same purpose.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved June 28, 1898:

Permits to project bay windows, etc., viz.:

Daniel A. Dwight, one over Hereford street, from building 433 Beacon street, corner Hereford street, Ward 11.

Frederick Ayer, five windows and cornice, from buildings 187-195 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 10.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

M. Maynes & Co., lantern, at the Jefferson House, 16 North street, Ward 6.

Quong Wah, sign, at 660 Main street, Ward 4.

Solomon Ernst, sign, at 1219 Tremont street, Ward 18.

Benjamin F. Goodman, sign, at 35 Broadway extension, Ward 9.

Frank S. Hickey, clock sign, at 108 Court street, Ward 6.

E. W. Farnham, sign, at 1622 Tremont street, Ward 19.

T. E. Masterson, sign, at 2241 Washington street.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates, said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the material specified, the owners to furnish the said materials, viz.:

Mary T. Davis, 305 East Eagle street, Ward 1, of brick.

John Mahan, Dewey street, near Howard avenue, Ward 16, of artificial stone.

M. Kaiser, 1-3 Marshfield street, Ward 17, of artificial stone.

Benjamin E. Bates, 1191-1195 Tremont street, Ward 18, of artificial stone.

Phebe J. Peterson, 41 Waumbek street, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

Fred L. Hodges, 293 Adams street, Ward 24, of artificial stone.

Whidden & Co., 116-118 Water street, Ward 6, of artificial stone.

Katherine F. Rolland, corner Dorchester avenue and Roseclaire street, Ward 16, of gravel.

Frank Finn, 33 Porter street, corner London street, Ward 2, of brick.

R. M. Sharaf, 382-388 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 20, of brick.

L. M. Quinn, 122 Harvard street, corner Standish street, Ward 20, of brick.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Norcross Brothers to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in the following locations: Two on the southerly side of Dorchester avenue, north of Mt. Washington avenue; four on the easterly side of Dorchester avenue, between Mt. Washington avenue and Federal street, Ward 7; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Ross & Fowler to erect, maintain, and use six guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over A street, near Congress street, for use in building abutments; the work to be completed on or

before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the right granted to the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to lay tracks beginning at a point on Centre street, at Spring street, thence through said Centre street, to the Dedham line, under an order passed by the Board of Aldermen October 11, 1897, and approved by the Mayor October 15, 1897, being the seventh location, so-called, be and the same is hereby extended for twelve months from this date.

Ordered, That the right granted to the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to lay tracks beginning at a point on Spring street, at its intersection with Baker street, and running along said Baker street to Centre street to a point on the present location of the company's tracks on Centre street, under the order passed by the Board of Aldermen on December 28, 1897, and approved by the Mayor January 1, 1898, being the eighth location, so-called, be and the same is hereby extended for twelve months from this date.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow all employees who reside in South Boston, and whose services can be dispensed with, a holiday without loss of pay in part compensation for their services, on Farragut Day, June 28, 1898.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, in exercising the powers conferred by Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, relative to alleys in this city, be requested to give their attention to the thickly populated tenement districts, before commencing improvements in better-favored localities.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to locate two drinking-fountains on North End Park; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Park Department.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Wires be, and is hereby, requested to report to this Board at his earliest convenience, by what right the firm of Mixer Brothers is running wires and cables through the streets of this city, for the purpose of doing a telephone business or any other business.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to macadamize the roadway on Paris street, from Gove street to Marion street, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements, Wards 1 and 2.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested to ask the Board of Police to permit the firing of rockets, squibs, crackers, torpedoes and similar fireworks in the public streets, commons and squares, on Monday, the fourth day of July next, between the hours of 4 o'clock A.M. and 12 o'clock midnight.

ENACTED WITHOUT APPROVAL OF MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The three following orders were presented to the Mayor June 21, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the trees where necessary on Green street, Lamartine street and Wyman street, West Roxbury; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to trim a tree at 6 Parker street, Charlestown; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing on Geneva avenue, near the corner of Bowdoin street, and one on Bowdoin street, near the corner of Geneva avenue, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on July 14, 1898, examination may be taken at Boston or any other city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners, to fill two vacancies in the grade of assistant, United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, Treasury Department, the salary of which is \$1,200 per annum each; that on July 21 and 22, examination may be taken for the position of Chief of Division of Library and Archives, United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, Treasury Department. The salary of this position is \$1,800 per annum.

The Commission also announces that it is desired to establish an eligible register from which a selection may be made to fill the grade of assistant, Division of Entomology, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum. No applications will be executed after July 21.

Persons who desire to compete should at once write to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for application blanks, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington.

APPOINTMENTS.

Thomas A. Mullen, Private Secretary to the Mayor, has been appointed Assistant City Solicitor, to succeed Frederick E. Hurd, who has been appointed Assistant Attorney-General of the Commonwealth. The appointment of Mr. Mullen will take effect on October 1, 1898. Nathaniel G. Robinson, the present Assistant Secretary, has been appointed Private Secretary, and will assume the duties of the position on the above-mentioned date. The office of Corresponding Secretary has also been created, which will be filled by James A. McKibben.

GROWTH OF MANUFACTURES.

The following table has been compiled in order to present in compact form the more important results of the State Census of 1895, with regard to the manufacturing interests of the Commonwealth, so far as they relate to the leading manufacturing cities. Only those cities have been included which had a total invested capital of \$5,000,000 or more. No town in the State had sufficient invested capital to entitle it to a place in the table. Six cities in the Commonwealth have a capital invested in manufacturing enterprises of over \$2,500,000, but less than \$5,000,000. These cities are, in the order of their rank as regards capital invested, as follows: Salem, \$4,834,330; Haverhill, \$4,601,200; Malden, \$4,139,619; Pittsfield, \$3,916,993; Northampton, \$3,047,371; and Newton, \$2,818,369. Five towns have a capital invested of over \$2,500,000, but less than \$5,000,000, as follows: Clinton, \$4,396,401; Brookline, \$3,921,437; Adams, \$3,245,415; Southbridge, \$2,743,723; Attleborough, \$2,658,966.

The figures representing absolute amounts have been taken in all cases from the Census of 1885 and the Census of 1895. The percentages of increase have been computed by us, except those relating to the increase of population and to the increase in the total value of goods made, which were taken from the Census of 1895. The figures indicating the rank of the cities, relate only to those included in the table. If all the cities and towns were considered, slight changes would undoubtedly have to be made in the ranking, except so far as relates to capital invested, which is here taken as the standard. Some of the cities and towns mentioned above as having a capital invested of over \$2,500,000, but less than \$5,000,000, may surpass in other respects those having a greater invested capital. The proportion of fixed capital to materials used, or to final product, varies with the nature of the goods manufactured.

Any comparison of the total amount of capital invested as given in the Census of 1885 and that of 1895, would be very misleading, because of the different methods employed by the Census Bureau in making up these totals. (See Census of 1895, Volume V, page 223.) Consequently, no calculations of percentage of increase have been made with respect to this item. The figures relating to Cambridge and Somerville must be used with great care, because certain food manufacturing establishments situated on the boundary between the two cities "were erroneously credited entirely to Somerville in 1885, but not thus credited in 1895." (Census of 1895, Volume V, page 230.)

Following is a table showing the growth of manufactures in the cities of the Commonwealth, having capital invested in manufacturing to the amount of \$5,000,000 or over:

CITIES.	Population.			Capital Invested.			Number of Establishments.			Value of Stock Used.			Total Value of Goods Made and Work Done.				
	1885.	Percentage of Increase, 1885-1895. (Census.)	Rank according to increase.	Amount, 1885.	Rank.	1885.	1895.	Percentage of Increase, 1885-1895.	Rank according to per-centage of increase.	1885.	1895.	Percentage of Increase, 1885-1895.	Rank according to per-centage of increase.	1885.	1895.	Percentage of Increase, 1885-1895. (Census.)	Rank according to per-centage of increase.
Boston.....	496,920	27.29	16	\$77,064,107	1	5,199	5,543	6.61	16	\$80,739,432	\$83,831,605	3.82	17	\$144,376,202	\$165,774,080	14.82	15
Fall River.....	89,203	56.85	5	43,850,952	2	381	571	40.86	11	17,821,221	20,568,190	15.41	14	22,915,656	38,954,678	69.90	8
Lowell.....	84,367	31.60	15	29,967,401	3	606	751	23.92	11	16,002,628	20,568,916	27.19	13	20,324,605	38,954,678	69.90	8
Worcester.....	52,164	34.23	14	26,323,113	4	360	457	26.94	10	10,756,911	18,025,922	67.98	6	33,442	39,124,645	33.42	13
New Bedford.....	44,422	44.42	8	22,766,714	5	772	1,415	63.29	5	15,016,736	20,072,858	33.66	12	43,15	31,026,679	69.94	7
Holyoke.....	55,251	45.46	7	22,459,749	6	420	568	32.85	8	6,066,805	10,031,242	65.34	6	81,19	28,699,524	43.15	11
Cambridge.....	40,322	36.85	12	21,608,533	7	578	745	44.89	5	8,890,510	12,255,566	37.84	11	20,557,992	20,557,992	46.15	5
Lynn.....	81,643	35.35	13	14,052,911	8	782	697	20.58	12	7,481,655	23,371,337	212.46	1	143,02	37,687,284	18.19	10
Springfield.....	51,522	37.12	11	11,046,779	9	915	915	17.00	13	18,691,431	20,401,311	9.14	15	10,75	34,444,061	10.75	17
North Adams.....	19,135	52.50	6	10,650,594	10	517	574	11.02	14	5,943,221	9,202,121	41.94	3	32,25	31,100,906	32.25	14
Fitchburg.....	26,409	42.78	10	8,070,412	11	202	264	30.69	9	5,211,520	6,202,121	76.57	4	10,629,400	10,629,400	19.87	2
Chicopee.....	16,420	71.77	9	7,175,211	12	111	84	24.32	18	3,658,502	2,658,115	38.05	4	6,231,866	6,231,866	88.92	6
Taunton.....	27,115	42.85	12	7,111,976	13	301	333	10.63	15	7,753,662	4,864,081	37.88	10	3,886,213	6,667,650	70.57	4
Brockton.....	33,165	59.53	4	6,078,299	14	310	383	39.03	4	7,753,662	12,457,331	60.04	7	1,925,008	35,80	83.80	6
Chelsea.....	31,264	61.28	17	5,956,485	15	233	431	4.29	17	4,867,708	4,867,708	110.00	10	13,370,828	21,913,734	63.89	9
Waltham.....	20,576	42.90	9	5,956,485	16	147	147	42.85	6	1,606,361	4,591,571	7.96	16	4,551,805	8,994,330	97.60	3
Somerville.....	52,200	73.17	1	5,400,652	18	224	370	65.22	2	18,707,488	12,241,118	34.77	18	23,791,332	16,064,706	11.33	18
																* 32.48	

* Decrease.

† See Census of 1895, Volume V, page 230.

Awards of Contracts.

Hospital Department.

Boston, July 1, 1898.

The contract for supplying the Hospital Department with ice for the year beginning July 1, 1898, proposals for which were opened on June 24, has been awarded to the Boston Ice Company, at \$2.50 per ton of 2,000 pounds, they being the only bidder.

The proposals for supplying the Hospital Department with milk for the year beginning July 1, 1898, were opened as follows:

Edgar K. Ray, pure dairy milk, at twenty-nine cents per can; milk from tuberculin tested milk, thirty-one cents per can; C. Brigham Company, pure dairy milk, thirty cents per can; David Whiting & Sons, milk of standard quality, thirty cents per can.

The contract was awarded to Edgar K. Ray, at twenty-nine cents per can of eight and one-half quarts, with the proviso that the Trustees may at any time change the terms of the contract so that they may obtain milk from cows that are certified by the Massachusetts State Board of Cattle Commissioners as free from tuberculosis by the tuberculin test.

The proposals for supplying the Hospital Department with a cargo of from 1,200 to 1,500 tons of strictly hard white ash broken coal were opened as follows:

	Per ton.
J. A. Bradford & Co.	\$4 10
W. H. & S. L. Emery	4 06
Hanson & Parker, Ltd.	4 04

The contract was awarded to Hanson & Parker, Ltd.

G. H. M. ROWE, Superintendent.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending July 2, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	17.8
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	13.7
Number of deaths:	
Males	97
Females	85
Total	182
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	136
Increase	46

Of the 182 decedents, 176 were white and 6 colored; 132 were born in the United States and 50 in foreign countries; 44 were of American parentage, 128 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 10 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	15	1
Scarlatina	9	0
Typhoid fever	8	5
Measles	51	0
Totals	83	6

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	9
Whooping cough	3
Heart disease	19
Bronchitis	2
Marasmus	8
Violent causes	11
Total from principal causes	79
Total from infectious diseases	6
Total from other causes	97
Total from all causes	182

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NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Your petitioners, the Directors of the Forest Hills and Quincy Street Railway Company, having complied with all provisions of law thereto enabling, pray that the following location of the tracks of the railway of said company may be granted, and that said railway may locate, lay and maintain its tracks, with such turnouts, switches and connections with its car barn as may be needed, and erect and maintain the necessary poles and wires and other fixtures along the ways hereinafter named for the purpose of operating by electricity or other motive power, except steam, a street railway on, over and through the following streets of the City of Boston, viz.: Commencing on Washington street, opposite the north-bound station of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company at Forest Hills, through Washington, Morton, Sanford, Washington, Codman, Adams and Marsh streets, to a point on Neponset avenue near the tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company at Neponset; the location of said tracks, turnouts, switches and poles being shown on a plan made by Messrs. Hodges & Harrington, Engineers, dated April 17, 1897, and filed herewith.

Your petitioners respectfully request that they may be allowed to make, at their own expense, such changes in the tracks and overhead system of the West End Street Railway Company on Dorchester avenue, Blue Hill avenue and Adams street, as may be necessary.

ARTHUR BURNHAM,
JOHN R. GRAHAM,
THOMAS T. ROBINSON,
BENJAMIN L. M. TOWER,
JOHN S. BLEAKIE,
WILLIAM H. GALLISON,
WILLIAM C. LORING.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 30, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the eighteenth day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the *Dorchester Beacon*, *Boston Journal* and *THE CITY RECORD*.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 29, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Morton street, at Dorchester, be relocated as a highway between West Selden street and the New England Railroad, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fourteenth day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 6, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Devon street, at Roxbury and Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Blue Hill avenue to Columbia road, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-first day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 30, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that a new channel be located for the stream or water-course, at Brighton, known as Shepard Brook, between the Wool Pond, near Goodenough street and Union street, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fifteenth day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 5, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Elgin street, at West Roxbury, be laid out as a highway from Centre street to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twentieth day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 1, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners, in accordance with Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and amendments thereto, having passed orders for the laying out and construction of the following highways:

BRIGHTON.

Malvern street.
North Harvard street.

DORCHESTER.

Burt street.
Elizabeth street.
Mellen street.
Merlin street.
Newburg street.
Peterborough street.
Peverell street.
Spencer street, Wheatland avenue to Talbot avenue.
Waterlow street.
Woodlawn street.

Notice is hereby given that the Street Department is about to do the work contemplated in said order, and that all work to be done in said highways by all persons or corporations having rights in the same to lay or repair either sewer, gas, water or other pipes must be done before Monday, July 25, 1898, as after that time no permits for openings will be granted until two years after said highways are completed.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, July 1, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25, in the Old Court House, at 11.30 o'clock, A.M., on Friday, July 8, 1898, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plans numbered 0 96, 95, 87, 88, 89, 92, 93, 94, made by the Board of Survey and filed January 7, 1895, in the office of the City Surveyor, in City Hall, and on plans numbered 0 84, 85, made by said Board of Survey and filed June 27, 1895, in the office of said City Surveyor, in City Hall; said territory is in that part of Boston formerly Brighton, and is bounded, approximately, by Chestnut Hill avenue, the town of Brookline, the city of Newton and the Chestnut Hill Reservoir.

JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
GEORGE H. INNIS,
Street Commissioners.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 20, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use additional curves at the junction of Beach street and Harrison avenue, with necessary cross-overs, switches and connections, substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated June 14, 1898, filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By CHARLES S. SERGEANT, Second Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the eighteenth day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Boston Journal, and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 5, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Lorette street, at West Roxbury, be laid out as a highway from Centre street to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twentieth day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 5, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,226 linear feet of sewer work in Spencer street, between Talbot avenue and Wheatland avenue, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Monday, July 11, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$100, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 1, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 450 linear feet of sewer work in Raven street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, July 7, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$100, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 30, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 35 Bennington street, Ward 1, one bay window, of wood, of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over Bennington street; also a door-cap 5 feet 6 inches wide, to project 3 feet over street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 12 feet wide, and 3 feet over line of street.

CHARLES F. HARGRAVE,
32 Central square, East Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 30, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the eleventh day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the East Boston Free Press and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 1, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building brick and pipe sewers in St. Stephen street, Roxbury district, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond of \$1,800 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, July 11, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 20, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use additional curves at the junction of Kneeland street and Harrison avenue, with necessary cross-overs, switches and connections, substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated June 14, 1898, filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By CHARLES S. SERGEANT, Second Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the eighteenth day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Boston Journal, and THE CITY RECORD.

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J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary,
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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting held on Monday, July 11, confirmed the following appointment made by His Honor the Mayor:

Henry D. Lynch, to be a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery.

SALT WATER FOR STREET- SPRINKLING.

The Merchants' Association of San Francisco has recently conducted a practical investigation as to the advisability of utilizing salt water in sprinkling the streets and flushing the sewers of the city.

After having a portion of one of the streets sprinkled with salt water, while the remainder was sprinkled with fresh water, during an entire month, the following conclusions were reached with regard to the advantages of the former method:

1. It binds the dirt together between the paving stones, so that when dry there is no loose dust to be raised by the wind.

2. It does not dry so quickly as fresh water, and it is claimed in those cities which

use salt water, that one load of salt water is equal to three of fresh water.

3. The salt water, which is deposited on the street, absorbs moisture from the air during the night, so that during the early morning the street is thoroughly moist and has the appearance of having been freshly sprinkled. This effectually prevents dust being raised by the wind or street sweepers before the regular sprinkling carts can get over the ground during the morning, and thus overcomes one of the great nuisances.

Nearly every seaside city and town in Europe, that sprinkles the streets at all, uses salt water. The town of Great Yarmouth, in England, began the use of salt water for street-sprinkling and sewer-flushing in 1886, and reports that whereas the town had in previous years used 7,000,000 gallons per annum of fresh water, at a cost of twenty-four cents per 1,000 gallons, it now uses only 5,000,000 gallons of salt water, with a greater area to cover, at a cost of but five cents per 1,000 gallons.

No city of the United States does street-watering to the extent of that done by the City of Boston.

At the present time the Street-Watering Division waters about 421.81 miles of streets, with all kinds of pavement, and employs to do this work, 198 carts. It is estimated that 2,613,000 gallons of water are used daily for street-watering purposes, aggregating 339,768,000 gallons for the entire season.

WATER-WORKS OF ST. LOUIS.

The following amendment to the charter of the City of St. Louis, with regard to its water-works, was submitted to popular vote on July 12:

"The water-works of the city, as now constituted or as hereafter constructed, shall never be sold, leased, alienated, rented or farmed out, except pursuant to an ordinance recommended by the unanimous vote of the Board of Public Improvements, and passed by the Municipal Assembly by a vote of all the members thereof, and approved by the Mayor, submitting the question of the sale, lease, alienation, rental or farming out thereof to a vote of the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis, and adopted by such voters by a five-sixths vote of all the votes cast at a special election held for that specific purpose, and at which no other question shall be submitted to such voters."

COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES.

The following bill, relating to the Investigation of County and Municipal Expenditures, constitutes Chapter 432 of the Acts of 1898:

An Act to Provide for the Summary Investigation of County and Municipal Expenditures.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. If twenty-five owners of real estate in any town having a population of less than 5,000, or fifty owners of real estate in any town having a population of more than 5,000, or twenty-five owners of real estate in each ward of a city, or 500 owners of real estate in any county in the Commonwealth, shall present to any Justice of the Superior Court within and for the county in which such real estate is situated, a petition sworn to and subscribed by themselves, setting forth that they are owners of real estate situated in such town, city or county, that they have paid taxes thereon within one year prior to the date of the petition, that they believe and have reason to believe that the moneys of such town, city or county are being or have been unlawfully or corruptly expended, and that they desire an investigation to be made in relation to such alleged unlawful or corrupt expenditures, it shall be the duty of such Justice, if after a hearing it shall appear that there is reasonable cause to believe that said moneys are being or have been unlawfully or corruptly expended as aforesaid, upon ten days' notice to the Treasurer of such town, city or county, and to the Selectmen of a town, the Mayor of a city, or the Board of County Commissioners, as the case may be, to make a summary investigation into the affairs of such town, city or county; and in his discretion such Justice may appoint experts to examine the books and accounts of the officials under investigation and to prosecute such investigation, and may cause the results thereof to be published in such manner as he may deem proper, but no proceedings under the provisions of this act shall be begun within the thirty days next preceding the holding of a municipal election in such town or city, or the holding of a State election.

Sect. 2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer and of any other municipal or county officers to obey any orders of such Justice for facilitating said investigation, and any refusal or wilful failure to obey such orders may be punished by such Justice as for contempt.

Sect. 3. The costs incurred under this act shall be taxed by said Justice and shall be paid, upon his order, by the Treasurer of the county or municipality whose expenditures have been investigated, out of the treasury of said county or municipality.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The passenger and freight service between this port and Europe has been considerably augmented by the addition to the Dominion Line of steamships, running to Liverpool, of the new steamer "New England," which arrived here on Sunday morning, July 10, on her first trip.

The steamer was built by Messrs. Harland & Wolff, Ltd., Belfast, Ireland, being commenced in March, 1897, and launched in April, 1898. Her gross tonnage is 11,600, with a net tonnage of 7,716, and, when loaded, draws 29.9 feet of water. Accommodations are provided for 250 saloon, 250 second-cabin and 500 steerage passengers, and 14,000 tons of cargo can be carried in her hold.

Since the year 1890, the value of the foreign commerce of the Port of Boston, which amounted at that time to \$134,078,610, has increased more than any other port in the United States during the same period. For the fiscal year 1897, the value of imports and exports of Boston amounted to \$191,035,700.

The number of vessels belonging to each line plying between this port and European ports, engaged in the passenger and freight service, is as follows:

Warren Line, to Liverpool, seven; Cunard Line, to Liverpool, five; Leyland Line to Liverpool, five; Dominion Line, to Liverpool, two; Dominion Line, to Bristol, three; Hamburg-American Line, to Hamburg, three; Johnston Line, to London, five; Allan Line, to Glasgow, two per month; Wilson Line, to Hull, two per month.

TRADE OF BOSTON.

The Boston Bureau of Commerce and Industries, which was organized last May, for the purpose of protecting and fostering the business interests of Boston, and of New England generally, and charged with the special duty of attracting to this market the trade which naturally belongs to it, has established headquarters in the John Hancock Building, and active measures are being taken to secure for the organization in its work, the support and co-operation of the merchants and manufacturers of the city.

During the month of June, the association through its Board of Directors, appealed to over 5,000 business-houses for a membership of 2,000, as a basis upon which to establish its permanency. Commercial bodies

throughout the city have been requested to use their influence in securing members for the new organization, and a personal canvass among business men is now contemplated, in order to more fully obtain the united assistance of representatives of all branches of commercial activity.

The Bureau is adding to its membership daily through these means, and hopes to have its arrangements completed, to be able to participate in the coming fall trade.

Awards of Contracts.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for paving and regulating Summer-street extension, near L-street bridge, were opened at the office of the City Engineer on June 30, 1898, as follows:

	Item 1.	Item 2.	Item 3.	Item 4.	Total.
	1,161 linear feet Edgestones, per linear foot.	4,940 square yards Granite Block Paving, per square yard.	33 square yards Flagging Crosswalks, per square yard.	1,516 square yards Crushed Stone Sidewalks, per square yard.	
BIDDERS.					
Daniel E. Lynch..	\$0.12	\$0.52	\$4.45	\$0.44	\$3,522 01
Patrick M'Govern	.17	.45	3.25	.70	3,588 82
Jones & Meehan..	.22	.60	4.50	.30	3,822 72
Jas. Doherty & Co.	.21	.58	4.20	.39	3,838 85
Jas. B. O'Rourke.	.23	.57	4.00	.43	3,866 71
P. O'Hara & Co..	.14	.60	3.75	.45	3,932 49
A. A. Libby & Co.	.16	.59	3.75	.55	4,057 91
H. Gore & Co.....	.18	.71	3.75	.48	4,567 81

The contract was awarded to Daniel E. Lynch.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Street Department.

Proposals for constructing and regulating macadam roadway in the following-named streets were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on June 30, viz.:

Oakley street:

Bidders.	Bid.
John Connors	\$1,263 40
J. A. Whittemore Sons	1,301 00
D. E. Lynch	1,310 30
P. O'Hara & Co.	1,325 30
Collins & Ham	1,336 00
Philip Doherty	1,391 00

The contract was awarded to John Connors.

Malvern street:

James Doherty & Co.	\$1,373 30
D. E. Lynch	1,421 90
J. A. Whittemore Sons	1,488 50
M. Kiernan	1,688 00
George H. Wentworth	2,024 00

The contract was awarded to James Doherty & Co.

Proposals for building sewers and drains in the following-named streets were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets (the first two on July 1, and the latter on June 30), viz.:

Ipswich street, Roxbury:

Bidders.	Bid.
A. E. Weaving & Co.	\$2,314 52
R. J. Malone	2,854 40
J. P. O'Connell	3,003 54
D. E. Lynch	3,271 15
John Donovan	3,285 76
Collins & Ham	3,658 02

The contract was awarded to A. E. Weaving & Co.

Mascot street, Dorchester:

Flynn & Brophy	\$339 00
T. H. Connolly	341 00
J. P. O'Connell	480 00
McDowell & Son	463 50
James Dolan	473 50
D. E. Lynch	480 00

The contract was awarded to Flynn & Brophy.

Evelyn street, Dorchester:

McDowell & Son	\$2,169 20
Flynn & Brophy	2,220 40
George Tucker	2,305 80
John Donovan	2,599 40
T. H. Connolly	2,693 00
R. J. Malone	2,818 60
J. P. O'Connell	2,868 00
D. E. Lynch	2,968 36
A. E. Stewart	3,387 80
M. Russo	3,902 60

The contract was awarded to Flynn & Brophy.

Proposals for building sewers in the following-named streets were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on July 7 and 11, respectively:

Raven street, Dorchester:

George Tucker	\$225 00
John Donovan	228 10
D. E. Lynch	244 50
Quimby & Ferguson	254 00
J. P. O'Connell	284 00
Collins & Ham	292 50
James Dolan	299 00
Bowers Brothers	434 50
James McGraw & Co.	475 00

The contract was awarded to George Tucker.

Spencer street, Talbot to Wheatland avenues, Dorchester:

James Dolan	\$521 00
J. P. O'Connell	530 13
D. E. Lynch	531 44
George Tucker	541 80
A. E. Stewart	572 85
James McGraw & Co.	609 32
D. M. Dwyer	615 49
D. A. Dorey	628 95

The contract was awarded to James Dolan.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Supt. of Streets.

PILOT COMMISSIONER.

The name of Captain J. A. Bailey of Kingston, Mass., to be Pilot Commissioner, has been sent to the Governor and Council, by the Boston Marine Society, for confirmation.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday, July 11, 1898, at 3 P.M., Chairman Conry presiding.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1.) Charles E. Folsom, to be a member of the Board of Assessors, for the term ending April 30, 1900, to fill a vacancy.

(2.) John L. Russell, to be a Constable of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the law.

The following messages were received:

Cost of Asphaltting Shawmut Avenue.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 11, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of asphaltting Shawmut avenue, between Cherry and Cobb streets.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, July 9, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the request contained in enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I beg to report that the estimated cost of paving with asphalt Shawmut avenue, from the south side of Cherry street to the north side of Cobb street, is \$3,800. This does not include the cost of asphaltting the space occupied by the street railway tracks, which should be paid by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Long Island Camp for Boys.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 11, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

It occurred to me some time since, in connection with the work of conducting children's excursions under the Randidge bequest, that the attractive portion of Long Island used for these excursions might also be made available for a summer camp for

boys, and a majority of the Finance Committee have now approved, at my request, a transfer of \$2,500 from the Reserved Fund to the appropriation for Mayor's office, to enable the experiment of conducting such a camp to be tried this summer. Through its ownership of the steamer which provides transportation to Long Island, and of a considerable area at the southern end of the island, with a fine beach, unused for any other purpose, it seemed to me that the city was in a position to provide an opportunity of this character at a smaller expense and under conditions fully as favorable as any of the private individuals or organizations who have been enlisted in similar work. After the equipment is once paid for, it is estimated that the whole expense of conducting the camp for 100 boys at a time should not exceed \$2 a week for each boy, including the furnishing of sufficient and wholesome food and of proper direction and supervision, the work connected with the camp being, of course, performed by the boys themselves.

The basis of the plan, and the main justification for the expenditure by the city to carry it out, rests in my opinion on making it of value from the standpoint of education and training, mental and physical, as well as from that of mere healthful recreation, important as I believe the latter object alone to be. It is proposed to keep each boy for one week. During a part of each day the camp will be conducted as near an approach to actual militia practice as possible, and the boys will be put through certain regular drill; swimming, boating, games and various forms of recreation will be provided, under proper supervision, during other parts of the day.

While a week is rather a short time within which to produce much of an effect upon a boy, I still believe that it will be possible, as the work develops, to exert an appreciable influence by way of training, and one well worth the expenditure, upon the characters of the boys. The age limits of the boys received will be for the present fixed at twelve and sixteen years. Any boy who shows himself unwilling to conform to the rules will have to leave at once. If the plan can be successfully carried out and is continued another year, it may be desirable to provide for the payment of the estimated cost of \$2 a week by each boy whose parents can afford it, or who can save or earn this amount himself; but in such case it seems to me it would be important to avoid establishing any distinction between the boys who paid and those who did not. For the present season, it has seemed to me that all of the accommodations which could be furnished would be required for boys who are not in a position to make any payment, and who, without this opportunity, would

have no means of obtaining any vacation outside of the city; while I therefore propose to have the camp conducted this year for those who need its advantages the most, and at the same time are the least able to pay for them, it does not seem to me desirable to set up any formal poverty test for admission to it, or to place the boys received to it in any way upon a dependent or pauper basis. I think that the camp should rather be placed upon the basis of an agency provided by the city—though necessarily at present confined to a comparatively small number—to supplement the educational work of our public schools, particularly on the side of physical development and training, which, indeed, is now recognized as coming within their regular curriculum.

Indeed, the plan is connected in my mind with the broad subject of providing at the public expense vacation instruction, of a radically different character from that furnished in the school-room during the term, for all school-children who care to avail themselves of it. I believe that a policy of this character must before long be adopted by every enlightened municipality, as it already has been in a limited way by some; and we have just taken an important step in this direction in Boston by providing opportunities for instruction in swimming for all our school-children.

Every effort will be made to maintain a proper moral tone in the camp, and no boy will be admitted to it who has been an inmate of any correctional institution, or who should properly be classed as a bad boy; it is rather intended to make the opportunity afforded by the camp in the nature of a special advantage or reward for thoroughly deserving boys, who would profit the most by it. I propose to appoint at once an advisory committee of seven persons, of whom several will be women, to undertake the general supervision and direction of this camp, as well as of the children's day excursions to Long Island, which are already going on.

It is expected that the camp will be ready to open by Monday, July 18, and I shall be glad to receive from members of the City Government, and from citizens generally, any suggestions as to the best methods of selecting the boys to be offered this advantage, and as to individual boys to be received. Until the advisory committee is organized, applications may be sent in writing directly to the Mayor's office, and I shall at once issue a circular to the various churches in the city, explaining the plan and offering them an opportunity to present applicants.

I should also be especially glad to have any school-teachers suggest the names of any of their pupils, between the ages named,

whom they consider particularly deserving of being admitted to the camp.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting.

Funds for Street Improvements.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 11, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Assuming that my veto of the ward improvement items for twelve of the wards in the city will be sustained, I desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order providing the sum of \$100,000 for street improvements without restriction, and I trust that it may be immediately passed, in order that provision may be made for doing the most pressing work in the wards not now provided for, and also for doing some work of general importance and great urgency.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$100,000 for street improvements; and that the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount.

The Board refused to pass the order (an affirmative vote of eight being necessary to pass it).

The vote was reconsidered, and reconsideration was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Thursday, July 7, 1898, at 7.45 o'clock P.M., President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received:

Soldiers' Relief.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 7, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Soldiers' Relief Commissioner, enclosing a copy of Chapter 561 of the Acts of the present year. As it is uncertain at the present time how much will be required for the purpose recommended, I suggest the passage of the accompanying order providing the sum of \$1,000 for the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Boston, July 2, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I desire to call your attention to the enclosed bill passed by the Massachusetts Legislature (Chapter 561 of the Acts of 1898). There is no appropriation for payments under this law. Section 3 reads: Any city or town may raise money by taxation or otherwise, etc.

I am satisfied that the dependents of soldiers will need assistance and that some provisions should be made for them under this act.

Respectfully,

REUBEN PETERSON,

Commissioner of Soldiers' Relief.

(Accompanying the message was a copy of the act referred to.)

Ordered, That the sum of \$1,000 be transferred from the Reserved Fund to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief, to be expended under the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 561 of the Acts of 1898, for the aid of the wife, widow, children under sixteen years of age, parents, brothers and sisters actually dependent upon any inhabitant of the City of Boston, having a residence and actually residing in the city, who has enlisted, or hereafter shall, during the present war prior to the declaration of peace, be duly enlisted and mustered as a non-commissioned officer or soldier, into the military service of the United States, as a part of the quota of this Commonwealth, or who has enlisted and been mustered into the regular army of the United States, or as a sailor or marine into the naval service of the United States.

The message was sent up, and the order was passed.

Appropriation for Music Department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 6, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Prior to the establishment of the Department of Public Music an appropriation was made of \$7,000 for "free concerts." While the passage of the ordinance establishing the Department of Public Music placed the expenditure of this appropriation solely under this Department, the wording of the item in the appropriation order restricts the purpose for which the money can be spent by this Department, and this hampers its work. I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order making this appropriation available for the general purposes of the Department of Public Music, under its powers as defined by ordinance.

It is not intended in any way to reduce the number of free concerts, as arranged for and announced.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$7,000 from

the appropriation for "City Messenger Department, Free Concerts," to an appropriation for the Department of Public Music.

The message was sent up, and the order was rejected. Later in the session a motion to reconsider was made, consideration of which was assigned to the next meeting.

Instruction in Swimming.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 6, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee, stating that they cordially approve of the proposal of the Baths Department to furnish instruction in swimming to school-children, and that they will gladly co-operate in carrying out the plan.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

June 30, 1898.

The Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, to whom was referred, May 24, a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, with regard to instruction in swimming to pupils in the public schools during the summer vacation, report that they have considered the matter, and recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the School Committee cordially approve of the proposal of the Baths Department to furnish such instruction to school-children, and will co-operate in the carrying out of such plan so far as it may lie in their power to do so.

For the Committee,

SAMUEL H. CALDERWOOD, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Sent up.

Interest and Sinking-Fund Charges for Sewerage Bonds.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 6, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Chapter 257 of the Acts of the present year provides that "the City Council of the City of Boston shall appropriate . . . such sums as the City Treasurer of said city shall each year determine to be the amount to be used for the interest on the bonds issued for sewerage works, and also the amount to be used for sinking-funds for bonds issued for sewerage works," such appropriation to be met by the annual charges provided for in the said act. I enclose herewith a communication from the City Treasurer, setting forth the amount of interest and sinking-fund requirements for the year 1898, and I

recommend the passage by the City Council of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

April 21, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with Chapter 257 of the Acts of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1898, providing that the City Treasurer shall determine the amount to be used for interest on bonds issued for sewerage works and also the amount to be used for the sinking-funds for bonds issued for sewerage works, I beg leave to report the following:

Amount required for interest on bonds, for the year 1898, \$43,750.

Amount required for the sinking-funds, \$41,094.50.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED T. TURNER, City Treasurer.

Ordered, That under the provisions of Chapter 257 of the Acts of the year 1898, the amount of \$43,750 be appropriated for interest, and the amount of \$41,094.50 for sinking-funds, for the year 1898, on bonds issued for sewerage works.

The communication was sent up, and the order passed.

BROADWAY BRIDGE.

The following letter, in regard to the safety of Broadway bridge, has been received by His Honor the Mayor from the Engineering Department:

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In the fall of 1893, the Broadway bridge over Fort Point Channel was straightened and repaired, to provide for its safe use by electric cars and street traffic during the most of the time Dover-street bridge was being rebuilt, and till such time as a new bridge should be built to replace it. Since that date the bridge has been subjected to electric car and considerable heavy traffic, and is now in a condition to safely carry the same. In connection with the probable increase in the amount of travel over this bridge, due to the closing of a portion of Federal street, it should be stated that the construction of the bridge is such that its safety is not materially affected by the number of cars or amount of street or foot travel upon it at any one time. An ample roadway has been provided for heavy and other teams over Dorchester-avenue extension, from Federal-street bridge to Summer street.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN C. CHENEY, Acting City Engineer.

NEXT MEETING OF COMMON COUNCIL.

At its meeting held Thursday evening, July 7, the Common Council voted to adjourn to meet on Thursday, September 22, at 7.45 P.M.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved July 1, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer the unexpended balance of the appropriation for Carleton street, Ward 10, construction, to the special appropriation for Street Improvements, Ward 10.

The following were approved July 5, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to place a drinking-fountain around the flagstaff to be located in Andrew square, and to remove the fountain now standing in said square to Edward Everett square; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements, Ward 16.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to locate two drinking-fountains on North End Park; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Park Department.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to fly two new flags from the North End Park; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Park Department.

Ordered, That the expense incurred by the Committee on Ordinances, for hearing relative to the proposed bicycle path across the Common, be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Printing be authorized to publish 2,500 copies of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, when adopted; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved July 5, 1898:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Dailey Brothers, sign, 10 Bennet street, Ward 7.

J. M. Gordon, sign, and pole on which to hang clothing, 112 Northampton street, Ward 12.

George Sparrow, three signs, 930 Washington street, Ward 9.

Achille Carbone, lantern, 251 Cambridge street, Ward 8.

Navin & Kelly, sign, 745 Washington street, Ward 7.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks along the following-named streets in front of the following-named estates; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built as specified, the owners to furnish the materials, viz.:

James Chisholm, guardian, 44 Hartford street, Ward 16, of brick (no edgestone).

G. L. Davidson, 39-43 Kenwood street, Ward 20, of artificial stone (no edgestone).
C. M. Cook, 14 Gardner street, Ward 25, of artificial stone.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George R. Cavanagh to move a wooden building, shingle roof, forty-four feet in length, by twenty-two feet in width, by twenty-four feet in height, from Hamilton street, near Bowdoin street, along said Hamilton street to Homes avenue, Ward 20, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to A. M. Richards to move a wooden building, flat roof, 100 feet in length, by fifty feet in width, by thirty-four feet in height, from Congress street, near the engine-house, along and across said street to pile foundations, Ward 13, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to T. J. Billings to move a wooden building, pitch roof, thirty-two feet in length, by eighteen feet in width, by twenty-four feet in height, from present location on Athelwold street, near School street, along said street to Kilton street, a private way, to land of C. A. Ufford, Ward 20, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

The following were approved July 5, 1898:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Walworth Manufacturing Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by J. H. Derby; said poles to be located as follows:

East First street; four poles, thirty-five feet in height by eight inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, six feet; date of plan, May 12, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Police be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except police and United States mail wagons and fire apparatus, the following-named streets between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock P. M., for a parade of societies of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, viz.:

Newbury street, Commonwealth avenue and Newbury street, from Berkeley street to Arlington street; Arlington and Boylston streets, Copley square, Dartmouth street, Columbus avenue, Newton, Washington, Union Park, Tremont, School and Washington streets and Adams square.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue the necessary permits to the Metropolitan Water Board to close the roadway on Morton street, between Norfolk and Canterbury streets, in such

sections, and during such times, as it may be deemed necessary for the work of laying a main pipe under and along said street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to James McGraw & Co. to close the roadway on Butler street, Ward 24, to public travel during the time necessary for constructing a sewer in said street; the work to be completed on or before September 30, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Ross & Fowler to erect, maintain and use two guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over Lehigh street, at or near the round-house of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to C. B. Maguire to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in the following locations, viz.:

One at the junction of Blackstone and Clinton streets; one at or near the corner of Clinton and Commercial streets; also to stretch five guy-ropes across Blackstone, Clinton, Commercial and Fulton streets, Ward 6, on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Register of Deeds be authorized to allow the clerks in his office two weeks' vacation during the current year, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services.

CONGRESS-STREET FIRE.

The following letters have been received regarding the work of the Fire Department during the fire on Congress street, on the night of July 2:

L. P. WEBBER, Chief of Department.

SIR: In transmitting this gratifying letter of Captain Weeks of the Minnesota, I wish to express to yourself and to the Department my whole approval of the excellent work done at the fire on Congress street last Saturday night, under conditions most trying to every man engaged in the hard fight and the successful battle.

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

To H. S. RUSSELL, Fire Commissioner.

MY DEAR SIR: It gives me much pleasure to acknowledge the prompt and effective work performed by the officers and members of the Boston Fire Department during the fire of Saturday night, July 2, which was communicated to the ship (the Minnesota) from the Atlas stores. Without their assistance it would have been impossible to have saved the ship.

JOHN W. WEEKS,
Massachusetts Naval Brigade.

NEXT MEETING OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At its meeting held on Monday, July 11, the Board of Aldermen voted to hold its next regular meeting on Saturday, July 16, at 11 A.M.

IMMIGRATION DURING JUNE.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston, from transatlantic ports, during the month ending June 30, 1898:

NATIONALITY.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Austria-Hungary —			
Galicia and Bukowina	2	1	1
Other Austria	1	—	1
Hungary	1	1	—
Denmark	15	11	4
France (including Corsica)	2	1	1
Germany	11	5	6
Italy	—	—	—
Norway	38	17	21
Russia (proper)	51	30	21
Finland	22	12	10
Poland	61	38	23
Sweden	62	30	32
Switzerland	—	—	—
United Kingdom —			
England	202	103	99
Ireland	552	209	343
Scotland	41	23	18
Wales	—	—	—
Total from Europe . . .	1,061	481	580
Nicaragua	—	—	—
Central America, not specified	—	—	—
Total from Central America	—	—	—
Quebec and Ontario . .	12	9	3
Nova Scotia	3	2	1
New Brunswick	4	4	—
Newfoundland and Labrador	—	—	—
Prince Edward Island .	3	3	—
Total from British North American possessions	22	18	4
Cuba	—	—	—
West Indies	6	4	2
Total from West Indies	6	4	2
Grand total	1,089	503	586
Tourists or passengers en route	58	—	—
Debarred passengers . .	7	—	—
Total immigration for the month of June,	1,154	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	Males.	Females.
North Atlantic Division —		
Maine	6	18
New Hampshire	2	4
Vermont	5	9
Massachusetts	365	466
Rhode Island	7	5
Connecticut	13	11
New York	39	19
New Jersey	6	2
Pennsylvania	11	5
Total	454	540
South Atlantic Division —		
Maryland	—	—
District of Columbia . .	—	—
Total	—	—
North Central Division —		
Ohio	5	2
Illinois	15	11
Michigan	2	4
Wisconsin	2	2
Minnesota	12	11
Iowa	1	2
North Dakota	6	3
South Dakota	—	1
Nebraska	—	1
Total	43	37
South Central Division —		
Kentucky	—	2
Total	—	2
Western Division —		
Montana	1	2
Washington	4	3
California	1	2
Total	6	7
RECAPITULATION.		
North Atlantic Division . . .	454	540
South Atlantic Division . . .	—	—
North Central Division . . .	43	37
South Central Division . . .	—	2
Western Division	6	7
Total	503	586

NOMINATION OF ALDERMEN.

The following bill, relative to the nomination of aldermen in the City of Boston, constitutes Chapter 554 of the Acts of 1898:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO NOMINATIONS FOR ALDERMEN IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Every political party hereafter making nominations for aldermen in the City of Boston shall nominate twelve candidates; and in case any political party shall hereafter nominate less than twelve candidates for aldermen in the City of Boston, the names of such candidates shall not be printed on the official ballot.

Sect. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 1898.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	283	31	314	146	143	25	164	33	59	313	1
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	61	—	61	28	24	9	21	10	39	60	1
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	262	37	299	108	178	13	121	81	85	292	7
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	24	1	25	13	7	5	7	2	19	25	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	4	—	4	2	—	—	1	2	1	4	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	29	19	48	25	21	2	27	2	1	48	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	25	28	53	13	40	—	23	10	2	52	1
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,548	323	2,871	149	2,689	33	1,431	1,089	268	2,647	224
Totals	3,236	439	3,675	484	3,104	87	1,795	1,229	474	3,441	234

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10		10 and under 15		15 and under 20		20 and under 25		25 and under 30		30 and under 35		35 and under 40		40 and under 45		45 and under 50		50 and under 55		55 and under 60		Over 60	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1	1	—	10	—	25	3	69	7	58	2	48	9	35	3	19	4	6	1	6	—	3	2	3	—
No. 2	7	—	12	—	17	—	14	—	5	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3	2	—	29	—	46	4	47	8	50	5	34	3	25	3	12	7	9	6	3	1	4	—	1	—
No. 4	5	—	10	—	3	—	2	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	8	3	4	6	5	—	3	4	1	1	2	1	—	—	1	1
No. 7	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	11	6	11	5	3	5	2	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
No. 8	5	5	46	6	133	12	370	45	460	60	391	46	357	58	255	29	224	35	151	14	70	6	86	7
Totals	20	5	107	6	224	20	515	74	591	82	487	67	427	66	291	44	243	43	163	16	77	8	91	8

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	28	Lodgers at station :	
Witnesses detained	17	Males	13
Missing persons reported	34	Females	5
Missing persons found	9	Americans	9
Lost children restored	308	Foreigners	9
Sick and injured persons assisted	345	Non-residents	14

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,880	9	<i>Brought forward</i>	3,643	18
British Provinces	292	—	Denmark	2	—
Ireland	948	6	Holland	4	—
England	137	1	Wales	3	—
France	3	—	East Indies	2	—
Germany	32	—	West Indies	3	—
Italy	101	—	Turkey	5	—
Russia	70	—	South America	—	—
China	34	—	Switzerland	—	—
Greece	15	—	Belgium	6	—
Sweden	43	—	Africa	1	—
Scotland	45	1	Hungary	—	—
Spain	10	—	Asia	—	—
Norway	10	—	Arabia	1	—
Poland	4	1	Mexico	1	—
Austria	10	—	Australia	—	—
Portugal	3	—	Syria	3	—
Finland	6	—	Armenia	1	—
Carried forward	3,643	18	Totals	3,675	18

Board Meetings.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, June 27, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held June 27, 1898:

Voted, That the Superintendent be empowered, at his discretion, to designate resting places for bicyclists along the parkways and in the parks, changing the same as may be found expedient.

Voted, That the rules adopted for the use and government of the Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park be amended, by inserting in Rule 1, after the word "city," the words "or Harvard College."

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to substitute engineering graduates for laborers, for engineering field work.

A communication was received from the Mayor, enclosing a letter addressed to him by the Superintendent of Streets containing the terms of the agreement under which temporary permission is asked by that Department, to throw the surface water from the Francis-street district into Muddy River. The Mayor suggested that the duration of the permit might be limited to one year from date. It was thereupon

Voted, That the Board accept the proposition set forth in a communication of the Superintendent of Streets to the Mayor, dated June 27, 1898, and recommended by the Mayor in his letter of even date, as a settlement of the matter of the temporary disposition of the surface drainage into Muddy River from the district bounded by Huntington avenue, Francis street and the Parkway, referred to in the letter of the Superintendent of Streets, and that upon the presentation of plans, satisfactory to the Board, for said temporary drainage by the Street Department, this Board will issue a permit therefor with authority to maintain the same for one year from the date of said permit.

Voted, That the vote of this Board of June 13, 1898, to abate \$4,814 of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Robert Bacon et al., be rescinded.

Voted, That in the betterment suit of Robert Bacon et al., vs. Boston, the Law Department be authorized to consent to a judgment of \$4,314, without costs or interest.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, July 12, 1898.

The thirty-third regular meeting of the Trustees was held at 28 Court square, on July 5.

It was voted that, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Long Island, Mr. Wilbur P. Snow, now employed at Long Island, be engaged as an engineer's helper, at \$30 per month.

A communication from the Assistant City Clerk was received, relative to the sum of \$2,500, to be expended for the erection of buildings, etc., for the accommodation of children carried to Long Island under the terms of the Randidge bequest. As the Trustees are not expected to have charge of the buildings, either during their construction or occupancy, the question arose as to the approval of the bills for the same, and the matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Clayton H. Parmelee was appointed to the position of farmer, and Mrs. Therese H. Parmelee to the position of matron, at the Charlestown Almshouse.

Number of inmates at Long Island, July 2, 1898:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	78	138	216
Children	3	5	8
Dormitory:			
Adults	0	192	192
Children	2	2	4
In Institution:	181	0	181
Totals	264	337	601
Same date, 1897			587

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, June 27, 1898.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Falcon street, at East Boston, and for catch-basins in Leonard and Duncan streets, at Dorchester.

Orders of notice were passed of the Board's intention to relocate Tenean creek, between Gorham street and Dorchester avenue; to relocate Tenean creek, from Brent street to Kenwood street; and to construct an outlet for the Idaho-street sewer.

A catch-basin was ordered to be built in Warren street, Brighton.

It was voted to give a hearing in regard to changes in the locations, etc., of streets in Plat 8 of the Board of Survey plans.

It was voted to pay Ada L. Hodges \$1,383, for damages occasioned her estate by the widening of Adams street—her agreement to accept the same having been approved by the Mayor.

Tuesday, June 28.

It was voted to pay the trustees of the Dana lands \$30,000, for all damages occasioned their estate by the laying out of Ipswich street—their agreement to accept the same having been approved by the Mayor.

Petitions were received for sewers in Claymont terrace, at Dorchester; Cherokee street, at Roxbury; and Corey street, at West Roxbury.

Sewers were ordered to be built in Congreve and Fletcher streets, at West Roxbury.

An order was passed relocating Spring street, at West Roxbury, from Centre street to Gardner street.

An order was passed assessing the betterment occasioned estates by the widening of Brighton avenue.

In accordance with a request from the School Committee, the Board took land on Monument square for an addition to the site of the Charlestown High School.

A public hearing was given in regard to the relocation of a footway at South street, under the tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, at West Roxbury.

A petition was received from the Citizens' Association of South Boston, that action may be taken in regard to the laying out of an extension of Cove street by a bridge over the tracks of the Terminal Company and over Fort Point Channel to Dorchester avenue, at West First street, in South Boston.

Wednesday, June 29.

A sewer was ordered laid out in Sedgwick street.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to relocate Morton street, at Dorchester, between West Selden street and the New England Railroad.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Walley and Blackinton streets, and in Bennington street, at East Boston.

It was voted to pay Annie G. Murray and Kate A. Kaler \$6,000, for all damages occasioned their estate by the laying out of Columbia road—the Mayor having approved their agreement to accept the same.

Thursday, June 30.

Sewers were ordered to be built in Westbourne street, Blackwell and Bowman streets and in South and Farquhar streets, and in Strathmore road.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to relocate Shepard Brook, between the Wool pond, near Goodenough street, and Union street.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Walley street, East Boston, and in Boylston street, at West Roxbury.

Friday, July 1.

It was voted to pay Augusta D. Estes \$1,200, for all damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Columbia road—her agreement to accept that sum having been approved by the Mayor.

On recommendation of the Law Department, it was voted to award Agnes T. McGrath \$2,000, without interest, for all damages occasioned her estate by the widening of Whitney street.

A petition was received that Granger street may be extended, at Dorchester, to Dorchester avenue at a point north of Fenno court.

Tuesday, July 5.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out a highway, at East Boston, as a part of Bennington street, including Bennington street, from Chelsea street to Walley street, Walley street from Bennington street to Leyden street, Leyden street from Walley street to Beachmont avenue, and Beachmont avenue from Leyden street to Belle Isle Inlet, and constructing the same.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out and construct Elgin street and Lorette street, both running from Centre street to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Harvard street, at Dorchester; and for a sewer in Peters street, at South Boston.

Wednesday, July 6.

A public hearing was given in the matter of the location of a new channel for the Canterbury branch of Stony Brook, at Dorchester and West Roxbury.

It was voted to give a hearing on plans numbered M 81, 82, L 90, 91, M 98, 99, 100, T 1, U 10, U 9 of the Board of Survey, Plat 7.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Torrey street, and in Bowdoin street.

An order of notice was passed of the Board's intention to lay out Devon street, at Dorchester, from Blue Hill avenue to Columbia road, and to construct same.

Thursday, July 7.

Public hearings were given in the matter of the location of a new channel for the Mattapan Brook, at Dorchester; in the matter of laying out and constructing Fowler street, at Dorchester, from Glenway street to Greenwood street; and in the matter of the extension of Albano street, at West Roxbury, from Washington street to Amherst street.

Petitions were received requesting that Thacher road, at Dorchester, may be laid out as a highway; that sewers may be built in a passageway leading from Ipswich street, and in Fairweather street; and that a catch-basin may be built in Dromey street.

Friday, July 8.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out and constructing Ashley avenue, at East Boston, with the name of Ashley street, from Breed street to Walley street, and in the matter of laying out and constructing Middleton street, from Norfolk street.

It was voted: That there be awarded and paid to Ralph Butler, the sum of \$3,250, for all land taken from, and for all damages occasioned to his estate on Columbia street, at the corner of Sayward street, by the laying out of Columbia road, under the order of this Board of August 31, 1897.

A petition was received for a sewer in Roach street.

A public hearing was given in the matter of changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory bounded, approximately, by Chestnut Hill avenue, the Town of Brookline, the City of Newton, and Chestnut Hill Reservoir.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order was promulgated by the Board of Police on July 6:
General Order No. 526.

The following transfers in the Department are hereby ordered, to take effect at roll-call this afternoon:

Patrolman William J. Gilmore, from Division 3 to Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Headquarters.

Patrolman Edward W. Burns, from Division 14 to Division 3.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, June 29, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending June 25, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	4	3	
2...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	
3...	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	5	
5...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	
6...	-	6	-	-	4	-	-	-	7	25	
7...	-	0	-	-	-	-	3	-	9	28	
8...	-	2	-	1	-	-	2	1	3	17	
9...	-	4	-	2	-	-	3	-	9	21	
10...	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	14	
11...	-	3	5	1	-	-	-	-	5	16	
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	16	
13...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
14...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	8	
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	
16...	5	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	4	9	
17...	1	-	2	-	4	-	-	1	4	13	
18...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	22	
19...	3	1	3	-	-	2	-	1	5	17	
20...	8	1	1	-	-	2	4	1	7	57	
21...	-	2	1	-	-	2	-	1	2	19	
22...	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	15	
23...	5	5	3	-	-	3	3	3	11	9	
24...	3	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	10	24	
25...	2	-	2	-	-	2	-	3	12	6	
T'ls..	34	42	19	5	8	16	24	16	118	370	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, July 11, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending July 9, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	109
Number of discharges of mortgages	12
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of assignments of mortgages	8
Number of assignments of wages	23
Number of married women's certificates	8
Number of ship liens	5
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	5
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgage	1

The following accident notices were filed:

July 5—Mrs. Annie Casey, personal injuries from alleged defect in sidewalk on Westville street, June 17, 1898.

July 9—Kate McDonald, personal injuries from alleged defect in street opposite 30 and 32 Northampton street.

The following suits against the city have been entered:

George T. Morgan, action of contract, damages \$1,000; Henry C. Dunbar, action of tort, damages \$4,000.

Petitions for a jury to assess damages for land taken by the Board of Park Commissioners have been filed by Olivia M. Rogers and Hannah R. Stanwood.

City Hall, July 5, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending July 2, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	120
Number of bills of sale	10
Number of discharges of mortgages	19
Number of assignments of mortgages	2
Number of assignments of wages	38
Number of married women's certificates	9
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	7
Number of ship liens	8
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgage	1

An accident notice was filed June 27, by John J. Kilbride; injuries to his horse, caused by alleged defective condition of Cabot street, near Windsor street, May 28, 1898.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, July 9, 1898.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Walworth Manufacturing Company, First street, corner O street, Ward 14, twenty horses; hearing July 14, at 11 o'clock.
D. H. Sullivan, Darling street, Ward 19, two horses; hearing July 14, at 11 o'clock.
Thomas Howard, Greenbrier street, Ward 24, one horse; hearing July 21, at 11 o'clock.
Lawrence B. Ianco, 34 Gladstone street, Ward 1, one horse; hearing July 21, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Joseph Fluster, 40 Chestnut avenue, Ward 22, three additional horses; Margaret F. Murray, 484 Albany street, Ward 9, eight horses; Ann McNealy, 63 Marshfield street, Ward 23, six horses.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending Saturday, July 9, 1898:

Four hundred and twenty-five pounds poultry, forty-one pounds veal, 191 bushels potatoes, 104 bushels beans, seven barrels, eight crates melons, seven crates cabbages, two crates tomatoes, five baskets cucumbers, 180 quarts blackberries, two barrels clams.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the two weeks ending July 8:

Steers	476
New England cows	3
New England bulls	1
Sheep	1,253
Calves	505

Total 2,238

BUREAU OF MILK INSPECTION.

The following is a summary of work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during the month of June:

Number of samples of milk collected and examined:

From milk wagons	650
From stores, stands, etc.	495
Brought in by citizens	20

Total 1,165

Number of samples of cider-vinegar and vinegar	84
Number of samples of oleomargarine and butter	129

Total samples 1,378

Number of cases pending in District Courts, June 1	11
Number of cases entered during June,	18

Total 29

Number of cases ended during month	6
Number of cases pending July 1	23

Total 29

Offences charged:

Possession of milk containing annatto coloring matter, with intent to sell	2
Possession of milk not of standard quality, with intent to sell	10
Selling oleomargarine in a restaurant without notification	4
Sale of vinegar not made from cider or cider-vinegar	1
Possession of adulterated cider-vinegar, with intent to sell	1

Total 18

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending July 9, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	2	10	12
Negative	18	7	25
No growth	0	1	1
	20	18	38

Old Court House, July 2, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Swan Benson, Prescott street, Ward 1, two horses; hearing July 14, at 11 A.M. John Hourihan, 7 Walden street, Ward 22, two additional (four in all) horses; hearing July 14, at 11 A.M. The Best Baking Company, Cottage terrace, Ward 17, forty-five horses; hearing July 14, at 11 A.M. Catherine Brennan, Darling street, Ward 19, one horse; hearing July 14, at 11 o'clock. Peter P. Porter, Holmes avenue, Ward 24, twelve horses; hearing July 14, at 11 A.M.

The petition of Abraham Glass, for the occupancy of a stable on Malden street, Ward 9, for 120 horses, was refused on June 30.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending Saturday July 2, 1898:

Forty-nine bushels of beans, three barrels of potatoes, one barrel of beets, forty pounds of cherries, seventy-five pounds of fish.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending July 2, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	5	11	16
Negative	21	13	34
No growth	1	0	1
Totals	27	24	51

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, July 11, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending July 9, 1898:

Cases pending	1
Number of applications	62

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Number of admissions:	
To the State Almshouse	24
Long Island Almshouse	15
Observation Hospital, Island	3
Boston Insane Hospital	5
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	4

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Number of applications refused,	1
Number of applications withdrawn	5

6

Cases pending	6
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63

Legal settlements investigated,	68
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28 Court Square, July 5, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending July 2, 1898:

Cases pending	2
Number of applications	81

83

Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	32
Long Island Almshouse	15
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	7
Boston Insane Hospital	6
Westboro' Insane Hospital	11
Foxboro' Asylum	3

74

Number of applications refused	0
Number of applications withdrawn	8

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Cases pending	1
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83

Legal settlements investigated	106
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E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

Statistics for the week ending July 2, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	149	13
Females	21	5
Totals	170	18

Offences:		
Against the person	18	2
Against property	12	10
Against public order and decency	144	7

119

Totals	*174	119
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Discharges:		
Males	188	25
Females	36	4

29

Totals	224	29
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How discharged:

Expiration of sentence	144	26
Permit of Commissioner,	53	1
Payment of fine	24	2
By order of Court	2	0
Died	1	0
Totals	224	29

Population:

June 27, 1898.	1,643	578
Committed since June 27, 1898	170	18
Totals	1,813	596

Discharged since June 27, 1898	224	29
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July 2, 1898	1,589	567
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* Four men committed with two offences each.
† One man committed with two offences.

Statistics for the week ending June 25, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
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Commitments:		
Males	153	11
Females	30	1

Totals	*183	12
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Offences:		
Against the person	8	3
Against property	13	7

Against public order and decency	165	2
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Totals	†186	12
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Discharges:		
Males	187	13
Females	24	4

Totals	211	17
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How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	113	13
Permit of Commissioner,	69	0
Fine paid	29	1
Transferred to Deer Island	0	2
Transferred to State Farm	0	1

Totals	211	17
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Population:		
June 20, 1898	1,671	583
Committed since June 20,	183	12

Totals	1,854	595
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Discharged since June 20,	211	17
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June 25, 1898	1,643	578
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* Two transferred from House of Correction, South Boston.

† Three charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, July 6, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending July 2, 1898:

OVERHEAD, DEAD WIRE AND INTERIOR DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	591
Defects reported	114
Defects found corrected	91
Notices of new work received	113
Dead wire removed (feet)	15,600
Fixtures removed	6

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted for street openings, as follows:

Conduit construction	4
Building connections	12
Pole connections	7
Repairs	1

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending July 9, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	16.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	21.2
Number of deaths:	
Males	92
Females	74
Total	166
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	211
Decrease	45

Of the 166 decedents, 160 were white and 6 colored; 112 were born in the United States, 53 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of one was unknown; 43 were of American parentage, 110 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 13 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	13	2
Scarlatina	3	1
Typhoid fever	6	2
Measles	35	1
Totals	57	6

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	28
Pneumonia	11
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	11
Bronchitis	4
Marasmus	1
Violent causes	10
Total from principal causes	67
Total from infectious diseases	6
Total from other causes	93
Total from all causes	166
Deaths of children under 1 year	33
Deaths of children under 5 years	52
Deaths of persons over 60 years	42
Deaths in public institutions	50

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 13, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Canal street be relocated as a highway and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-eighth day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, July 8, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company respectfully petitions for leave to relocate its tracks in Scollay square, with connections connecting with existing tracks in Court, Hanover and Brattle streets and Cornhill, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated July 5, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 11, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the first day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Boston Globe, and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 5, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 2 Bond street, Ward 9, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over Milford street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 12 feet wide, and 3 feet over line of street.

DAVID F. BARRY,
5 Taylor street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 11, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto, may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 13, 1898.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for building abutments on B and C streets, South Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston, Mass. A bond satisfactory to the City Engineer in the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal and leave it at said office before 12 o'clock M. of July 22, 1898, with a certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston. This check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 30, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, thereto duly authorized, respectfully petitions your Board for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Charlestown Bridge, from Causeway street to City square, also in City square and Warren avenue, with all necessary cross-overs, curves, switches and connections, connecting with the existing tracks of said company at either end, substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated June 22, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 11, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the first day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Charlestown Enterprise, and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 13, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 4,652 linear feet of sewer work in Francis street, Vila street and Kenwood road, Roxbury District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Wednesday, July 20, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 5, 1898.

The undersigned request permission to project from building No. 64 Revere street, corner of Grove street, Ward 11, two bay-windows, of the following description: To project from second, third, fourth and fifth stories, over Revere street. Dimensions: Forty-four feet high, 10 feet wide, and 3 feet over line of street.

I. & P. SILBERSTEIN,
34 Mall street, Roxbury.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 11, 1898.

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Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

BOARD OF POLICE.

Licenses for hackney carriages, cabs, coupes, job wagons and other licensed vehicles expire on the thirtieth of June, and neglect to make applications to have them renewed may cause the licensees to forfeit locations now occupied by them.

Applications for carriage licenses can be made at 29 Pemberton square.

Applications for wagon licenses can be made at the station houses in the several police divisions where the applicants desire to do business.

Licenses will not be granted for wagons to stand in: Adams square, Avon street, Brattle street, Cornhill street, Court street (east of Scollay square), Devonshire street (north of Franklin street), Milk street (west of Post Office square), Summer street (west of Devonshire street), Temple place, Tremont street (north of Pleasant street), Washington street (north of Dover street), West street, nor in any public street or square where, in the judgment of the Board, the granting of such licenses would impede public travel.

For the Board,
THOMAS RYAN, Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, July 8, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25, in the Old Court House, at 11.30 o'clock, A.M., on Friday, July 15, 1898, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plans numbered M 81, 82, L 90, 91, made by the Board of Survey and filed January 7, 1895, in the office of the City Surveyor, in City Hall; M 98, 99, 100, made by said Board of Survey and filed June 27, 1895, in said City Surveyor's office; T 1, U 10, made by the Board of Street Commissioners and filed January 31, 1896, in the office of the City Engineer, in City Hall, and U 9, made by said Board of Street Commissioners and filed July 3, 1896, in said City Engineer's office; said territory is Swett street and its vicinity, between Dorchester and Massachusetts avenues.

JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
GEORGE H. INNIS,
Street Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT, PAVING DIVISION.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Boston, July 5, 1898.

To the owners of property abutting on public streets that are to be improved:

All owners of abutting property or people having rights in the public streets are hereby notified, in accordance with Section 7 of Chapter 36 of the Revised Ordinances of 1892, that the Street Department of the City of Boston intends to improve the following streets, and all persons or parties having any rights in the said streets are requested to make all necessary repairs to their sewers or water connections, or any other pipes or structures, within two weeks from date, as after that time no permits will be granted on these streets until one year after their completion:

ROXBURY.

Vernon street.

CITY PROPER.

Fayette street.

Howard street.

Shawmut avenue, Lucas street to Castle street.

Tremont street, Boylston to Eliot street.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 12, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Shirley street, at Dorchester, over and including the private way called Bartlett court, be laid out as a highway, with the name of Shirley street, from Norfolk avenue to Massachusetts avenue, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-seventh day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 11, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 144-148-140-146 Warren street, and No. 1 Moreland street, Ward 21, five bay-windows, of iron and copper, of the following description: To project from second and third stories, three bay-windows over Warren street, one at the corner, and one over Moreland street; one cornice, both streets, full frontage, twelve inches projection, twelve feet above sidewalk; one cornice, twenty inches projection at eaves, full frontage, both streets. Dimensions: Twenty-four feet high, 12 feet wide, and 3 feet over line of street.

FRANCIS W. KITTREDGE,
23 Court street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 11, 1898.

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Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 12, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 660 linear feet of sewer work in Blackwell and Bowman streets, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, July 18, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$100, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 11, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 434 linear feet of sewer work in Beech Glen street, Roxbury District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, July 15, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$200, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 9, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 333 linear feet of sewer work in Lauriat street, Ward 24, Dorchester, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, July 14, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$100, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDINANCES OF 1898—CHAPTER 8—CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF BATHS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER ONE OF THE ORDINANCES OF 1898, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF BATHS."

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 2 of Chapter 1 of the Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Said Board shall establish and maintain bath-houses and gymnasias, and shall have the care and custody of all bath-houses, whether for all-the-year-around use, or floating bath-houses in salt water for summer use, and of all gymnasias, other than those situated on parks or playgrounds and placed by statute under the control of the Park Department, now or hereafter established by the city, and shall have the care and custody of all urinals or public convenience stations now or hereafter established by the city, and shall have and exercise over such baths and urinals all the powers now vested in the Board of Health."

IN COMMON COUNCIL, May 26, 1898.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, June 14, 1898.

Concurred.

JOSEPH A. CONRY, Chairman.

Approved June 21, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

A true copy. Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 11, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 4,991 linear feet of sewer work in West Selden street, and outlet, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, July 18, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 12, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that a sewer be constructed in private lands, at West Roxbury, between Dent street and Mt. Vernon street, and between Keith street and Lasell street, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 436 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-seventh day of July, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

FOR SALE.

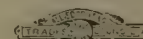
PARK DEPARTMENT.

One Worthington, horizontal, compound, tank, pumping engine; size 14½ inches by 30 inches, by 11 inches by 18½ inches, in good condition.

Two Worthington, horizontal, high pressure, duplex, pumping engines; sizes 16 inches by 14 inches, by 10 inches and 12 inches, by 10½ inches by 10 inches.

Also one 48-inch horizontal boiler, 12 feet long, with fittings and feed pump, in good condition.

Can be seen at corner of Perkins and Chestnut streets, Jamaica Park, Jamaica Plain, Mass.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume I.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1898.

Number 29.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

The Public Grounds Department has recently issued its Annual Report, for the year ending January 31, 1898, constituting City Document No. 29.

The report is principally devoted to a review, in detail, of the expenses of the Department for the year, showing the amounts expended on the various parks and squares throughout the city under its supervision.

Appended to the report is a list of the seventy parks and squares under charge of the Department of Public Grounds, showing the locality and superficial area of each of them.

WIRE DEPARTMENT.

The following is an abstract of the Fourth Annual Report of the Wire Department, which covers the expenses incurred and the work accomplished by it from February 1, 1897, to February 1, 1898. The report constitutes City Document No. 38:

Protest is again made by the Commissioner, against the present method of granting pole rights to the various companies and individuals seeking them from the Board of Aldermen.

Upon the completion of the underground system within the district prescribed by the Commissioner of Wires in any calendar year, he can cause the removal of the poles and wires in the streets, but has no power to have the wires and fixtures on the roofs of buildings removed. While permitted to remain, they become a menace to the public, and especially to the Fire Department in the discharge of its duties, and it is suggested that an ordinance be passed authorizing this Department to remove all abandoned fixtures that are not removed by the owners when notified to do so.

The work of placing the overhead wires within the prescribed district underground requires time, and causes what may seem to the public unnecessary delay, but is now practically finished nearly two years before the time set by law.

With the close of the year 1899 the Wire Department would cease to exist, according to the terms of the act creating it. The Legislature at its last session, however, so amended the law of 1894, that, beginning in January, 1900, the Commissioner of Wires shall cause to be removed from two miles of streets, each year for ten years, poles and overhead wires, and place the latter underground, in such portions of the city as he may deem best, making a total of twenty miles of streets to be cleared by the close of 1910.

The removal of the overhead wires and the placing of them underground is not by any means the most important part of the duties of the Wire Department, and its life should be prolonged for the good it has done and is now doing, regardless of the underground wires.

The duty of the Fire Department is to extinguish fires when once ignited, but the duty of the Wire Department is to prevent them. An important work of the Department is to keep electrical energy, in its generation and transmission, within proper bounds.

The storm of January 31 and February 1, of the current year, brought to the mind of the public the necessity for gradually removing overhead wires and maintaining the best form of construction possible.

This snow-storm brought whole lines of fixtures down into the streets, and in many cases rendered the same impassable. No fatal accident occurred by reason of contact with fallen wires, owing to the fact that most of the high potential currents were cut off at an early hour.

The number of fires caused by the crossing of electric wires during this storm was twenty-one, fourteen of which originated on the outside of buildings, and seven on the

inside. The loss was from a few dollars to several thousands.

This storm proved beyond doubt the unreliability of overhead electric circuits, the possible dangers attending the same, and the great cost to their owners of maintaining them. No one can be found in Boston today who can or will say that the proper place for them is not underground.

With the close of the year 1897, the work of laying the necessary conduits in which to place the overhead wires within the district prescribed by the Act of 1894 was practically ended, and during the early months of 1898 the work of drawing in and connecting up the cables will be completed, and the poles and wires removed from the streets.

The interior wiring of buildings is constantly on the increase and the small force employed in this division scarcely keeps up with it. In addition to the regular duties of inspection of the interior division, the men respond to all second alarms of fires. This division should be given everything necessary to continue the good work already done.

The competition in the electric business is very fierce, and the temptation to use cheap material great. The Department acts as a restraint in this field.

The crying need of the Department at the present time is a well equipped electrical laboratory, where all material could be submitted to test, and where the men could receive much valuable instruction. Unless this is soon provided, it cannot be said in the future, as in the past, that "no fires or accidents due to imperfect wires or appliances have occurred in buildings inspected and approved by this Department."

With the completion of the work in the underground district, the number of overhead wires in the city will be greatly reduced and the duties of the overhead division correspondingly so.

Gas is still found in the manholes in dangerous quantities in different sections of the city. It is the duty of the gas-light companies to keep this dangerous product within their mains and pipes. All companies owning manholes are required to open them frequently, and report to this office any leaks which are stopped.

There was much less wire and a smaller number of poles and fixtures in the 1897 district than in the districts of former years, and for this reason the overhead division of the Department has been able to give very much more attention to overhead construction outside the underground district than formerly.

The condition of nearly all overhead construction, shows a marked improvement. The method of running wire and supporting

it is under the control of the Department, but the location of poles and fixtures is not.

The number of transformers that have been placed on fixtures on roofs and on the walls of buildings has been materially reduced, as they are now being placed in the manholes.

That part of the law compelling owners of low-tension wires to insert fuses, or some other equally good device, is now generally complied with. Nearly all wires remaining overhead are now suitably tagged with the owner's name, so that the work of fixing the responsibility for unsafe wires has been reduced.

Especial attention has been given to the manner in which wires are attached to buildings, so as to prevent them from impeding the firemen in raising ladders, etc. Great improvement has been made in this respect throughout the city.

Reports of fires due to overhead electric wires have all been investigated, and such action taken by the Department for the protection of the public as was necessary. All fires for which second alarms have been given have been responded to by the overhead division, which gave such assistance in removing wires as was deemed necessary.

During the past year, the Board of Aldermen have granted various companies permission to set 1,300 poles in different parts of the city, and about two-thirds of that number have been located and inspected by the Department. It is estimated that there are 15,000 poles, not including the iron poles of the Boston Elevated Railway Company and the iron arc-light poles of the City of Boston, standing in the streets to-day.

The following shows the work attended to by the overhead division during the year:

Number of fixtures in 1897 district . . .	728
Number of poles in 1897 district . . .	134
Wires on fixtures in 1897 district (feet) . . .	1,070,400
Wires on poles in 1897 district (feet) . . .	267,600
Wires in cables in 1897 district (feet) . . .	106,100
Wires dropping to enter (feet) . . .	129,750
Wires in well-ways, etc. (feet) . . .	750,000
Wires controlled by Boston Elevated Railway Company (feet) . . .	296,000
Amount of dead wire removed during the year (feet) . . .	1,633,650
Amount of dead wire removed from 1897 district (feet) . . .	111,200
Amount of dead wire retained (feet) . . .	57,000
Amount of dead wire in possession of Department (feet) . . .	2,168
Amount of dead wire on hand at beginning of year (feet) . . .	77,168
Amount of dead wire sold and credited to the Department (feet) . . .	132,000
Number of poles in the city, exclusive of the Boston Elevated Railway Company poles (about) . . .	15,000
Unknown fixtures removed . . .	774
Defect notices sent out . . .	1,940
Defects covered by above notices . . .	7,596
Fuse inspections made . . .	3,750
Number of places not fused . . .	449
Lamp inspections . . .	107

There has been an appreciable increase in the work required of the interior division, and it has been impossible, with the limited force, to give the installing of electrical wires and apparatus during the year that supervision which it should receive.

The work of the division has been so systematized, however, that its energies have been utilized to the best advantage.

The work of the interior division, during 1897, has been as follows:

Notices of new work received . . .	4,799
Number of buildings (wiring completely examined) . . .	473
Incandescent lights examined . . .	128,857
Arc lights examined . . .	2,396
Motors examined . . .	1,121
Total horse-power of motors examined, . . .	3,739
Services examined . . .	1,988
Defects reported . . .	2,318
Defects corrected . . .	1,452

Careful inspection has been made of the temporary wiring of the various theatres, public halls, etc.

All fires and accidents caused or supposed to be caused by electricity have been carefully investigated.

The total number due to electrical causes was 113, resulting in three men being killed, thirteen receiving severe shocks, and several slightly injured.

No fires or accidents were caused by wires or appliances that had been inspected and approved by the Wire Department.

The report deals specifically with each fire, giving its date, location and time.

The cause of the fire is also given, the casualties and the amount of damage to property.

The underground division obtains and keeps a record of the amount of trench opened, ducts laid, manholes built and feet of cable drawn in; also the style of ducts and material of which they are made, together with the kind of cables and the insulating material used on the conductors. The especial duty of keeping all electrical conduits of any electrical system clear of gas, water, steam or other pipes laid in the streets is under the direct charge of this division.

The 1897 district covered that portion of the underground territory bounded as follows:

Beginning at the junction of Tremont and Bromfield streets, the boundary line runs through Tremont street to Tremont row, through Tremont row to Hanover street, through Hanover to Washington street, through Washington street to Haymarket square, through Haymarket square to Charlestown street, through Charlestown to Causeway street, through Causeway to Commercial street, through Commercial to Hanover street, through Hanover street to the water front; beginning at this point the line runs along the Harbor Commissioners' line to Cambridge street, thence through Cambridge to Joy street, through Joy to Beacon street, through Beacon to Park street, through Park to Tremont street, through Tremont to Bromfield street, to the point of beginning.

This district contains 10,157,040 square feet, or between one-fourth and one-fifth of the total prescribed district.

The work of building the electrical subways in this district has been completed and cable drawn in to replace the overhead wires. In addition, a large amount of work has been done in other sections of the underground district and in streets of the city outside the same.

The section of the city prescribed for the year 1898 is that portion bounded as follows:

Beginning at the junction of Joy and Beacon streets, the boundary line will run through Joy to Cambridge street, through Cambridge street to the water front; beginning at this point the line will follow the Harbor Commissioners' line to the ex-

tension of the line of Berkeley street, thence through Berkeley to Tremont street, through Tremont street to Castle square, through Castle square to Ferdinand street, through Ferdinand street to Columbus avenue, through Columbus avenue to Park square, through Park square to Charles street, through Charles to Beacon street, and through Beacon street to the point of beginning at Joy street.

This district contains 7,346,300 square feet, and is the only remaining district of the section of the city proper, north of Dover and Berkeley streets, in which wires were to be placed underground by authority of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894.

In the underground district, that is, that portion of the city proper, north of Dover and Berkeley streets, underground conduits have been laid in 102 streets. Outside the underground district, conduits have been laid in forty-six streets.

The number of permits and electrical approvals for street openings granted in connection with underground work was 1,851. Before a permit is granted, a plan is required showing everything under ground in the street, and the proposed location of the conduit. The number of such plans filed during the year was 180.

The main conduits laid in 1897 consist of cement-lined, vitrified clay, wrought-iron or wooden duct. The total work for the year in this connection comprised:

One hundred and fifty-four thousand five hundred and eighty feet of subway, 742,392 feet of duct, 1,099 service connections, 782 manholes built, 853,794 feet of cable drawn in.

Tables and statistics are appended, showing the work supervised by the underground division in detail.

The practice of taking photographs of the most interesting portions of the work of the Department, showing the condition of the poles, fixtures and wires in the streets and on the house-tops, together with the conduits, manholes, etc., has been continued, and the report of the Commissioner contains many such illustrations.

The financial statement of the Department, showing the appropriation and expenditures from February 1, 1897, to January 31, 1898, is as follows:

Amount of appropriation . . .	\$50,000 00
Unexpended balance from 1896-97 appropriation . . .	2,029 06
	\$52,029 06
Amount of expenditures:	
Salaries:	
Commissioner . . .	\$5,000 00
Employees . . .	42,692 42
	\$47,692 42
Horse keeping, shoeing, etc. . .	1,189 69
Printing . . .	874 07
Stationery . . .	689 91
Instruments, tools, etc. . .	194 81
Travelling expenses . . .	845 55
Telephone service . . .	383 74
Advertising . . .	98 75
Badges . . .	30 00
Police and Fire Notification . . .	30 00
	\$52,028 94
Unexpended balance . . .	\$0 12

NEXT MEETING OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At its meeting, held on Saturday, the Board of Aldermen adjourned to meet on Monday afternoon, August 1, at 3 o'clock.

THE FLOATING HOSPITAL.

The following directions are given for the reception of patients to the Floating Hospital:

Patients for day trips only can apply at the hospital boat, south side of Commercial wharf, between 8 and 8.45 A.M. on day of trip. Permanent patients can apply at the same place and time, or at 4 P.M. sharp at Commercial wharf on return of boat, or between 5 P.M. and 7 A.M. at the night station of the hospital boat, Pickert's wharf, New street, East Boston, near North Ferry.

The hospital boat leaves south side of Commercial wharf at 9 A.M. every week day, weather permitting. The only requisite for admission is a Boston Floating Hospital admission-card, signed by a regular physician, attesting that the child is sick, is under six years of age, and has no contagious disease. If further information is needed address Rufus B. Tobey, 221 Columbus avenue, telephone Tremont 893, between 8 A.M. and 5 P.M.; Saturdays, 8 A.M. to 12 M.

FRANK W. SAWYER, M.D.,
Superintendent.

THANKS TO NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

The following order was passed by the Board of Aldermen at its meeting held on Saturday, July 16:

That the thanks of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston be hereby extended to Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, Senator Frye, of Maine, Representatives McCall, Weymouth and Lawrence, of Massachusetts, Representative Clarke, of New Hampshire, and Representative Russell, of Connecticut, for their efforts in aid of the establishment of purchasing depot at Boston in the Quartermaster's Department of the Army.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1898.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of June, 1898, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	528,912
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	16.20
Death rate for corresponding month, 1897	17.78
Number of deaths:	
Males	307
Females	317
	714
Condition:	
Married	238
Single	380
Widows	54
Widowers	36
Unknown	6
Color:	
White	698
Colored	16

Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	141
Under 2 years	167
Under 5 years	206

Nativity:	
United States	477
Ireland	199
England	16
Scotland	4
Germany	15
British America	43
Italy	9
Russia	4
Other countries	22
Unknown	5

Parentage:	
United States	169
Irish	249
English	15
Scotch	3
German	27
British American	49
Italian	23
Russian	12
Other countries	60
Mixed	40
Unknown	67

Still-births during the month	45
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Causes of Death:**I. ZYMOTICS.**

Alcoholism	4
Croup	2
Cholera infantum	6
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	10
Diarrhœa	5
Dysentery	1
Diphtheria	7
Erysipelas	4
Influenza	1
Measles	4
Puerperal fever	2
Pyæmia	1
Rheumatism	2
Syphilis (congenital)	1
Syphilis	2
Septicæmia	6
Typhoid fever	12
Whooping cough	11
Other zymotic diseases	2
	83

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	36
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	15
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	19
Phthisis pulmonalis	94
Other constitutional diseases	19
	183

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	23
Bright's disease	6
Bronchitis	29
Heart disease	62
Meningitis	25
Nephritis	25
Pneumonia	52
Other local diseases	98
	320

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Cyanosis	2
Inanition	12
Old age	15
Premature birth	15
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	4
Other developmental diseases	20
	68

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	48
Suicidal	8
Other violent causes	3
	59

Unknown causes	1
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Total from all causes	714
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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on July 28, 1898, examination may be taken at Boston or any other city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners, for the grade of map printer in the United States Geological Survey, at a salary of \$3.25 per diem.

The Commission also announces that it is desired to establish an eligible register from which a selection may be made to fill a vacancy in the grade of die-sinker in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Treasury Department, at a salary of \$1,252 per annum.

No educational test will be given, but applicants will be graded upon their age, experience and intelligence, character as workmen and physical condition.

Persons desiring to compete should at once write to the Secretary of the Board of Civil Service Examiners, Post Office Building, Boston, Mass., for application blanks, Forms 304 and 394, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D.C.

OLD SOUTH LECTURES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

The sixteenth course of the Old South Lectures for the Summer of 1898 began Wednesday afternoon, July 13. The course will be upon "The Old World in the New," the several lectures being as follows:

July 13, "What Spain has done for America," Rev. Edward G. Porter; July 20, "What Italy has done for America," Rev. William Elliot Griffis; July 27, "What France has done for America," Prof. Jean Charlemagne Bracq; August 3, "What England has done for America," Miss Katharine Coman; August 10, "What Ireland has done for America," Prof. F. Spencer Baldwin; August 17, "What Holland has done for America," Mr. Edwin D. Mead; August 24, "What Germany has done for America," Miss Anna B. Thompson; August 31, "What Sweden and Norway have done for America," Mr. Joseph P. Warren.

The lectures begin at 3 o'clock. Free tickets for the course are furnished to all young people under twenty, applying in their own handwriting and enclosing stamp. A limited number of tickets will be sold to adults for \$1.50. Admission to single lectures, 25 cents. Free tickets are furnished to teachers.

NEXT MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At its meeting, held Tuesday evening, July 19, the School Committee adjourned to meet on Tuesday, July 26, at 7.30 P.M.

Messsages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Saturday, July 16, 1898, at 11 A.M., Alderman Prescho, senior member, in the chair. Absent—Aldermen Charles, Conry and Dyar.

The following messages were received:

Veto—Sidewalk Stands.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 16, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith, without my approval, votes of your Board granting permission to the following-named parties "to place wares occasionally on the sidewalk," viz.:

G. B. Arcadia, at 467 Broadway; G. B. Arcadia, at 653 Broadway; N. J. Bartlett & Co., at 28 Cornhill; Casaoretto & Ratto, at 87 Cornhill; Cassatratto & Ratto, at 69 Sudbury street.

I am informed by the Corporation Counsel that the Mayor and Aldermen have no authority to grant such permission.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

North Beacon-Street Bridge.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 16, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Engineer in reply to your order requesting "an estimate of the cost of rebuilding the North Beacon-street bridge."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, July 16, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The estimated cost of rebuilding the North Beacon-street bridge, in accordance with plans which have been approved by the War Department, is \$26,000.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Gift of Drinking-Fountain.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 16, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Water Commissioner, with accompanying letter offering the gift of a drinking-fountain to the city; and I recommend the

passage of the accompanying order accepting the gift.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, July 15, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I forward to you plan of drinking-fountain which Francis H. Peabody offers to erect, at his own expense, in Peabody square, Ashmont. I enclose also a copy of the conditions accompanying the gift. As far as the Water Department is concerned, I would recommend that the gift of the fountain be accepted.

Very truly yours,

JOHN R. MURPHY, Water Commissioner.

HON. JOHN R. MURPHY, Water Commissioner.

DEAR SIR: I respectfully offer to erect, at my own expense, a drinking-fountain, like the sketch which I send you herewith, in Peabody square, Ashmont, upon the following conditions:

The fountain to bear upon its front the inscription:

Erected as a memorial of Oliver White Peabody. Born 1834; died 1896.

On the back of the fountain the inscription:

Erected in 1898, by Francis H. Peabody.

The fountain to be located with its back against the curbstone which surrounds the central grass plot in the centre of the square.

The fountain to front Dorchester avenue.

The plumbing upon the fountain itself to be done by me.

The city to pay the expense of connecting the fountain with their own pipes and sewers, and to take care of the fountain after completion.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS H. PEABODY.

Ordered, That the City Council gratefully accepts the gift to the city of an ornamental drinking-fountain, to be placed at Peabody square, Ashmont, offered by Mr. Francis H. Peabody, upon the conditions named by him, and authorizes the erection of the same, subject to the approval of the Art Department as required by law.

Passed. Sent down.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Thursday, July 14, 1898, at 7.45 o'clock, P.M., President Connolly in the chair.

The meeting was held pursuant to the following call, which was read by the Clerk:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 12, 1898.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, July 14, at 8 P.M., to act upon the amendment to the Revised Ordinances adopted by the Board of Aldermen at its meeting yesterday, and to transact such other business as may come before you.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

The following messages were received:

Appropriation for Baths.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 14, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Owing to the very great increase in the number of bathers this year, through the additional facilities afforded by the present administration of our public baths, and the new bathing places which have been opened, and the consequent necessary increase in the expenditures for attendants and maintenance, I find it necessary to ask the City Council to provide by loan for the expenses incurred by the Baths Department for new construction and additions to plant, in order that the maintenance appropriation may all remain available for meeting current expenses proper.

The policy of the Bath Commission has been to provide for meeting the wants and the convenience of the public in respect to baths in as comprehensive and liberal a manner as possible, and the very greatly increased attendance at our public baths, amounting at a conservative estimate to double that of last year, has demonstrated in a highly gratifying and striking manner the popularity and wisdom of the new policy. At the present time, the Department has in operation five beach bathing establishments used both by men and women, namely: The North End Park beach, Wood Island Park beach, Charlestown Park beach, L-street beach, South Boston, and Commercial Point beach, Dorchester,—the four first-named being owned by the city, and the latter being leased. It also has in operation thirteen floating bath-houses, of which, five are used jointly by men and women at different hours, four exclusively by men, and four exclusively by women; and an additional floating bath-house, of a new plan, will be completed in a couple of weeks. A new bathing establishment in the Charles River at Spring street, West Roxbury, is also just

going into operation, and the swimming-pool at Orchard Park has been open for boys for ten days, and is now open for girls and adults as well. On several days, at least 6,000 persons have bathed at the North End Park, and about the same number at L street, and the daily attendance on very many days has exceeded 25,000.

Last year no suits or towels were provided except through the attendants, who were allowed to receive a small sum for their use; this year the Department has provided good towels at one cent apiece, and full suits for men and women at five cents, while suits for boys and girls have been provided free, and at the North End Park free suits have also been provided for all. Over 80,000 towels have been paid for this year thus far. To provide for meeting the wants of the public under the new policy, the Department has been obliged to purchase 15,000 towels, costing \$1,250; 3,600 trunks for men and boys, costing \$270; 1,200 suits for men, costing \$400; and 4,800 suits for women and girls, costing \$4,900; so that a total expenditure for this purpose of \$6,820 falls upon the maintenance appropriation of the Department for this year, although these suits and towels are expected to last for several years. Another extra expenditure incurred by the Department is that of \$2,750 for swimming instructors for the summer season, which has resulted already in teaching a large number of children to swim, and it is expected that this number will amount to many thousands before the expiration of the season. The Department has incurred bills for carpenter work, etc., performed by the Repair Division in putting the old plant in condition and adding to it, to the amount of about \$8,000, and about \$3,000 will be needed to pay for other necessary construction work during the remainder of the season, in excess of the special loan appropriations for particular baths which have already been provided by the City Council.

The Baths Department is fully able to meet all of its liabilities out of the maintenance appropriation, but, owing to the unexpectedly great increase in the public patronage of all the baths, necessitating a largely increased expenditure for attendants, the Department will be obliged to cut short the use of some baths, and greatly restrict that of others before the expiration of the bathing season, if it is obliged to meet out of its regular maintenance appropriation not only the large expenditure for bathing suits and towels above mentioned, but also the bills for new construction and additions above referred to which might properly be charged to loan. Under these conditions I have no hesitation in asking the City Council to pass a loan appropriation of \$11,000 in order to

provide for these construction expenses, and to enable the Baths Department to continue to provide for the public demands for bathing, out of its regular maintenance appropriation. Believing that the City Council, from the action which it has already taken in providing special appropriations, is willing to support the work of the Baths Department in a proper manner and desires it to continue upon a scale commensurate with the demonstrated demands of the public, I recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Board in charge of the Department of Baths be authorized to expend the additional sum of \$11,000 for additions to, and improvements upon the bath-houses and bathing establishments under its charge; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount.

The message was ordered to be sent up, and the order was rejected. A motion to reconsider was assigned to the next meeting.

Loan for Various City Purposes.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 14, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I desire to renew the recommendation which I have already made for the passage of a general appropriation for street improvements, to enable the Street Department to provide especially for the pressing needs of the twelve wards which have no special appropriation for this purpose. I have heretofore recommended an appropriation of \$100,000 for this purpose, but, in view of the expressions which have reached me in favor of making this sum as large as possible, I am prepared now, after carefully estimating the demands upon the remaining borrowing capacity, to raise my recommendation to \$125,000; but this is the extreme limit of the sum which can safely be applied to this purpose, and I should therefore be unable to give my approval to an appropriation of any larger amount.

I desire, in connection with this recommendation, to renew my former earnest recommendation for the passage of the loan order appropriating \$78,500 for various purposes, which has already passed the Board of Aldermen, and believing that the best course at the present time is to unite together this loan order and the item for street improvements above mentioned, adding also the additional item of \$11,000 for the Baths Department, the need of which I have explained in a special message. The loan order now submitted, carrying an appro-

priation of \$214,500, will still leave available the sum of \$77,000, as the present borrowing capacity of the city amounts to \$291,000.

I transmit such a loan order, and trust that it may be passed at once. I need not point out that nothing can be done this summer in the way of street improvements in twelve of the wards unless the loan order can be passed at once.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the several departments hereinafter named be authorized to expend the sums of money, and for the purposes herein specified, and that to meet the appropriations aforesaid the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount, viz.:

BATHS DEPARTMENT.

Additions to and improvements upon public baths	\$11,000
Commonwealth Park Gymnasium, additional	5,000
Public Bath House, Dover street, additional laundry, machinery, electric wiring, furnishing, etc.	6,000
	<u>\$22,000</u>

ELECTION DEPARTMENT.

Additional portable booths and furnishings	30,000
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Completion of salt-water pipe system	7,500
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

North Grove-street morgue, additional	3,000
Steamer "Vigilant," new boiler	5,000
	<u>8,000</u>

INSANE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Improvement of water service,	2,000
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PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

Alteration, equipment and furnishing of Wareham-street armory for the use of Repair and Electrical Construction Divisions	20,000
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STREET DEPARTMENT.

Street improvements	125,000
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Total \$214,500

The communication was ordered to be sent up. The order was amended by striking out all except the last item relating to the Street Department. The order as amended was rejected, and a motion to reconsider the vote of rejection was assigned to the next meeting.

Release of Land.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 14, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company has proposed to the city the exchange of the land under Broadway bridge, subject to an easement providing for the support of said bridge, for a parcel of land immediately adjacent to the engine-

house owned by the city at the corner of said bridge and Dorchester avenue. The respective parcels of land have been valued, and terms of exchange of land of equal value have been arranged, and the acquisition of the piece of land adjacent to the engine-house would, in my opinion, be of much more advantage to the city than the retention of the land under Broadway bridge, of which the city can make no use except for the support of that structure.

I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be hereby authorized and named on behalf of the city to convey to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company the land owned by the city under Broadway bridge, with a parcel adjacent thereto, subject to a proper easement providing for the support of the bridge structure, in exchange for a parcel of land to be conveyed by said company to the city, adjacent to the engine-house lot now owned by the city, at the corner of said bridge and Dorchester avenue.

Passed. Sent up.

Transfer for Ward 15 Bath-house.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 14, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I recommend that the unexpended appropriation of \$10,000 for the extension of Leeds street to Dorchester avenue, which cannot be expended under the present law requiring all new streets to be laid out under the Assessment Act, be transferred to an appropriation for a swimming-pool and bath in Ward 15, in accordance with the accompanying order. I believe that this sum, together with the sum of \$2,500 already appropriated for this purpose, will purchase the necessary land and provide a suitable bathing establishment for all-the-year-round use, to the great benefit of this ward and of the adjacent district.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

In connection with the above, Mr. Mc-Isaac of Ward 15 offered the following order:

That the sum of \$10,000 be transferred from the appropriation for the Street Laying-out Department, Leeds street to Dorchester avenue, to an appropriation to be expended by the Baths Department, for the construction of a swimming-pool and bathing establishment in Ward 15.

The order was rejected (fifty votes being required), and reconsideration was assigned to the next meeting.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved July 13, 1898.

Ordered, That, under the provisions of Chapter 257 of the Acts of the year 1898, the amount of \$43,750 be appropriated for interest, and the amount of \$41,094.50 for sinking-funds, for the year 1898, on bonds issued for sewerage works.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer \$500 from the balance of the loan appropriation for Street Improvements, Ward 3, to the Baths Department, for a public landing at Mystic Playground.

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to furnish a typewriter for the reporters' room, City Hall, the expense of the same not to exceed \$150, and to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Ordered, That, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 534 of the Acts of 1898, there be allowed and paid to Annie Ellis, widow of James M. Ellis, late a foreman in the Street Department of this city, who was killed while in the discharge of his duty, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled, had he lived and continued to hold his office until January 31, 1899, said sum to be charged to the Reserved Fund; and that, under the provisions of Chapter 569 of the Acts of 1898, the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pay to the said Annie Ellis an annuity of not exceeding \$300 per annum, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Street Department.

Ordered, That the Cemetery Trustees be hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of providing a chapel at Mt. Hope Cemetery, and to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue, at his discretion, and sell, either coupon bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston for the sum of \$25,000, said bonds or certificates to be made payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Boston, twenty years from the date of the same, with interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

Ordered, That any premium obtained by the said City Treasurer in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates shall be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

Ordered, That the Baths Department be hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$2,500 for a bathing establishment to be located in Ward 15, and the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Joseph M. Wade the sum of \$36.39, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of

the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 15 M street, South Boston, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2406, fol. 444.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Andrew C. Scott the sum of \$36.21, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Auckland street, Dorchester, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 3.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Mechanics Iron Foundry Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on 53 and 55 Kemble street, Ward 17, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied as a machine shop.

Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council be hereby tendered to the Rev. Denis O'Callaghan, for the eloquent and interesting oration delivered by him on the Fourth of July, in commemoration of the one hundred and twenty-second anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the said address and his portrait for publication.

Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council be hereby tendered to the Rev. Edward A. Horton, for officiating as chaplain at the services in Faneuil Hall on July 4.

Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council be hereby tendered to Elmer B. Derby, for his services as reader of the Declaration of Independence at Faneuil Hall on July 4.

Ordered, That the City Engineer be authorized to expend the appropriation already made of \$80,000 for the purpose of reconstructing Faneuil Hall.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to open such school-yards as he may deem expedient, and as the Committee on School-houses of the School Committee may approve, for use as playgrounds for children during the summer vacation, under such suitable restrictions as the said committee may deem proper, the city to assume and make good any damage that may be occasioned thereby to school property; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

Ordered, That the sum of \$1,000 be transferred from the Reserved Fund to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief, to be expended under the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 561 of the Acts of 1898, for the aid of the wife, widow, children under sixteen years of age, parents, brothers and sisters actually dependent upon any inhabitant of the City of Boston, having a residence and actually residing in the city, who has enlisted, or hereafter shall, during the present war prior to the declaration of peace, be duly enlisted and mustered as a non-commissioned officer or soldier into the military service of the United States, as a part of the quota of this Commonwealth, or who has enlisted and been mustered into the regular army of the United States, or as a sailor or marine into the naval service of the United States.

The following was approved July 16, 1898:

Ordered, That the care of the square at the junction of Harold and Crawford streets be transferred from the Superintendent of Public Grounds.

On June 30, 1898, in the loan order of \$349,000 for street improvements in the several wards, the Mayor approved the items of \$13,960 each, for wards 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 24, and he disapproved the other items. The Board of Aldermen sustained the Mayor's veto on July 11.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved July 13, 1898:

Ordered, That the special committee on State Aid be authorized to determine the amounts to be paid to beneficiaries under the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 561 of the Acts of 1898; the amount so paid to be charged to the special appropriation made for the purpose.

Ordered, That permission be and hereby is granted to the Boston Elevated Railway Company to convey in its cars over its tracks any snow, ice, stones, gravel, dirt or street sweepings, which have been taken from any street or way over or through which its tracks are located, for the purpose of improving said street or way, and to convey to any point on its line any necessary material for use in the construction, grading, repairing or improving of such street or way.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to T. J. Billings to move a wooden building, pitch roof, thirty feet in length, by eighteen feet in width, by twenty-six feet in height, from school-house lot on Athelwold street, through said street to Kilton street, to land of C. A. Ufford, Ward 20, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley to move a wooden building, pitch roof, twenty-seven feet in length, by eighteen feet in width, by twenty-two feet in height, from 35 Bennington street, along to Central square, thence to Porter and Havre streets, to 176 Havre street, Ward 1, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Mack & Moore to erect, maintain and use two guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Newbern street, at or near J. A. Andrew street, for use in building construction, Ward 23; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, and done on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George A. Fuller & Co. to erect, maintain and use four guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over the roadway on Oxford and Essex streets, south-westerly corner, Ward 7, for use during building construction; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898,

according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be authorized to close to public travel on Monday, September 5, 1898, during the annual parade of the labor organizations of Boston and vicinity, the following-named streets:

For the formation—Albany and Swett streets and Massachusetts avenue.

For the parade—Massachusetts avenue, to Harrison avenue, to Eustis street, to Washington street, to Roxbury street, to Linden Park street, to Tremont street, to Dedham street, to Washington street, to School street, to Beacon street, to Charles street.

And the City Messenger is hereby requested to cause the necessary roping-off of said streets at the principal points where it may be required, under the direction of the Board of Police; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board, March 21, 1898, relative to the closing of streets for the Labor Day parade be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates, said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, the owners of the estates to furnish said materials, viz.:

James D. McKay, 16 Wolcott street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Washington Realty and Investment Association, Washington street, corner Kingsbury street, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

J. Scheffren, 322-328 Blue Hill avenue, of artificial stone.

O. E. Furber, 80-90 Humboldt avenue, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

Walter F. Winslow, 115 Bay State road, Ward 11, of artificial stone.

August Nicklason et al., 19 Vale street, Ward 15, of gravel.

William Bradley, 374 Chestnut avenue, Ward 23, of brick.

Edward Tracey, 11-17 Vale street, Ward 15, of brick.

Shales & May, 7 and 9 Vale street, Ward 15, of brick.

The following were approved July 15, 1898:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Mt. Vernon street; thirty-five poles, thirty-five feet in height by twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven and one-half feet; date of plan, July 5, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

King street; six poles, thirty feet in height by twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet; date of plan, June 15, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:

Talbot avenue; six poles, forty feet in height by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet; date of plan, June 7, 1898.

Pleasant street; three poles, forty feet in height by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eighteen feet; date of plan, June 7, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the West End Street Railway Company to allow the attachment of, and to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to attach the wires and fixtures of said telephone company temporarily to two poles of the said street railway company on Federal street, on the northerly side of the bridge.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow city employees who are members of veteran firemen's organizations, leave of absence, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on August 18, 1898, the day of the Veteran Firemen's muster.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to extend the hospitality of the city to the delegates attending the annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, to be held in Boston, August 10 to 13.

Ordered, That a special committee of five members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to confer with His Honor the Mayor and the Law Department relative to

the matter of providing by ordinance that the laboring force of the City of Boston shall be established on a permanent basis, or that the compensation of laborers shall be placed at a uniform rate of not less than \$2.25 per day.

FREE LECTURES FOR THE PEOPLE.

The following is extracted from a report by the Committee on Free Lectures for the People, of the Education Department of the Twentieth Century Club. Through the courtesy of the School Committee, six school rooms were put at the disposal of the committee for six evenings. For the list of schools and the schedule of lectures see THE CITY RECORD, page 137.

Representatives of the club were in attendance each evening, and made a written report to the committee of the size of the audience, the interest manifested, the suitability of the subject and its treatment for such an audience, and other points helpful in arranging future lectures.

The attendance has been good, much more encouraging than in the first years of the work in New York. It has ranged from 100 to nearly 600, the estimated total attendance for the thirty-six lectures being 7,000.

The lectures were intended for adults, and for them alone. No admission fee was charged; tickets were distributed by the school-masters to the school-children and taken home by them for the use of their parents. The large number of tickets presented by the children themselves at the earlier lectures was a source of regret to the committee, but action was taken which materially decreased the attendance of children, and the percentage of adults accordingly increased.

A different method of distribution of tickets would obviate this difficulty in future courses.

The financial cost of the lectures was about \$750; of this the sum of \$250 was given by the Education Department, and the remainder by contributions from individuals within and without the Twentieth Century Club.

The lecturers were each paid \$10.

The work this year has been recognized as an experiment, and the committee believes that the results gained have been distinctly valuable.

The many educational organizations in Boston, and the different conditions which exist here and in New York, affecting the large mass of wage earners, had naturally led at the outset to a careful consideration of the need of this work, that it might not duplicate opportunities already offered.

The audiences reached have been, with individual exceptions, those which are not touched by the work of the Lowell Institute. The lectures have been carried to the people in the remoter parts of the city. The school-house has been made the gathering place for the residents of the neighborhood, and all that tends to make this the community centre for adults as well as children the committee believes to be well worth fostering.

Awards of Contracts.

Street Department.

Proposals for building sewers have been opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as follows:

St. Stephen street, between Jarvis and Bryant streets; bids opened July 11, 1898:

Bidders.	Totals.
D. E. Lynch	\$3,685 92
R. J. Malone	3,960 55
Quimby & Ferguson	4,038 44
T. H. Connolly	4,041 65
J. P. O'Connell	4,111 90
T. H. & G. M. Bryne	4,745 10
M. Russo	5,100 95
J. D. Kelly	5,635 31

The contract was awarded to D. E. Lynch.

Lauriat street; bids opened July 14, 1898:

Flynn & Brophy	\$289 56
George Tucker	298 65
D. M. Dwyer	362 10
T. H. Connolly	364 30
D. A. Dorey	382 76
J. P. O'Connell	421 50
A. E. Stewart	465 10
D. E. Lynch	474 89
James McGraw & Co.	626 95

The contract was awarded to Flynn & Brophy.

Beech Glen street; bids opened July 15, 1898:

George Tucker	\$399 50
T. H. Connolly	583 50
J. P. O'Connell	607 00
D. M. Dwyer	626 20
Quimby & Ferguson	685 40
D. E. Lynch	713 00

The contract was awarded to George Tucker.

Blackwell and Bowman streets; bids opened July 18, 1898:

P. F. Danehy	\$448 00
D. E. Lynch	658 00
J. P. O'Connell	766 50
T. J. Young & Co.	988 00

The contract was awarded to P. F. Danehy.

West Selden street and outlet; bids opened July 18, 1898:

T. J. Young & Co.	\$6,093 30
R. J. Malone	7,005 15
J. D. Gennaro	7,460 59
T. H. Connolly	7,664 10
D. M. Dwyer	7,957 64
Quimby & Ferguson	8,661 14
D. E. Lynch	8,693 00
J. McGraw & Co.	9,643 45
M. Russo	9,781 59
Collins & Ham	9,833 85
T. H. & G. M. Bryne	10,404 55
J. P. O'Connell	10,894 80
M. J. O'Hearn	11,373 07
C. E. Trumbell & Co.	11,668 60

The contract was awarded to T. J. Young & Co.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Park Department.

Proposals for furnishing uniforms for drivers were opened at the office of the Board of Park Commissioners, as follows:

A. Shuman & Co., suit and felt hat . . .	\$5 00
A. Shuman & Co., suit and straw hat . .	4 85
Spitz Bros. & Mork, suit and felt hat . .	5 60
Spitz Bros. & Mork, suit and straw hat .	5 35

The contract was awarded to A. Shuman & Co.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Proposals were opened for the construction of the East Boston High School-house (exclusive of plumbing and heating), July 14, 1898, as follows:

Bidders.	Totals.
W. H. Keyes & Co.	\$259,943
Kerrens Driscoll	253,952
Connelly & Wentworth	237,500
John S. Jacobs & Son	237,400
Norcross Brothers	237,263
James Fagan	229,389
Mead, Mason & Co.	226,950
James A. Colson	207,905

The bids were rejected.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending July 16, are as follows:

Death rate for the week 18.8
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897, 18.2
Number of deaths:

Males	92
Females	100

Total 192

Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897 181

Increase 11

Of the 192 decedents, 188 were white and 4 colored; 105 were born in the United States, 86 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of one was unknown; 38 were of American parentage, 135 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 19 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	22	2
Scarlatina	14	0
Typhoid fever	6	1
Measles	41	0
Totals	83	3

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	34
Pneumonia	9
Heart disease	14
Bronchitis	7
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	17

Total from principal causes 85

Total from infectious diseases 3

Total from other causes 104

Total from all causes 192

Deaths of children under 1 year . . .	32
Deaths of children under 5 years . . .	42
Deaths of persons over 60 years . . .	55
Deaths in public institutions	51

Board Meetings.

Insane Hospital Department.

32 Tremont Street, July 14, 1898.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met on July 14, 1898.

Present: Mrs. Marion, Mr. Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp, Dr. Baldwin in the chair.

The bills for the month for Austin Farm, amounting to \$4,056.99 and for Pierce Farm, amounting to \$2,975.21, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for these amounts. The pay-roll for Austin Farm, amounting to \$2,172.12, and for Pierce Farm, amounting to \$1,507.12, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for these amounts.

The per capita cost of subsistence for the month at Austin Farm averaged \$1.158. The per capita cost at Pierce Farm averaged \$1.412 for the month.

The reports of the Superintendents were accepted and placed on file.

The bills for the insane in other hospitals, amounting to \$37,488.48, were referred to the Committee on Insane in other hospitals for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to notify the City Auditor that in consequence of the consolidation of the two institutions, Dr. Lane, as the Superintendent of the Boston Insane Hospital, would sign the bills for both Austin and Pierce Farms. In his absence, they would be signed by Dr. Noyes, the Associate Superintendent.

The question of the employment of additional help at the Institution was referred to the Committee on Service.

It was voted to provide a card catalogue of the Boston insane in other hospitals, and to ask the State Board of Lunacy and Charity for permission to transfer twelve female patients from Austin Farm to the State Hospitals, on account of the crowded condition of the wards at Austin Farm.

The report of the Visiting Committee for the month was read and accepted.

Patients in Hospital July 13, 1898:

AUSTIN FARM.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	108	241	349
On visit	1	7	8
Total	109	248	357

PIERCE FARM.

	Males.
In house	182
On visit	3
Total	185

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Overseeing of Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held July 6, 1898.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Miss Rogers, Mr. Sproules, Mrs. Wolcott, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Day and Mr. Kerrigan.

The following votes were taken:

Voted, To draw on the City Treasurer for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-rolls.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers, for the month ending June 10, 1898.

Circular No. 42 from His Honor the Mayor with regard to inspection of electric plants operated by the city, was referred to Committee on Building.

A notice from the Public Buildings Department of contract for coal for quarter ending October 1, 1898, was referred to Committee on Building.

The monthly report of the Lodge and Woodyard, read by Mr. Humphreys, was accepted.

The report of the Temporary Home, read by Miss Rogers, was accepted.

Mr. Sproules reported the need of a new boiler in the Home, and presented an estimate of cost.

Voted, That the Committee secure bids.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, July 11, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held July 11, 1898:

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to procure uniforms for the drivers of the teams and water carts belonging to the Department, from A. Shuman & Co., at their offer of \$5, the cost of the same to be deducted from the pay of the men, at the rate of \$1 a week until paid.

The Superintendent recommended that drinking-fountains be erected as follows: One each at Perkins street, near the old gate-house, at Pond-street boat landing, at Refectory bicycle stand, at Dorchester Park picnic ground, and two at Wood Island Park, and it was

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to place drinking-fountains in the locations recommended by him; those at Dorchester Park and Wood Island Park to be self-closing.

A communication was received from Consulting Architect F. W. Chandler, approving the removal of the wooden framework of the pergola at Franklin Park refectory, and it was

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to remove the trellis of the pergola, at Franklin Park, at the close of the present season.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to secure proposals for an iron fence to be erected on the boundary between North End Beach and the north paving yard, on the understanding that the Street Department will assume one-half the cost.

A notice from the City Clerk's Department, enclosing an order of the Board of Aldermen concerning the closing of a portion of Commonwealth avenue during the parade of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union was received, and it was

Voted, That the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America be permitted to parade on Commonwealth avenue, from Berkeley street to Arlington street, between

the hours of 7 and 9 P.M., on August 10, on condition that a suitable detail of police be provided to protect the property of the city from injury and to maintain order.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Laying-out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Tuesday, July 12.

Public hearings were given in the matters of relocating Tenean creek, between Gorham street and Dorchester avenue; Tenean creek, from Brent street to Kenwood street, and the construction of a sewer outlet for Idaho street.

It was ordered that Tenean creek be relocated between Gorham street and Dorchester avenue, and from Brent street to Kenwood street. A sewer outlet was ordered built in Idaho street, and the following orders were passed for sewers: Melbourne street, Roland park, Massasoit avenue, Bowdoin street, Dorchester avenue, Butler street, Warren street, Eaton square, Corey street, passage-way from Boylston street; for catch-basins: Tremont entrance Back Bay Fens, Strathmore road, Leonard street, Bickford street, Duncan street, Boylston street, and Walley street.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to take private lands for a sewer between Dent and Mt. Vernon streets, and Keith and Lasell streets, West Roxbury, and to extend Shirley street, at Dorchester, over and including Bartlett court, with the name of Shirley street, from Norfolk avenue to Massachusetts avenue.

Petitions were received for sewers and surface drain in Selwyn, Shepard, Whitfield, Gardner and Highland streets.

A petition was received that Dakota street, at Dorchester, when laid out, may be called Thaxter street.

Wednesday, July 13.

It was voted to pay John Y. Gillespie \$9,000 for land taken from, and damages occasioned his estate by the laying out of Columbia road, his agreement to accept that sum having been approved by the Mayor.

Orders were received from the School Committee, requesting the Commissioners to take land adjoining the Bailey-street School-house, for the enlargement of that property; and to take a lot of land on School street, for the enlargement of the old Gibson School estate.

Orders were passed for a sewer in Sutherland road, and laying out and constructing Spencer and Millet streets, and relocating Francis street.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to relocate Canal street.

Petitions were received for sewers in Phipps street, and in Adams street.

Thursday, July 14.

A public hearing was given in the matter of relocating Morton street, between West Selden street and the New England Railroad.

Orders were passed laying out Stanley and Leeds streets, relocating Morton street, and to build a catch-basin in Leslie park.

An order was issued notifying the abutters on North Harvard street, as relocated, to quit.

An order was received from the City Council, requesting a hearing on the matter of the extension of the market limits.

It was voted to appoint, subject to the approval of the Mayor, for temporary employment in the Surveying Division, with the pay of \$30 a month, Edward J. Grainger, of 408 Meridian street, Ward 1.

A public hearing was given in the matter of the location of a new channel for Shepard brook, at Brighton, between the Wool pond, near Goodenough street and Union street.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to approve bills for expert examination and report on damages resulting from the laying out of Columbia road; Donovan & Brock, \$1,800; M. F. Sullivan, \$1,800.

A hearing was given in the matter of changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory of Swett street, between Dorchester and Massachusetts avenues.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, July 5, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending July 2, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	2	1	-	-	3	2	-	9	7	
2...	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	6	
3...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	
5...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	
6...	3	1	-	1	3	-	6	1	3	31	
7...	-	5	-	1	-	-	3	1	7	53	
8...	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	8	16	
9...	-	9	-	1	-	-	7	-	3	9	
10...	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	3	8	
11...	2	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	14	
12...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	
13...	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	
14...	5	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	2	6	
15...	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	14	
16...	1	2	1	-	-	5	-	-	2	12	
17...	1	5	-	-	1	1	3	1	4	18	
18...	-	7	-	-	1	-	-	1	6	8	
19...	6	-	-	1	-	3	2	-	5	5	
20...	2	0	-	-	-	6	3	5	12	38	
21...	-	4	-	-	-	-	8	-	4	11	
22...	-	2	-	3	-	3	1	-	5	5	
23...	3	2	7	1	-	8	2	-	4	20	
24...	4	3	1	-	-	1	2	1	14	15	
25...	24	1	3	1	-	1	-	2	1	6	
T'ls..	58	67	19	10	5	33	51	12	116	327	

Old Court House, July 13, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending July 9, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	7	5	
2...	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	
3...	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	
5...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	
6...	-	3	-	1	-	-	2	2	6	19	
7...	-	3	-	-	-	-	8	3	8	23	
8...	-	6	-	1	-	-	6	1	5	9	
9...	-	2	-	-	-	-	8	1	6	19	
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	19	
11...	-	8	-	3	3	-	5	1	5	14	
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	8	
13...	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	3	
14...	4	2	1	1	-	4	1	-	1	6	
15...	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	
16...	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	6	
17...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	9	
18...	-	4	-	-	-	-	8	-	1	3	
19...	-	1	1	-	4	2	-	-	6	7	
20...	2	-	1	-	-	3	9	9	12	29	
21...	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	1	22	
22...	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	-	2	9	
23...	6	2	-	-	-	5	2	-	12	12	
24...	4	-	1	-	-	5	3	-	7	17	
25...	4	-	1	1	-	21	3	2	4	7	
T'ls..	22	37	7	8	7	49	73	21	102	257	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, July 18, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending July 16, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	113
Number of discharges of mortgages	14
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of assignments of mortgages	4
Number of assignments of wages	23
Number of married women's certificates	10
Number of ship liens	1
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	5
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgage	1
Number of attachments	1

An accident notice was filed July 11, 1898, by Mary L. Pike, on account of personal injuries received, caused by removal of cross-walk, corner of Harrison avenue and East Concord street.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, July 16, 1898.

The following official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner, for the three weeks ending July 16, 1898:

P. P. Leahy, P. F. Toohig and D. M. Cranitch, of Engine 40, and Levi Thing, of Ladder 5, have been granted veteran certificates for seven successive years' service in the Department.

An order has been drawn on W. P. Whittemore, for grain for District 12, for the months of August, September and October, at \$18 per ton.

The following transfers have been made:

J. S. Enos, Combination 4 to Ladder Company 8; C. I. Antonia, Ladder 8 to Combination Company 4; D. W. Towle, Engine 32 to Engine 27, and J. A. McGee, Engine 27 to Engine 32.

Ladderman Benjamin P. Chase, of Ladder Company 2, has been dishonorably discharged for absence without leave.

Hoseman J. F. Coffey, of Engine Company 6, has been fined two weeks' pay for absence without proper leave, in addition to five days' loss of pay while under suspension.

Three sets of double-riveted harness have been ordered of the J. L. Thomson Riveted Harness Company, at \$54 each.

Sixty-four hanging bits have been ordered of William J. Josselyn.

An order has been given to the Eureka Ventilator Company for three ventilators and two registers in Engine-house 12, \$100, and three ventilators for Engine-house 23, \$75.

Four horses have been purchased of Messrs. Welch & Hall, at \$151.25 each.

An order has been drawn on the Manchester Locomotive Works for repairs on Engine 11, for \$1,450.

An order has been drawn on John Cavanaugh & Co., to move Engine-house 21, caused by Columbia-road extension, for \$590.

There have been ordered of the Eureka Fire Hose Company 1,000 feet three-quarter inch chemical hose, at twenty and one-half cents per foot.

A special draft has been drawn on the City Auditor for \$1,500 to L. K. Marston, in part payment for construction of engine-house at Grove Hall.

Ordered, That in compliance with authority received from Mayor Quincy, June 27, the Repair Division be employed to do all necessary piling and masonry for the foundation of new veterinary hospital on Swett street, for \$5,550.

Ordered, That Ladderman Joseph MacDonough, of Ladder Company 17, be granted a day off as soon as expedient, for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse on Harrison avenue, July 12.

Ordered, That two members of the permanent force of the Fire-Alarm Branch be granted leave of absence each week, from the end of work on Saturday to the beginning of work on Monday.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, July 16, 1898.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office during the week ending July 16:

Enos C. Tufts, 13 Withington street, Ward 24, one horse; hearing called for July 28, at 11 o'clock. S. C. Brown, 104 Walter street, Ward 23, one additional horse; hearing called for July 21, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

John Hourihan, 7 Walden street, Ward 22, two additional horses; Peter P. Porter, Homes avenue, Ward 24, twelve horses; James Swan, 243 Bowdoin street, Ward 20, three horses.

The following petitions were refused:

D. H. Sullivan, Darling street, Ward 19, and Catherine Brennan, Darling street, Ward 19.

On July 14, it was voted that the Board of Health hereby adjudges that the public health requires, and does hereby order, that the private passageway situated from No. 10 Marshall street to Creek square be paved with stone, brick or asphalt, said pavement to be laid in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Health, on or before the fifteenth day of August, 1898.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for week ending July 15:

Steers	247
New England cows	3
New England bulls	1
Sheep	28
Calves	403
Hogs	6
Total	688

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending July 16:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	7	4	11
Negative	22	12	34
No growth	1	1	2
	30	17	47

One examination for typhoid diagnosis, negative; one examination of culture from septicæmia case, staphylococci present.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, July 18, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending July 16, 1898:

Cases pending	6
Number of applications	96
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	41
Long Island Almshouse	35
Charlestown Almshouse	1
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	2
Boston Insane Hospital	3
Foxboro Asylum	4
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	7
	93

Number of applications refused,	1
Number of applications with-	
drawn	7
Cases pending	1
	102

Legal settlements investigated, 108

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, July 11, 1898.

Statistics for week ending July 9, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	146	6
Females	20	3
Totals	*175	9
Offences:		
Against the person	24	0
Against property	18	5
Against public order and decency	135	4
Totals	+177	9
Discharges:		
Males	165	15
Females	37	4
Totals	202	19
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	127	18
Permit of Commissioner	40	0
Payment of fine	35	0
Transferred to Deer Island	0	1
Totals	202	19
Population:		
July 4, 1898	1,589	567
Committed since July 4, 1898	175	9
Totals	1,764	576
Discharged since July 4, 1898	202	19
July 9, 1898	1,562	557

* One man transferred from House of Correction, South Boston.
† Two men charged with two offences each.

32 Tremont Street, July 18, 1898.

Statistics for week ending July 16, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	165	17
Females	25	4
Totals	190	21
Offences:		
Against the person	8	5
Against property	17	11
Against public order and decency	166	5
Totals	*191	21
Discharges:		
Males	186	13
Females	26	1
Totals	212	14
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	137	12
Permit of Commissioner	41	1
Payment of fine	34	1
Totals	212	14

Population:

July 11, 1898	1,562	557
Committed since July 11, 1898	190	21
Totals	1,752	578
Discharged since July 11, 1898	212	14
July 16, 1898	1,540	564

* One man committed, charged with two offences.

The following appointments have been made:

Rev. P. H. Brennan, to the position of Chaplain of the Roman Catholic service at the House of Correction, Deer Island. George O'Donnell, to the position of Instructor of Printing at House of Correction, Deer Island.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, July 11, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending July 9, 1898:

OVERHEAD, DEAD WIRE AND INTERIOR DIVISIONS.	
Inspections made	561
Defects reported	46
Defects found corrected	118
Notices of new work received	123
Dead wire removed (feet)	14,700
Fixtures removed	2

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals of permits have been granted, as follows:

Conduit construction	2
Building connections	14
Pole connections	2
Repairs	1

Inspections have been made, as follows:

Conduit construction	28
Building connections	21
Lamp connections	1
Pole connections	6
Repairs	6
Cable drawings	23

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	9,627
Feet of duct laid	72,049
Manholes built	40
Service connections made	59
Feet of cable drawn in	22,148

Inspections have been made of the temporary wiring at the various theatres.

One alleged electric fire investigated and found to be due to the grounding of ceiling fan motor, fed from a 500-volt circuit. No damage except to motor.

Electric-car fire on East Boston side of North Ferry has been investigated.

Old Court House, July 18, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work of this Department, for the week ending July 16, 1898:

OVERHEAD, DEAD WIRE AND INTERIOR DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	477
Defects reported	101
Defects found corrected	90
Notices of new work received	102
Dead wire removed (feet)	12,000
Fixture removed	1

The following investigations were made: Report of three automatic fire-alarms, which in each case was found to be injury to wires caused by mechanics working in the buildings. Accident to J. J. Murphy, by fall from iron lamp-post, corner Lincoln street and Dorchester avenue, July 14, after receiving shock. Injury was slight. Electric trouble on East Boston side of North Ferry, July 10, caused by guard-wire breaking and coming in contact with trolley and rail. Report of electrical fire at No. 58 Eastern avenue, July 15.

Responses have been made to second alarms of fire, as follows: Box 639, July 11, No. 215 London street, East Boston; Box No. 49, July 12, No. 43 Purchase street; Box 131, July 17, H and East Eighth streets, South Boston.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals of permits have been granted, as follows:

Conduit construction	11
Building connections	17
Lamp connections	2
Repairs	2

Inspections have been made, as follows:

Conduit construction	19
Building connections	19
Lamp connections	2
Pole connections	3
Repairs	6
Cable drawings	17

The following bills have been placed in the City Collector's office:

Ten miles old wire, sold to J. B. Rooney, Walpole, Mass., at \$6 per mile . . .	\$60 00
Twenty-five miles old wire, sold to Century Telephone Company, A. W. Worthley, President, 507 Tremont Building, city, at \$5.50 per mile . . .	137 50

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The City of Boston invites proposals for erecting and partially completing a veterinary hospital building on Swett street, in Boston, Mass., and doing other things incidental thereto; a bond of four thousand (4,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety, for faithfully doing the work, will be required; the office copy of the contract and plans for the work can be seen at the office of John A. Fox, architect, 120 Tremont street, Room 625, Boston, Mass.; the proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an envelope, endorsed "Proposals for Veterinary Hospital Building on Swett street," and left with a certified check of one thousand (1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, at the office of the Fire Commissioner, Bristol street, Boston, Mass., before 12 o'clock M. of July 26, 1898; this check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal; proposals filled out and left with check, as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

HENRY S. RUSSELL, Fire Commissioner.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for erecting a High School building at Dorchester. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$30,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen and a form of proposal obtained at the office of Hartwell, Richardson & Driver, 62 Devonshire street, Boston, Mass. The bidder must fill out and leave the proposal and a certified check for \$3,000 with said School Committee, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of August 4, 1898; this check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

THOMAS F. STRANGE,

Chairman of the Committee on School-houses of the School Committee of said city.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT—FERRY DIVISION.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Boston, July 19, 1898.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, Room 47, City Hall, Boston, until Friday, July 29, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing and delivering in the sheds on the ferry wharves of the City of Boston, 7,000 tons, more or less, of Georges Creek Cumberland Coal, or its equivalent; 1,000 tons to be delivered on or before September 1, 1898, the balance as ordered on or before January 31, 1899. Proposals will state the particular kind and price per ton of 2,240 pounds, delivered as above, including all costs and expenses of weighing by a weigher appointed by the City of Boston, and stevedoring the same to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets. Said proposals must be accompanied by a properly certified check for \$500, made payable to the City of Boston, said check to be forfeited to the city in case of failure to appear and sign the contract within five days from date of award. A bond, with sureties, or a deposit of money or other security satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, should he deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

Boston, July 13, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Princeton street, between Meridian and Brooks streets, Ward 1; Monadnock street, from Dudley street, Ward 16. Also for permission to relocate poles now standing, located as follows:

Norfolk street, at Walk Hill street, Ward 24; Berkeley street, Ward 10, twelve poles (to be removed); Elm Hill avenue, between Homestead and Seaver streets, Ward 21. Also for permission to relocate poles now standing, located as follows:

Tremont street, at Burney street, Ward 19; Harvard street, near Bernard street, Ward 20; Gleason street, Ward 20 (to be removed).

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 16, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the first day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, East Boston Argus-Advocate, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

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Advertisements.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 19, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing North River Flaggling from August 1, 1898, to February 1, 1899, according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent in the sum of \$2,000 for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Tuesday, July 26, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 16, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 400 linear feet of sewer work in Bowdoin street, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, July 22, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$350, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 19, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Belvidere street be laid out across the land and location of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 337 of the Acts of the year 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the third day of August, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 12, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 23 Fulton place, Ward 6, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second, third, fourth and fifth stories over Fulton place. Dimensions: Thirty-five feet high, 6 feet wide, and 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

JOSEPH ABANCIO,
23 Fulton place.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 16, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the first day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume I.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1898.

Number 30.

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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

ACTING-SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Edwin J. Turner, Deputy Sealer, has been appointed, by His Honor the Mayor, Acting-Sealer of Weights and Measures during the illness of Daniel P. Sullivan, Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF AUDITING DEPARTMENT.

The report of the City Auditor, of the receipts and expenditures of the City of Boston and the County of Suffolk for the financial year 1897-98, is now ready for general distribution. The report constitutes City Document No. 3.

The same general plan has been followed as that used in these reports for many years past. The tables which present in summary form information for a series of years, have all been continued and brought down to January 31, 1898. Certain changes in matters of detail are worth noting. In years past, items which were necessary to the system of book-keeping, but which represented no real expenditure by the city,

have been deducted from the gross expenditures in order to show the total amount really expended. This was not done, however, for the income side of the account. As a result, a mere superficial examination of reports of previous years would lead one to think that the income of the city exceeded the expenditure by many millions of dollars. The report for this year has improved upon previous years by making deductions from the city income corresponding to those made from expenditures, so that real income may now be compared readily with the real expenditures, and the danger of a comparison of gross income with net expenditure has been removed. In connection with the tabular presentation of the debt of the city, a new table has been added, giving the number, object and amount of loans authorized during the financial year. This table, if continued from year to year, will make it easy, in connection with the table of loans authorized but not issued, to follow the financial history of any piece of work, and to determine for any financial year how much of the debt then created was due to issues of bonds authorized in previous years.

The total amount of debt created during the financial year was \$8,627,600, of which \$5,537,800 was outside the debt limit, and \$3,089,800 inside the debt limit. Of the \$5,537,800 issued outside the debt limit, about one-half was due to the construction of the Subway and the South Union Station. The following table gives the amount issued on account of various objects:

South Union Station	\$1,575,000
Rapid transit	1,200,000
Laying out and construction of highways	900,000
Parks	500,000
Sewerage works	500,000
Stony Brook improvement	400,000
Ferry landing	112,800
Charlestown Bridge	200,000
Additional supply of water	150,000
Total	\$5,537,800

Of the \$3,089,800 issued inside the debt limit, the chief objects of expenditure were streets, schools, bridges and playgrounds.

Streets:	
Street improvements,	\$625,000
Paving various streets,	147,000
Construction, extending and widening	135,400
Asphalting	43,000
Macadamizing	23,300
Other objects	32,500
	\$1,006,200
Schools	764,000
Bridges:	
Charlestown Bridge	\$600,000
Other bridges	28,000
	628,000
Playgrounds	242,000
Nurses' Home	101,000
Engine-houses	51,000
Wire Department	50,000
Miscellaneous purposes	247,600
Total	\$3,089,800

Although the amount of debt created during the year amounted to \$8,627,600, the increase in the liability of the city on this account was much less. The debt was reduced during the year by the payment of bonds issued in previous years to the amount of \$937,289.81. The means on hand for paying debt, including the assets of the sinking-funds, sums set aside by the City Treasurer to meet bonds matured but not called for, and the credit balance of the betterment account increased during the year from \$26,023,232.37 to \$28,110,742.75, or \$2,087,510.38. The increase in the assets of the sinking-funds amounted to \$2,211,782.84, but at the same time the credit balance of the betterment account decreased \$124,272.46 by reason of betterments collected and paid over to the Sinking-Funds Commissioners. This makes the net increase in means of paying debt, \$2,087,510.38. Deducting from the amount of debt created, the amount of debt paid and the increase in means of paying debt leaves the net increase in liability at \$5,602,799.81.

LAMP DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Lamp Department for the year 1897 has recently been issued, and constitutes City Document No. 19. The report may be summarized as follows:

It contains a tabulated statement of the expenses of the Department during the year; tables showing the annual cost of burning the number of electric, gas and naphtha lamps located within the city; tables showing the

increase or decrease of the electric, gas and naphtha lamps, and an abstract of the general work performed by the Department during the past year. Also an inventory of property belonging to the Department not in use on the public streets, and other information of public interest.

The appropriation for the financial year ending January 31, 1898, was \$620,000. Of this amount there has been expended \$619,978, leaving a balance of \$22.

The demand for lamps on new streets, as well as for additional lamps on other streets, has been very much on the increase, and although the Department has endeavored to meet this demand, there yet remain many streets to be properly lighted. The electric lamp-posts and hoods, also the gas and naphtha lamp-posts and brackets in all sections of the city, have been thoroughly painted during the year.

There are sixty-five gas-lamps in use for the purpose of indicating the location of fire-alarm signal boxes. The Department assumes the cost of lighting and care of these lamps and furnishes the gas. On January 15, 1898, there were 8,103 gas-lamps in service.

There are also in use 2,646 naphtha-lamps, lighted by the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, under contract at \$22.81 per lamp per year.

The electric lamps, 2,735 in number, are arc lamps, and are supplied by the Boston Electric Company, the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, and the Brookline Gas Light Company. There are also in use twenty-eight incandescent lights of 32-candle power.

The comparative cost of maintenance between the electric lamps and the gas and naphtha lamps, is shown as follows:

1896.

Paid for gas and naphtha lamps, lighting and care of same . . .	\$255,826 10
Paid for electric lamps . . .	312,750 46

1897.

Paid for gas and naphtha lamps, lighting and care of same . . .	\$256,005 30
Paid for electric lamps . . .	322,305 11

The total number of new lamps of all kinds set up and replaced during the year was 922. There were discontinued 292 lamps.

The following table shows the total expenditures during the municipal year, 1897:

Gas	\$115,793 02
Lighting and care	81,954 00
Underground work	4,521 08
Repairing lanterns	13,742 19
Wrought-iron work	210 45
Gas-cocks	190 74
Telephone rentals and repairs	291 59
Gas lanterns	1,041 29
Printing and stationery	615 29
Wood-work, ladders, etc.	236 01
Salaries	8,438 34
Horse and carriage	809 05
Inspection of burners, etc.	112 00
Gas tips, burners, etc.	78 54
Plans of streets	36 50
Street signs	250 98
Periodicals	21 60
Ferries to East Boston	10 00
Horses, harness and wagons	282 70
Plans of building for shop	181 10
Torches	44 30
Tools	35 14
Electric light construction	8,601 84
Electric lighting	322,305 11

Naphtha lighting	\$58,258 28
Messengers	1,707 66
Auditing books	210 00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Health Department, for the fiscal year ending February 1, 1898, constituting City Document No. 14, has recently been issued. An abstract of the report is given below:

The total number of deaths during the year was 11,154, a decrease from the previous year of 480 deaths. The death-rate for the year, as based on the geometrical rate of increase between the last two census-years, 1885 and 1895, is 21.08 per 1,000 inhabitants, which is less by 1.45 than that of the previous year, and the lowest since 1879.

There were 1,806 deaths from zymotic diseases, a decrease of 179 deaths from the previous year. There were 105 fewer deaths from diphtheria than in 1896. There were 136 deaths from scarlatina, 15 more deaths than in the preceding year, and 170 less than the average of the five previous years. Typhoid fever caused 173 deaths during the year. Seventy-four of the deaths from this cause occurred during the months of August, September and October, and 102 of the whole number of decedents were between the ages of 20 and 40 years. There were 21 deaths from measles during the year. The number of deaths of children under five years of age was 3,708, compared with 4,055 for the previous year. The respiratory cases are still the most fatal, causing fully 26 per cent. of the whole mortality the past year, as against 27 per cent. in 1896.

The following table shows the deaths under one year of age, to each 100 births. The decrease is notable:

YEARS.									
1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897
Percentages, 17.8	18.2	17.0	17.5	16.2	17.2	16.5	16.5	16.3	14.7

In 1851, deaths from consumption formed 17.25 per cent. of the total mortality of the city; in 1858 it was 20.35 per cent.; in 1866 it was 19.40 per cent.; in 1871 it was 18.25 per cent., and in 1886 it was 17.20 per cent. From this period it gradually decreased to 11.55 per cent. in 1897.

The following is a summary of reports of Medical Inspectors of Schools for 1897:

Specific infectious diseases	495
Oral and respiratory diseases	3,638
Diseases of the ear	91
Diseases of the eye	489
Diseases of the skin	2,775
Miscellaneous diseases	5,289
Total number of examinations	12,777
Number recommended to be sent home	2,781
Number of consultations with teachers (about pupils returning to school)	927

The growth of cheap lodging-houses in the city has been such as to call for unusual attention from the Department. Their growth, attractiveness and convenience for the most unworthy, unclean and dangerous class who come to the city are as pronounced as is their necessity for the worthy poor.

To check the fostering of immoral and unclean habits of men and their crowding into ill-fitted and dangerous buildings, wholesome regulations have been issued as to the construction, equipment and care of all cheap lodging-houses. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 205.)

The disinfection of buildings has continued, although not carried to so great an extent as during previous years, owing to the smaller number of cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever. The new agent, formaldehyde gas, which was put in use in January, 1896, has proved sufficiently effective to warrant its general use as a surface disinfectant in place of the sulphur dioxide process.

The number of nuisances abated during the past year was 9,721, not including 878 complaints investigated, where action was found to be unnecessary.

The Board is gratified in being able to state that the outlook for the erection of plants by the city, for greatly improved methods of disposal of garbage and other refuse, is good.

Several docks in the Charlestown District and at the North End need dredging; and it may be said that the future of these docks and of the flats off East Boston, require that an immediate connection should be made between such sewers as now discharge into the docks and upon the flats, and an intercepting sewer.

Under the law governing bakeries, 344 of them have been examined and alterations made so as to comply with the law.

During the year, the Board of Examiners had forty-seven meetings and examined 271 candidates for plumbers' licenses.

Under the act relative to the licensing of gasfitters, the Board of Examiners had ninety-three meetings and examined 673 candidates for gasfitters' licenses. Of this number, 410 passed the examination.

There were eighteen bath-houses in operation during the year 1897. The following summary shows the extent to which they were used by the public:

	1896.	1897.
Total men and boys	611,894	536,360
Total women and girls	189,341	120,915
Total of both sexes	801,235	657,275

The number of applications for the occupancy of stables during the year was 257. Of this number 198 were granted, thirty-six refused, eight were withdrawn, and fifteen are awaiting action.

The general report, besides giving the reports of the Medical Inspectors, Port Physician, Inspector of Animals, Inspector of Milk and Vinegar, Inspector of Provisions, Superintendent of Pedlars, Superintendent of City Morgue, contains a convenient list for reference of certain regulations of the Board, and an extended report of Professor Harold C. Ernst on diphtheria anti-toxin and cultural diagnosis.

The following shows the work of inspection of the Quarantine Department:

Steamers	646
Schooners	162
Barks	70
Brigs	26
Ships	13
Total	917

Number of vessels disinfected	3
Number of cases removed from sickness . .	4
Number of cases removed for observa- tion	31
Number of persons vaccinated	19

In addition to the foregoing list of vessels there were seven steamers, eight schooners, three barks and one brig, whose papers showed that they had paid quarantine fees elsewhere. They were inspected and passed and no fees charged.

The revenue of this Department amounted to \$7,099.89.

The number of animals killed at the Brighton Abattoir is shown by the following table:

Cattle	21,020
Calves	16,217
Sheep	55,040
Swine	6,969
Total	99,246

Seventy-nine animals, weighing 32,031 pounds, were condemned.

A summary of samples examined by the Inspector of Milk and Vinegar is as follows:

Number of samples of milk from wag- ons	7,930
Number from shops, restaurants and lunch-carts	4,957
Number brought to the office by the public	317
Number of samples of butter and oleo- margarine	237
Number of samples of vinegar and cider vinegar	1,011
Total	14,452

INSANE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

The First Annual Report of the Trustees, with Fifty-ninth Annual Report of the Superintendents of the Boston Insane Hospital, constituting City Document No. 16, has recently been issued. An abstract of the report follows:

Under an act of the Legislature to establish separate departments of the City of Boston for the care of children, paupers, insane persons and criminals, the Trustees began their work in June, 1897.

While the city has been most generous in establishing a model City Hospital, proper provision for the insane of Boston has never been made. Of late years, the sum appropriated for the insane has been sufficient for the maintenance of the inmates of the hospital and of the insane boarders in the various State institutions. There have been no special appropriations for the proper development and equipment of the hospital and its construction. The institution is below the standard maintained by the State.

For the better classification of patients, Pierce Farm has been made a department for men, and Austin Farm, with the exception of one ward, a department for women.

The primary need of the hospital is more land. Until this is secured no plans can be made for the development of the institu-

tion. An electric plant should also be installed. The Boston Insane Hospital is the only hospital in the State not lighted by electricity. A better water-service is imperatively needed.

The insane of Boston are at present cared for as follows:

In the Boston Insane Hospital	519
In State institutions:	
Danvers Insane Hospital, 43 miles dis- tant	70
Taunton Insane Hospital, 36 miles dis- tant	91
Worcester Insane Hospital, 44 miles distant	96
Worcester Asylum, 44 miles distant . .	153
Westboro Insane Hospital, 32 miles distant	143
Medfield Insane Hospital, 20 miles dis- tant	218
Tewksbury Asylum, 23 miles distant . .	75
Northampton Hospital, 103 miles dis- tant	1
State Almshouse, 23 miles distant . . .	1
Insane boarded in families	34
Total	1,401

In addition to the above are the follow-
ing:

Criminal insane at Bridgewater (not transferable)	29
Inebriates at Foxboro (not transferable), Feeble-minded adults at Waverley	67
Total	136

Thus it appears that the City of Boston cares for about one-third of the insane at home, and sends two-thirds to State institutions.

Insanity is a disease and not a crime. It is no respecter of persons, and the Trustees urge that proper provision be made for the care of insane citizens at home, among their friends.

The movement of the population has been as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Patients in Hospital, Feb- ruary 1, 1897	216	229	445
Admitted	108	145	253
Whole number treated	324	374	698
Discharged	68	107	175
Patients in Hospital, Jan- uary 31, 1898	256	267	523

The report of the Superintendent sets forth in detail the various needs of the hospital.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Water Department, for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1898, has recently been issued, and constitutes City Document No. 37. An abstract of the principal features of the report is given below:

The net income of the Department shows an increase over the previous year, and the net debt a marked decrease.

In addition to the general detail work of the Department, 28.2 miles of main pipe have been laid, seven miles of which were relaid. The many improvements in progress in the city have made the Department work of a very difficult nature.

The original pipes, laid fifty years ago when the Cochituate system was introduced into Boston, in some localities are not large enough to give the proper supply of water, and in others have deteriorated in strength. This necessitates the laying of new pipes in their places, which means heavy expenditures and increased cost of maintenance. In the outlying districts the number of buildings erected has been phenomenal, necessitating the laying of new mains and service-pipes.

The amount of work done by the Department is very much in excess of that accomplished in previous years, and it is absolutely necessary that the wharf facilities of the Distribution Division for storing pipe, etc., be increased.

The practice of setting service-pipes on vacant lands for streets laid out by Chapter 323, Acts of 1891, presents many objectionable features, and it is intended to change the policy of the Department with reference to such pipes.

Work in extending the salt-water mains for the Fire Department is progressing very satisfactorily.

On January 1, 1898, the Metropolitan Water Board made a taking of the sources of supply of the Department outside the limits of Boston. The taking included all property of the Department outside the territorial limits of Boston, except the Fisher Hill Reservoir, the old Brookline Reservoir, their connections, and some mains in the immediate vicinity of the city. Boston no longer supplies Somerville, Chelsea and Everett with water.

The purity of the water has been maintained by constant inspection and attention.

The demands for new work during the coming year will be larger than during the past.

The receipts and disbursements of the Department for 1897 were as follows:

Total receipts of the Water Works, from all sources, for the year ending January 31, 1898:

Income from sales of water	\$2,590,496 89
Income from shutting off and let- ting on water, and fees	6,051 72
Elevator, fire and service pipes, sale of old materials, etc.	60,328 61

Total receipts \$2,656,877 22

Less refunded water-rates \$1,892 18

Net receipts \$2,654,985 04

Total expenditures of the Water Works, from revenue, for the year ending January 31, 1898:

Current expenses	\$623,476 51
Interest on funded debt	887,638 02
Sinking-fund requirement, 1896- 97	193,395 00
Extension of mains, etc.	281,782 32
Amount paid Chelsea, Somer- ville and Everett, under con- tracts	180,222 94
Damages	4,910 75
Balance to general revenue ac- count of city	483,559 50

Total \$2,654,985 04

Submitted with the report of the Commissioner are the reports of the City Engineer and the Superintendent of the Department, which furnish full details of the present condition of the works and of what has been accomplished.

The total length of the distribution system of the City of Boston on January 31, 1898, was 666.2 miles.

	Sudbury and Cochituate.	Mystic.
Daily average consumption in gallons	57,867,300	12,518,900
Daily average consumption in gallons per inhabitant	117.8	87.8
Daily average amount used through meters, gallons	13,459,300	2,264,200
Percentage of total consumption metered	23.3	18.1
Number of services	75,685	25,776
Number of meters and motors	5,061	522
Length of supply and distributing mains, in miles	627.1	187.2
Number of fire hydrants in use	6,842	1,718
Yearly revenue from water rates	\$2,082,536 98	\$521,262 68
Yearly revenue from metered water	795,910 07	127,439 76
Percentage of total revenue from metered water	38.2	24.5
Cost of works on February 1	*\$25,025,436 42	\$1,806,316 72
Yearly expense of maintenance	†623,476 51	

*\$1,154,766.84 credited by amount paid by State.
†Mystic Department combined meets Cochituate.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, Tuesday, July 19, at 7.30 P.M., the President in the chair. Absent: Mrs. Ames, Mr. Bateman, Mr. Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Fleischer and Mr. Paul. The Chair read the following:

(1.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

June 30, 1898.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the School Committee to open the yard of the Roger Clap School, Harvest street, as a playground for children, during the present vacation.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

June 30, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

July 5, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

(2.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

July 7, 1898.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to open such school-yards as he may deem expedient, and as the Committee on School-houses of the School Committee may approve, for use as playgrounds for children during the summer vacation, under such suitable restrictions as the said committee may deem proper, the City to assume and make good any damage that may be occasioned thereby to school property; the expense of the same

to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, July 11, concurred. Approved by the Mayor, July 13, 1898.

A true copy. Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Placed on file.

(3.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

June 30, 1898.

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to include in their next appropriation a sum sufficient to place the Phillips School-house, corner Phillips and Anderson streets, Ward 11, in thorough repair, and to make such additions to said school-house as are necessary according to the plans held by the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

June 30, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Respectfully referred to the Committee on School-houses, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Superintendent Seaver presented this report on musical text-books:

The Board of Supervisors, to whom was recommended, on June 30, 1898, the order that "H. E. Holt's New and Improved Normal Course in Music be authorized for use as additional text-books in music in the grammar and primary schools," have listened to a full explanation by Mr. Holt of the general principles and particular features of the system of music embodied in the books and charts of the New and Improved Normal Course, and are of the opinion that they ought to be authorized for use as additional text-books in music for the grammar and primary schools. They therefore recommend that these books and charts be so authorized.

Placed on file.

Mr. Seaver also submitted for approval the appointments of W. A. Edwards and John Haynes, to be junior masters in the Latin School.

Laid over, under the rules.

Mr. Strange presented the following:

That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made: Bowditch School-house, \$13,000.

Laid over, under the rules.

Upon the motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School-houses, it was ordered:

That the plans and specifications proposed by the Acting-Superintendent of Public Buildings for an addition of two rooms to the Bowditch Grammar School-house,

having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and they are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with plans and specifications.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported that the probable expenditure for repairs during July and August would be \$20,250.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, April 26, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to erect a flagstaff in the yard of the Florence-street School, Ward 23, reported that they have given the matter attention, and recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that a flagstaff has been ordered for this school.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, April 26, a communication from the City Council, enclosing a report from the Board of Health with regard to the sanitary improvements needed in the Dudley School-house, and requesting the School Committee to take immediate action towards providing said improvements, reported that they have included an item to cover the cost of the suggested improvements in their estimates submitted to and approved by the Board, and recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed that it is proposed to complete the work at an early date.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported that, though the appropriation was insufficient to make all the desired repairs in the Fifth Division, as much as possible would be done before September.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, May 24, an order that a master's and teachers' room be provided for the Prescott Grammar School, with suitable furniture therefor, reported that the matter has received their attention, and no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, June 30, a communication from the Board of Aldermen, requesting the immediate removal of the old and dilapidated buildings then standing on land of the City of Boston in Athelwold street, Ward 20, reported that these buildings have now been removed, and recommended that the Board of Aldermen be so informed.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was ordered:

(1.) That the Eustis-street Primary School-house be called the Albert Palmer School, in honor of the late ex-Mayor Albert Palmer.

Laid over, under the rules.

(2.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

East Boston High School-house, \$200,000.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

(3.) That the plans and specifications for a primary school-house, on Munroe street, prepared by James Mulcahy, architect,

having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said James Mulcahy is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications.

(4.) That the plans and specifications for a primary school-house on Baker street, prepared by Bacon & Hill, architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Bacon & Hill are hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications.

(5.) That the plans and specifications for the addition to and alteration of the Mechanic Arts High School Building, prepared by Edmund M. Wheelwright, architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Edmund M. Wheelwright is hereby selected and employed to supervise the completion of said school-building in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, it was

Ordered, That 2,000 copies of the Course of Study, primary schools, School Document No. 26, 1890, be printed.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Allen, it was

Ordered, That the restriction upon the cost of the new East Boston High School-house imposed by the Board at the meeting of May 10, 1898, be, and the same hereby is, removed.

On motion of Mr. Anderson the second order on page 375 of the minutes, directing the adoption of Holt's Normal Course in Music, was passed.

Mr. Strange moved that the 1897 schedule of salaries be substituted for that reported by the Committee on Salaries, and asked for a ye and nay vote on the motion.

Substitution was voted, 11 to 7.

The question was then put on the adoption of the substitute order, Mr. Strange again calling for the yeas and nays. The order was adopted by the same vote which permitted its substitution.

Mr. Bassett then said that he wished to offer an amendment whereby the assistant principal in the Roxbury High School would receive \$1,620, with an annual increment of \$72—with a maximum of \$1,836. He also asked that the teachers of sewing be paid according to the committee's schedule.

In order to simplify matters and to permit the desired amendments, Mr. Strange moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the 1897 schedule was adopted. Reconsidera-

tion was taken, and Mr. Bassett's amendments introduced.

At this point Section 1 of the Committee's report came up for discussion:

Ordered, That the salaries of the instructors in the public schools, with the exception of the assistant principal in the Roxbury High School and the teachers of sewing, be continued until September 1, 1899, in accordance with the present schedule of salaries, subject to the following reduction, viz.: That all instructors in the service of the city during the month of August, 1899, be reduced 20 per cent. from the amount due them under the present schedule of salaries for said month. In computing the proposed reduction, no account is to be taken of any fraction of \$10.

Mr. Gallivan moved to recommit the whole matter, and after a lengthy debate, it was so voted.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Ordered, That the following order passed at the meeting of the School Board, April 26, 1898, on page 240 of the minutes, be, and hereby is, rescinded: "Ordered, That the Outline of Lessons in Drawing for 1898-99 be issued as a School Document with illustrations, and that 2,000 copies of said document be printed."

In place thereof, the Committee on Supplies offered the following order:

Ordered, That the Outline of Lessons in Drawing for 1898-99 be issued with illustrations, and that 2,000 copies thereof be printed.

Passed.

The Chair announced these standing committees:

Accounts—W. S. Allen, chairman; Messrs. Gallivan, Hubbard, Paul and Nichols.

Annual Report—F. L. Coolidge, chairman; Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Aldrich.

Courses of Study and Text-books—J. A. McDonald, chairman; Mrs. Keller; Messrs. Allen, Anderson and Mrs. Fifield.

Evening Schools—I. F. Paul, chairman; Messrs. Anderson, Fleischer, McDonald and Mrs. Ames.

Horace Mann School—Mrs. Keller, chairman; Messrs. Fleischer, Bateman, Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Nichols.

Hygiene and Physical Training—S. H. Calderwood, chairman; Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Burrill and Fleischer.

Legislative Matters—A. L. Lowell, chairman; Messrs. Eaton, Bassett, Strange and Paul.

New Buildings—W. T. Eaton, chairman; Messrs. Huggan, Strange, Bassett and Courtney.

Rules and Regulations—G. W. Anderson, chairman; Messrs. Hubbard, Gallivan, Lowell and Bowdlear.

Salaries—I. A. Bassett, chairman; Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Burrill, Aldrich and Nichols.

School-houses—T. F. Strange, chairman; Messrs. Lowell, Coolidge, Davison and Eaton.

Supplies—A. T. Davison, chairman; Messrs. Huggan, Calderwood, Coolidge and Courtney.

Tenant Officers—S. F. Hubbard, chairman; Messrs. McDonald, Bowdlear, Bateman and Burrill.

Normal School—Mr. Aldrich, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bowdlear, Courtney and Huggan.

High Schools—Messrs. Allen, Calderwood, Davison, Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Gallivan.

First Division—Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Huggan, McDonald and Nichols.

Second Division—Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Hubbard, Huggan and McDonald.

Third Division—Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Burrill, Courtney, Hubbard and Paul.

Fourth Division—Messrs. Burrill, Coolidge, Eaton, Lowell and Paul.

Fifth Division—Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Calderwood, Courtney, Fleischer and Gallivan.

Sixth Division—Messrs. Bowdlear, Davison, Eaton, Gallivan and Nichols.

Seventh Division—Messrs. Aldrich, Bassett, Calderwood, Eaton and Strange.

Eighth Division—Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bowdlear, Coolidge and Mrs. Keller.

Ninth Division—Messrs. Bassett, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Strange.

The Committee on School-houses and the Committee on New Buildings were recommended to the Chair.

The Board adjourned at 10.28 P.M. to 7.30 P.M., July 26.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES OF SCHOOL BOARD.

At the meeting of the School Committee, held Tuesday, July 26, President Huggan announced the appointment of these committees:

New Buildings—William T. Eaton, Chairman; Messrs. Huggan, Aldrich, Bassett and Courtney.

School-houses—Thomas F. Strange, Chairman; Messrs. Lowell, Coolidge, Davison and Hubbard.

EXHIBITIONS BY PUPILS IN THE CITY SWIMMING SCHOOLS.

At a meeting of the swimming instructors of the Boston Public Baths, July 15, it was decided to give a series of local exhibitions by the pupils of the swimming schools, in August, and a final competition for prizes at the North End Park.

A committee was appointed to make all arrangements.

The committee, consisting of Messrs. Nissen, McNally, Smith and Oye, met on July 21, and decided on the following list of contests in the local and final exhibitions:

1—Twenty yards' graceful swimming, breast stroke.

2—Twenty yards' dash, go-as-you-please.

3—Twenty yards' swimming on back, any style.

4—Standing, graceful dive.

5—Running dive.

6—Dive and submarine swim, for distance.

7—Floating.

Suitable prizes will be offered in each event in the local competitions; and prizes for general excellence will be awarded, at the final exhibition, to the two best from each school.

The composition of that part of the programme which shall serve to illustrate the progress made by the pupils will be left to the discretion of the teachers.

At the local exhibitions there will be three judges, namely, the Chief Instructor, Mr. Nissen; the local teacher, and another teacher to be selected by the Chief Instructor.

It was decided to invite the following

gentlemen to attend, viz.: Dr. D. A. Sargent, of Harvard University; Dr. L. A. B. Street, Mr. Fletcher, Superintendent Rich, of the Brookline Baths; Mr. John Graham, Mr. James Shea, Mr. Christian Eberhard, of the Boston Athletic Association; Mr. Roberts, of the Young Men's Christian Association, and Mr. John Bowler, of the Charlesbank Gymnasium.

The dates set for the exhibitions are as follows:

Monday, August 22, at 12 M., the local exhibitions for the North and West Ends are to be held at the North End Park.

Tuesday, August 23, at 2 P.M., for East Boston baths, at Wood Island.

Tuesday, August 23, at 10 A.M., for Roxbury, at Orchard Park.

Wednesday, August 24, at 2 P.M., for Dover street boys, and at 3 P.M., for South Boston boys, at the L-street bath.

Wednesday, August 24, at 4 P.M., for girls of Dover-street bath, and at 5 P.M., for South Boston girls, at K-street bath.

Thursday, August 25, at 3 P.M., for Dorchester, at Commercial Point.

Friday, August 26, at 4 P.M., for Charlesbank, at Medford-street beach.

Saturday, August 27, final exhibition, at North End Park, at 4.30 P.M.

In the event of storm on any of the days appointed, the chief instructor will appoint another date for the exhibition.

CHARLESBANK GYMNASIUM.

An exhibition of gymnastic and athletic exercises will be given at Charlesbank, on Saturday, July 30, at 2.30 P.M., under the direction of Mr. J. W. Bowler.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order was promulgated by the Board of Police on July 21, 1898:

General Order No. 527.

In the matter of the complaint made by Louis Epenstein against Patrolman Charles H. Woodman, of Division 14, for violation of Rule XXVI of the Police Manual, the Board orders the complaint to be dismissed.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of importations and exportations, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the port of Boston during the month of June, 1898, as compared with the corresponding month of 1897:

	Importations.		Exportations.	
June, 1898 . . .	\$3,996,158		\$9,089,466	
June, 1897 . . .	9,967,878		8,779,311	
	Entered.		Cleared.	
Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
June, 1898 . . .	166	146,014	190	149,402
June, 1897 . . .	229	193,475	214	152,761
Arrival of passengers, June, 1898 . . .				1,468
Arrival of passengers, June, 1897 . . .				1,634

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

The following Act, relative to the Registration of Voters in the City of Boston, constitutes Chapter 401 of the Acts of 1898:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 61 of the Acts of the year 1895 is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the words — provided, however, that in the City of Boston no person shall be assessed as above-provided later than the first day of October — so as to read as follows:

Section 1. Every male applicant for registration shall present a certificate from the Assessors or a tax bill or notice from the Collector of Taxes, showing that he has been assessed as a resident of the city or town on the preceding first day of May, and the same shall be accepted by the Registrars as prima facie evidence of such residence, or he shall present a certificate from the Assessors that he has been a resident for the six months next preceding the election at which he claims the right to vote, and the same shall be accepted by the Registrars as prima facie evidence of such residence. If a male person was a resident of the city or town on the first day of May, and was not assessed a poll tax by the Assessors of said city or town on the first day of May, such person, in order to establish his right to be assessed, shall appear before the Board of Assessors, accompanied by two witnesses who shall testify under oath that they are registered voters of the ward or town in which he desires to be assessed, and who shall also testify under oath to the truth of the statement of the applicant in regard to his right to be assessed at the place claimed by him as a legal residence on the first day of May; provided, however, that in the City of Boston no person shall be assessed as above-provided later than the first day of October.

Sect. 2. Section 2 of said chapter is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the words — provided, however, that in the City of Boston no person shall be assessed as above-provided later than the first day of October — so as to read as follows:

Sect. 2. Every male person moving into a city or town subsequently to the first day of May, and claiming the right to vote at an election and desiring to be registered by the Registrars of Voters, shall appear before the Board of Assessors, accompanied by two witnesses who shall testify under oath that they are registered voters of the ward or town in which he desires to be registered, and who shall also testify under oath to the truth of the statement of the applicant in regard to his being a resident of the city or town for the six months next preceding the election at which he claims the right to vote. The Assessors shall give the applicant a certificate stating that he has complied with the provisions of this section; provided, however, that in the City of Boston no person shall be assessed as above-provided later than the first day of October.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on August 9, 1898, examinations may be taken at Boston, or any other city in the United States where the Commission has a competent Board of Examiners, for the grade of clerk, with knowledge of the Russian and French languages, in the office of the Auditor for the War Department, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum.

Persons desiring to compete should at once write to the Secretary of the Board of Civil Service Examiners, Post Office Building, Boston, for application blanks, Form 304, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D. C.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on August 12, 1898, examination may be taken at Boston, or any other city in the United States, where the Commission has a Board of Examiners, for the position of guard in the United States Penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, at a salary of \$60 per month.

The Department desires men not less than twenty-two nor more than fifty years of age, who are not less than five feet nine inches in height, and who weigh not less than 150 pounds, who are possessed of sound physical health, good moral character and undoubted honesty, great personal courage, a kindly but firm disposition, sound judgment and discretion, an inclination to faithfully carry out the orders of a superior, a personality and characteristics which would command respect and obedience of persons in their custody, and a temperament calculated to gain the confidence and friendship of prisoners in their charge. Those who are not shown, by the evidence presented, to possess these preliminary qualifications, will not be admitted to the written examination.

The written examination will be of a very light character, consisting of spelling, elementary arithmetic, letter writing, penmanship, copying from plain copy.

In determining the general average of the competitors, the educational examination will be given a weight of 70 per cent., and the element of experience or practical fitness a weight of 30 per cent.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States, who comply with the requirements, without regard to race or to political or religious affiliations. All such citizens are invited to apply. They shall be examined, graded and certified, with entire impartiality, and wholly without regard to any consideration save their ability as shown by the grade they attain in the examination.

Those who possess the preliminary qualifications, and who desire to compete in the examination, should at once write to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., for application blanks, Forms 304 and 1036, which should be properly executed and forwarded to the Commission at Washington.

The medical certificate in Form 304 must be executed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1898.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	651	49	700	319	325	56	367	94	121	699	1
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	170	—	170	77	80	13	40	33	106	169	1
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	657	112	769	254	469	46	271	183	235	743	26
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	53	7	60	19	21	20	18	3	37	60	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	19	—	19	14	5	—	4	11	2	19	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	81	38	119	50	62	7	72	9	8	119	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	99	89	188	63	124	1	67	28	11	187	1
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	7,534	950	8,484	451	7,920	113	4,252	3,358	727	7,884	600
Totals	9,264	1,245	10,509	1,247	9,006	256	5,091	3,719	1,247	9,880	629

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10		10 and under 15		15 and under 20		20 and under 25		25 and under 30		30 and under 35		35 and under 40		40 and under 45		45 and under 50		50 and under 55		55 and under 60		Over 60	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1	1	—	22	—	65	3	154	9	139	10	102	12	75	4	37	6	24	3	15	—	9	2	8	—
No. 2	12	—	43	—	46	—	31	—	15	—	11	—	4	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3	4	—	82	—	128	10	110	17	115	26	85	13	54	15	33	15	23	10	11	3	7	1	5	2
No. 4	6	—	17	2	11	—	5	1	0	1	2	2	3	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	—	5	—	0	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
No. 6	—	—	—	—	8	4	13	8	15	5	14	10	12	2	6	5	5	2	3	1	3	—	2	1
No. 7	—	—	—	—	7	2	18	29	21	28	17	18	11	7	13	4	4	—	4	—	1	—	3	1
No. 8	26	19	126	10	338	31	1,092	151	1,336	181	1,253	130	1,019	152	786	95	652	76	409	48	242	26	255	30
Totals	49	19	290	12	603	50	1,428	215	1,648	251	1,489	185	1,184	181	882	125	713	91	442	52	262	29	274	34

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	83	Lodgers at station :	
Witnesses detained	35	Males	45
Missing persons reported	92	Females	9
Missing persons found	27	Americans	28
Lost children restored	765	Foreigners	26
Sick and injured persons assisted	921	Non-residents	38

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	5,418	27	<i>Brought forward</i>	10,405	54
British Provinces	893	—	Finland	18	—
Ireland	2,612	18	Denmark	8	—
England	360	1	Holland	3	—
France	17	2	Wales	11	—
Germany	91	—	East Indies	2	—
Italy	248	—	West Indies	15	—
Russia	195	—	Turkey	10	—
China	133	—	South America	4	—
Greece	53	—	Switzerland	1	—
Sweden	145	—	Belgium	13	—
Scotland	125	5	Africa	2	—
Spain	15	—	Hungary	1	—
Norway	42	—	Australia	2	—
Poland	23	1	Arabia	1	—
Austria	24	—	Mexico	3	—
Portugal	8	—	Armenia	4	—
Syria	3	—	Greece	1	—
Carried forward	10,405	54	Totals	10,509	54

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved July 19, 1898:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute, in behalf of the City of Boston, an instrument, satisfactory to the Law Department, releasing the condition in the words following: "3. No dwelling-house or other building, except the necessary out-buildings, shall be erected or placed on the rear of the said lot," from the deed given by the City of Boston to Patrick Cunningham, dated January 7, 1878, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1,405, page 178, of his estate on Plympton street, near Albany street.

The following was approved July 21, 1898:

Ordered, That the Inspector of Buildings be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Elevated Railway Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Dorchester avenue, near Adams street, Ward 24, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the department for the Inspection of Buildings; said building to be occupied as a car-house.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following was approved July 18, 1898:

Whereas, the Board of Railroad Commissioners, on the twelfth of July, 1898, authorized certain constructions of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, varying in minor respects with the routes as approved by the Mayor and Aldermen August 19, 1897, which variations were occasioned by the necessity of providing for loops at the termini, connections by elevated inclines with the surface lines, and for incidental construction purposes, and by locating in public ways and places some of the stations shown on said plan, together with approaches thereto; now, therefore,

Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen hereby approves the locations and constructions approved by said Board of Railroad Commissioners as aforesaid.

The following were approved July 20, 1898:

Ordered, That, in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use additional curves at the junction of Tremont, Berkeley and Dover streets, with necessary cross-overs, switches and connections, said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 3, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the

whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use additional curves with necessary cross-overs, switches and connections, at the junction of Columbus avenue and Berkeley street, said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 3, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order, is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:

East Cottage street; two poles, forty feet in height by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet; date of plan, June 7, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Navin & Kelley, an illuminated sign, at 745 Washington street, Ward 7.

Mrs. Maria J. Ingersoll, a sign, at 111 High street, Ward 4.

Harry B. Whall, a sign, at 22 Minot street, Ward 24.

S. Goldberg, two signs, at 74 Market street, Ward 25.

Nathan H. Abrams, an illuminated sign, at 362 Harrison avenue, Ward 9.

Myer Kaufman, a sign, at 30 Essex street, Ward 7.

A permit to the Globe Gas Light Company, to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 77-79 Union street.

The constable's bond of Peter H. Reinsteins.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestone, the owners of the said estates to furnish the materials, viz.:

John H. French et al., Waumbeck street, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

A. Gesner Corbett, Boylston and Adelaide streets, Ward 22, of artificial stone.

R. M. Sharaf, 400-406 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

N. Fritz & Co., Blue Hill avenue, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

J. M. McClusky, 27-29 Webber and 25-25A and 27 Adams street, Ward 17, of artificial stone.

J. J. Johnston, Stanwood street, Ward 20, of gravel.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Ryan & Coughlin to erect, maintain and use fourteen guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over the following streets along the line of the new track construction of the Boston and Providence Railroad, viz.: Castle street, Albion street, Emerald street, Village street, Shawmut avenue, Middlesex street, Dartmouth street, Broadway, Albany street. The work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John J. Reagan & Co., to close Cazenove street, from Columbus avenue for a distance of seventy feet to all team travel, until August 20, 1898; said closing being necessary in the interest of public safety, during the demolition of buildings at said point.

Canvass of Bids.

Fire Department.

Bids for the construction of the proposed veterinary hospital building on Swett street were opened at the office of the Fire Commissioner, Bristol street, on Tuesday, July 26, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
G. G. Baker	\$9,775
J. A. Rooney	10,444
W. A. & H. A. Root	10,535
Burke Brothers	10,634
J. J. Flynn	10,820
W. H. Keyes	11,962
Connery & Wentworth	13,219

The bids were taken under advisement.

HENRY S. RUSSELL,
Fire Commissioner.

Awards of Contracts.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for building abutments at B and C streets, South Boston, were opened at the office of the City Engineer on July 22, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
James McGraw & Co., Boston . . .	\$42,878
Ross & Fowler, Boston . . .	46,750
Woodbury & Leighton, Boston . . .	49,500
Ellis & Buswell, Woburn . . .	55,547
William H. Ryan & Co., Boston . . .	56,990
C. E. Trumbull & Co., Boston . . .	59,019
Perrin & Carter, Boston . . .	59,995
Jere. J. McCarthy, Boston . . .	60,270
W. H. Keyes & Co., Boston . . .	60,525
D. F. O'Connell, Boston . . .	62,000
William L. Miller and William H. Ellis, Boston . . .	62,945
Jones & Meehan, Boston . . .	65,690
James F. Cobb . . .	71,575

The contract was awarded to James McGraw & Co.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Engineering Department — Architectural Division.

The following estimates have been received, and contracts awarded:

For constructing the South Boston Gymnasium:

Bidders.	Bids.
D. J. McKim . . .	\$9,770
W. T. Eaton . . .	10,682
W. H. Keyes & Co. . .	10,963
Gerry & Northup . . .	11,333

The contract was awarded to D. J. McKim.

For moving Engine-house No. 21, at Dorchester:

John Cavanagh & Son . . .	\$590
Isaac Blair & Co. . .	640

The contract was awarded to John Cavanagh & Son.

For furnishing new boilers, etc., in Institution Building, at Rainsford Island:

E. Hodge & Co. . .	\$866
M. Killilea Company . . .	941
Atlantic Works . . .	885

The contract was awarded to E. Hodge & Co.

F. W. CHANDLER, Consulting Architect.

Street Department.

Proposals for furnishing North River flagging, for cross-walks, from August 1, 1898, to February 1, 1899, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, on July 26, 1898, as follows:

For flagging, delivered at wharves, per square foot:

Bidders.	Cents.
J. J. Cuddihy . . .	33
A. Ford & Son . . .	33

For flagging, delivered on streets or at yards, per square foot:

J. J. Cuddihy . . .	36½
A. Ford & Son . . .	37

The contract was awarded to J. J. Cuddihy.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

City Hospital, July 13, 1898.

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees was held at the office of Mr. A. Shuman on Wednesday, July 13, at 12 M., the President in the chair. Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Burnham and Keany were present.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Sprague was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

The regular monthly bills were approved, and it was voted that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$26,824.76.

It was voted that the following regular monthly drafts be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the several amounts set forth: (1) On account of furnishing surgical buildings, amounting to \$545.79; (2) on account of new buildings, enlarging boiler-house, amounting to \$77.06; (3) on account of new buildings, new laundry building, amounting to \$814.28.

It was voted to allow and pay to John S. Jacobs & Son the sum of \$6,719.25, on account of their contract of November 23, 1897, for the erection of the Ann White Vose Building at the Boston City Hospital, and that the President sign a request to the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, the amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted to allow and pay to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$167.19, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on payment of \$6,719.25 paid to John S. Jacobs & Son on account of their contract of November 23, 1897, for the erection of the Ann White Vose Building at the Boston City Hospital, and that the President sign a request to the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, the amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

First, concerning the receipt of \$10,384.10 on account of the board of paying patients for the month of June, 1898. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

Second, requesting that on the recommendation of Mr. F. W. Chandler, Consulting City Architect, a deduction of \$104.47 be made from the contract of O'Rourke & Nelson, for saving in the cost of laying steam mains. The same was accepted and the deduction was voted.

A communication was received from the Committee on Service and Training School, reporting the various changes among the employees and in the Training School for the month, June 10 to July 10.

Ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from Dr. Cheever, senior surgeon, and Dr. Rowe, Superintendent, notifying the Trustees of the award of the Herbert L. Burrell Ether Prize Fund to Mr. Arthur S. Hartwell, junior surgical interne, and Mr. George F. McIntire, surgical dresser.

Ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from the Assistant City Clerk, notifying the Trustees that the City Council had passed a special appropriation of the sum of \$30,000 for

enlarging the boiler-house and steam-heating plant, and the sum of \$8,500 for completing the Surgical Building.

Ordered to be placed on file.

A circular letter was received from the City Collector, requesting the co-operation of the Trustees in the collection of poll taxes of persons employed in the hospital. It was voted that the Superintendent be requested to furnish the City Collector with a list of the employees assessed for poll taxes, and to ask for a list of those who have not paid the same.

The Medical Committee reported upon the resignation of Dr. C. M. Whitney as surgical registrar, and recommended that the resignation be accepted, and it was so voted.

The Medical Committee reported favorably upon the nomination of Dr. J. A. Mahon as fourth assistant visiting surgeon for the term of six months, in accordance with Rule 43, and he was so appointed.

The Medical Committee reported favorably upon the nomination of Dr. John T. Bottomley as fourth assistant visiting surgeon in the Second Surgical Service, and he was so appointed.

The Medical Committee reported upon the nomination of Dr. Burrows as Assistant Resident Physician at the South Department, and he was so appointed.

The Medical Committee reported that Dr. Guiler, who was nominated for the position of second executive assistant, had withdrawn his application. Thereupon the Superintendent nominated Dr. Charles F. Knight, and said nomination was referred to the Medical Committee.

The Medical Committee reported upon the request of Dr. J. W. Courtney for the first five volumes of the Medical and Surgical Reports, and recommended that the same be allowed, and it was so voted.

Mr. Burnham, Committee on Heating Plant, submitted plans and specifications for the extension of the boiler-house, and after examination of the same they were approved, in accordance with the report of the committee. It was further voted that the specifications and form of contract should be printed, and that the Architectural Division of the City Engineer's Department be requested to advertise the same for proposals.

The Committee on Heating Plant reported that the return steam mains of the low pressure heating system were in such a damaged condition that they would not be able to do the work required of them for the coming winter, and that they recommended that they be at once renewed. In accordance with said recommendation, it was voted that Mr. Howard, of the Architectural Division of the City Engineer's Department, be requested to prepare plans and specifications for the same, and to procure proposals.

The Committee on Heating Plant submitted a report of Messrs. Boyd and Robinson, expert engineers, in regard to various methods of securing forced draft. It was voted that in preparing the specifications, plans and proposals should be submitted for procuring additional draft both by forced and induced methods, and to report to the Trustees at their next meeting in regard to the comparative cost of the same.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE.

Secretary pro tempore.

Library Department.

Friday, June 24, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room, at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, Lincoln and Prince, and the Librarian.

Received: From the Mayor, order of Common Council, dated June 15; Librarian's report; petition signed by Charles E. Eddy and twelve others against the discontinuance of Delivery Station K.

Bills allowed: Payable from funds on deposit in London, amounting to \$1,616.64 (estimated); chargeable to Numismatic Fund, \$4.50 (estimated).

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$417.87; to trust funds, \$87.90; Station P, \$2.60; Numismatic Fund, \$20.75; Fellowes Atheneum, \$7.44; miscellaneous articles, \$235.64; flag and staff for West End Branch, not to exceed \$15.

Salaries increased: Catalogue Department, Mary R. Bartlett, Grade B, \$11 to \$12 per week, beginning July 1; Ordering Department, Robert E. St. Louis, Grade D, runner, \$5 to \$5.50 per week, beginning July 4; special libraries, Belle S. Hall, Grade B, \$13 to \$14 per week, beginning August 2; Issue Department, Mary A. Shaughnessy, Grade D, runner, \$5 to \$5.50 per week, beginning July 27; periodical room, James Maguinness, Grade D, runner, \$5 to \$5.50 per week, beginning July 22; Branch Division, Michael J. Conroy, Grade D, runner, \$5 to \$5.50 per week, beginning July 25; Florence McM. Painter, Grade B, \$11 to \$12 per week, beginning August 2; Brighton Branch, M. Florence Dale, Grade D, \$6 to \$7 per week, beginning August 17; Dorchester Branch, Nellie E. Hufton, Grade D, \$6 to \$7 per week, beginning July 1; West End Branch, Mary E. Kiley, Grade D, \$6 to \$7 per week, beginning August 22.

Employed: Worthington C. Ford, Department of Documents, at a salary of \$2,500 per year, beginning July 15; temporarily, Edward A. Warren, for janitor service at the Brighton Branch, at a salary of \$9.75 per week, beginning July 1; Alice E. McKirdy, temporarily, at the South End Branch, whose services at the West End Branch terminate July 10.

Proposals for the electric elevator and book-lift were then taken up, and various communications with reference to the same, including a report from the Electrical Construction Division. The proposal of the Whittier Machine Company, for the elevator, was accepted, at \$2,250; allowance on car to be increased from \$150 to \$350.

Improvements in heating and ventilating system: Consideration of proposals submitted by Professor S. H. Woodbridge.

Voted, That until otherwise ordered, the President and Mr. De Normandie, with the Librarian, be a committee with full power upon the improvements at the Central Library building, including furniture and fittings, and also in the matter of the purchase of books.

Voted, That the President, or Mr. De Normandie, or Dr. Bowditch, as may be convenient, be a committee with power to approve bills entering into the August 1 requisition.

Certain applications for special privilege

cards were received, considered and disposed of.

Voted, That when this meeting adjourn, it adjourn to Monday, July 11, at 4 P.M.

Monday, June 27.

A special meeting of the Corporation, called by order of the President, was held in the Trustees' room, at 4 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, Lincoln and Prince, and the Librarian.

Voted, That until otherwise ordered, the President and any one of the Trustees be a committee with power to make any contracts which in their judgment may be necessary with reference to the improvements at the Central Library building.

Voted, That the City Collector be requested to collect the rentals under the lease of the old Public Library building, approved by the Mayor under date of July 1, 1898.

The Librarian was authorized to employ for a period of not exceeding twelve weeks, two boys at not exceeding \$7 each per week, and an elevator boy, beginning August 1, at \$9 per week.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, July 18, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held July 18, 1898:

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to substitute a planting space for the driveway in grading Wood Island Park.

Voted, That old Walnut street, in Franklin Park, from the driveway to the foot of the hill, past the quarry-hole, be abolished, and that it be loamed and planted, and the walk turned into the wood to the left.

Voted, That the Superintendent confer with the Street Commissioners, with a view to having a grade established at the junction of Fairview and Mendum streets, which will conform best to the grade of the entrance to the Arboretum at that point.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to remove the Valley Gate houses at Franklin Park.

Voted, That the time for the completion of the contract with H. Walker & Co., for building a wharf on the Strandway, be extended to July 25, current.

A communication was received from the Boston Elevated Railway Company submitting a draft for an order approving the location of the West End Street Railway tracks on Ipswich and other streets, in accordance with Chapter 523 of the Acts of 1897. The order was signed by the Board, and the Chairman was authorized to approve the plans referred to therein.

Voted, That Mr. Bowler be authorized to give an athletic exhibition at Charlesbank, July 30, at an expense to the Department not exceeding \$50.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Trustees.

28 Court Square, July 25, 1898.

The thirty-fourth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held on Monday, July 18.

The recommendations of the Superintendent of Long Island, in regard to better protection against fire, were accepted and adopted.

The recommendation of the Superintendent of Long Island, that two of the officers there should serve as special police, was acted upon favorably by the Board.

The Superintendent of Charlestown, Miss S. G. Weeden, recommended the appointment of a night-watch for the Charlestown Almshouse.

The recommendation of the Committee on Rules and Service, that one of the unoccupied rooms in the men's building at Long Island should be used as a reading-room for quiet and orderly inmates, was adopted.

The following appointments were confirmed:

O. S. Bumpus, first assistant engineer, at \$40 a month; Herbert Brown, cook in men's building, at \$40 per month; Wilbur P. Snow, engineer's helper, at \$30 per month.

Census for Long Island, July 16, 1898:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	80	139	219
Children	4	6	10
Dormitory:			
Adults	0	201	201
Children	1	1	2
Institution	205	0	205
Total	290	347	637
Census last year, at same date			618

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, July 18, 1898.

It was voted to pay Elida R. Fowle \$500 for all land taken from, and for all damages occasioned to, her estate on Boston street, by the laying out of Columbia road.

It was voted to give a public hearing in the matter of changes in locations, etc., of streets in Plat 2, at 11.30 A.M., Friday, July 29.

A petition was received from W. D. Park and others, that La Grange street may be widened, from Centre street to the railroad.

A petition was received from C. H. Danforth for a catch-basin in Summer street.

Tuesday, July 19.

The Board ordered a catch-basin to be built in Hunneman street, and issued an order of notice of its intention to lay out and construct an extension of Belvidere street, across the land and location of the Boston and Albany Railroad.

Petitions were received for a catch-basin in Shelton street; for the widening of Broad street, near India square, or a discontinuance from said street at No. 116; and for the laying out of Coventry street, at Roxbury.

It was voted to pay James H. Upham \$2,079 for all land taken from, and for all damages occasioned to, his estate on Boston street, occasioned by the laying out of Columbia road.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out and constructing Elgin and Lorette streets, at West Roxbury, from Centre street to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

Sewers were ordered to be built in Cypress street, Frost avenue, Falcon street, Kneeland street, South street, Dorchester avenue and Summer-street extension.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to relocate Stony Brook, between Blue Hill avenue and Morton street.

Thursday, July 21.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out and constructing Devon street, at Roxbury and Dorchester, from Blue Hill avenue to Columbia road.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Dromey and Harvard streets.

A petition was received for a sewer in Park street, West Roxbury.

Friday, July 22.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Sheafe street.

It was voted to pay William H. Sayward \$12,300 for all land taken from, and for all damages occasioned to, his estates on Columbia street, by the laying out of Columbia road; and, also, to pay the heirs of Nathaniel Hall \$4,200 for all land taken from, and for all damages occasioned to, their estate on Columbia street, by the laying out of Columbia road.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, July 25, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters filed in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending July 23, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	130
Number of discharges of mortgages	27
Number of bills of sale	1
Number of assignments of mortgages	1
Number of assignments of wages	32
Number of married women's certificates	7
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	5
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgage	5

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, July 23, 1898.

The following applications for stable permits have been received at this office:

John D. Campbell, 215 Condor street, Ward 1, two additional horses; hearing July 28, at 11 o'clock. Francis Packard, Payne street, Ward 24, two horses; hearing August 4, at 11 o'clock. Alice M. Sandberg, 43 Beech street, Ward 23, one horse; hearing August 4, at 11 o'clock. Walter

Curley, 37 Cranston street, Ward 22, one additional horse; hearing August 4, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Thomas Howard, Greenbrier street, Ward 24, one horse; James Foley, 102 Shirley street, Ward 17, one horse; S. C. Brown, 104 Walter street, Ward 23, one additional horse.

A license as undertaker has been granted to Roswell Roles, doing business at 730 Shawmut avenue.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending July 23:

Steers	300
New England cows	5
New England bulls	1
Sheep	304
Calves	359
	969

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending Saturday, July 23, 1898:

Two hundred and forty crates and eleven barrels of melons, thirty-one barrels of cucumbers, ten barrels of potatoes, four barrels of squashes, two baskets of peaches, two bushels of beans, 186 pounds of poultry, 233 pounds of veal, 138 pounds of fish.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending Saturday, July 23:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	7	9	16
Negative	6	11	17
No growth	0	4	4
	13	24	37

There were two examinations for typhoid diagnosis, both negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, July 25, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending July 23, 1898:

Cases pending	1
Number of applications	86
	87
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	35
Long Island Almshouse	25
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	6
Boston Insane Hospital	3
Foxboro' Asylum	3
Danvers Lunatic Hospital	4
	76
Number of applications refused	1
Number of applications withdrawn	8
Cases pending	2
	87
Legal settlements investigated	106

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, July 25, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending July 23, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	141	12
Females	19	2
Totals	160	14
Offences:		
Against the person	5	2
Against property	9	11
Against public order and decency	146	1
Totals	160	14
Discharges:		
Males	151	11
Females	25	5
Totals	176	16
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	114	13
Permit of Commissioner	33	1
Payment of fine	28	0
Pardoned by Governor	0	1
Transferred to Deer Island	0	1
Transferred to South Boston	1	0
Totals	176	16
Population:		
July 18, 1898	1,540	564
Committed since July 18, 1898	160	14
Totals	1,700	578
Discharged since July 18, 1898	176	16
July 23, 1898	1,524	562

The following appointment has been made: Rev. Robert J. Johnson, to position of chaplain of Catholic service at House of Correction, South Boston.

Henry Hodgkins, watchman at the House of Correction, Deer Island, was fined one week's pay for language and conduct prejudicial to good discipline.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, July 25, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending July 23, 1898:

OVERHEAD, DEAD WIRE AND INTERIOR DIVISIONS.	
Inspections made	565
Defects reported	120
Defects found corrected	88
Notices of new work received	84
Dead wire removed (feet)	17,700
Fixtures removed	8

The Department responded to second-alarm fire from Box No. 453, July 19, at 10.10 P.M., building No. 562-572 Main street, Charlestown.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals of permits have been granted, as follows:

Conduit construction	2
Building connections	4
Repairs	1

Inspections have been made, as follows:

Conduit construction	22
Building connections	11
Lamp connections	2
Repairs	9
Cable drawings	22
Installations of underground transformers,	2

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	6,102
Feet of duct laid	41,008
Manholes built	19
Service connections made	37
Feet of cable drawn in	15,972

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

PLAYGROUNDS.

The following Act, relative to a comprehensive system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, constitutes Chapter 412 of the Acts of 1898:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, for the purpose of establishing a comprehensive system of playgrounds to meet the wants of the different sections of said city, is hereby authorized to purchase, with the approval of the Mayor of said city, land for playgrounds in such different locations, not exceeding twenty in number, as they may deem best adapted for such purpose; provided, however, that not more than \$200,000 shall be expended in any one year for said purposes.

Section 2. To meet the expenses incurred under this Act the City Treasurer of said city shall from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, issue, to the total amount of \$500,000, notes, bonds or scrip of said city, payable at such time, not exceeding thirty years from their date, and bearing interest at such rates not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, and such interest being payable at such times, as shall be fixed by said Treasurer; and such notes, bonds or scrip shall be within the limit of indebtedness of said city.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City Council of the City of Boston.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending July 23, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	15.2
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897,	20.7
Number of deaths:	
Males	82
Females	73
Total	155
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	206
Decrease	51

Of the 155 decedents, 151 were white and 4 colored; 92 were born in the United States, 62 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of one was unknown; 30 were of American parentage, 106 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 19 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	23	4
Scarlatina	10	0
Typhoid fever	4	4
Measles	44	1
Totals	81	9

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	16
Pneumonia	18
Heart disease	22
Bronchitis	2
Marasmus	2
Violent causes	10

Total from principal causes	70
Total from infectious diseases	9
Total from other causes	76

Total from all causes	155
Deaths of children under 1 year	31
Deaths of children under 5 years	46
Deaths of persons over 60 years	34
Deaths in public institutions	43

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

Boston, July 26, 1898.

A public hearing will be given on the question of the routes for a tunnel or tunnels to East Boston, at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, August 23, in the rooms of this Commission, 20 Beacon street.

By order of the Commission,

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 27, 1898.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him, at his office, City Hall, Boston, before 12 o'clock M., of Thursday, August 4, 1898, for excavating, by dredging, a channel to a depth of sixteen feet below city base, between Congress-street and Mount Washington avenue bridges, in Fort Point channel, Boston.

Plans and specifications for the work may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston.

Proposals are required to be in a gross sum for the whole work, and must be accompanied by a certified check for one hundred (100) dollars, payable to the City of Boston. This check to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 2, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Washington and Burnett streets, Ward 23, three bay windows, of copper, of the following description: To project from second and third story, over Washington street. Dimensions: Twenty-one feet 6 inches high, 13 feet wide, and 3 feet over line of street.

THEO. J. KRAFT,

22 West Walnut Park, Roxbury.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 11, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Jamaica Plain News and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD.

EARTH EXCAVATION.

Boston, July 25, 1898.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, 3 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass., until 2.30 o'clock P.M., of Tuesday, August 9, 1898, for making excavations for the North Dike of the Wachusett Reservoir at Clinton, Mass. The quantity of earth excavation is approximately 290,000 cubic yards, and most of it is gravel and sand to be taken from a sloped trench from thirty to sixty feet deep.

Laying Water Pipes—Sealed proposals will also be received at the office of the Board until 2.30 o'clock P.M. of Tuesday, August 9, 1898, for laying 3,060 linear feet of 48-inch cast iron pipes in the Brighton District of the City of Boston. Pamphlets, containing further information for bidders, forms of proposal, contract and specifications, will be mailed to contractors who apply to the Chief Engineer, or may be obtained at his office, 3 Mt. Vernon street. Plans of all the work may be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer, and plans of the work at Clinton may also be seen and pamphlets relating to the same may also be obtained at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board at Clinton, Mass. The printed forms must be used in making proposals. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to accept the proposals deemed best for the Commonwealth. HENRY H. SPRAGUE, Chairman; WILMOT R. EVANS, HENRY P. WALCOTT, Metropolitan Water Board; FREDERIC P. STEARNS, Chief Engineer; WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 20, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a new channel for the Canterbury Branch of Stony Brook be located, at Dorchester and West Roxbury, between Blue Hill avenue and Morton street, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the third day of August, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, July 22, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25, in the Old Court House, at 11.30 o'clock A.M., on Friday, July 29, 1898, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plans numbered 22, 25, made by the Board of Survey, and filed respectively January 4, 1894, and February 20, 1892, in the office of the City Surveyor, in City Hall; said territory is bounded, approximately, by Brookline avenue, Audubon road, and Commonwealth avenue.

JOHN P. DORE,

JOHN H. DUANE,

GEORGE H. INNIS,

Street Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 27, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Charlestown street be widened, upon the westerly side, and relocated as a highway, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel, or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1895, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the eleventh day of August, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting held on Tuesday, August 2, 1898, confirmed the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor:

Charles E. Folsom, to be a member of the Board of Assessors, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

John L. Russell, to be a constable, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

STREET LAYING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

The recently published Annual Report of the Street Laying-out Department, for the year ending January 31, 1898, constitutes City Document 35, 1898. It includes a list of public and private streets in which sewers have been ordered to be built during the year; a list of the new streets, with their lengths, laid out as public ways during the year, with a statement of the widenings, relocations, extensions and discontinuances of the public streets, by districts—Boston proper, Roxbury, Dorchester, Brighton, etc.; a statement of the estimated expense of the

street improvements ordered in 1897; statements showing the expenditures made by the Street Commissioners, and by the Surveying Division of the Department, during the year; together with a detailed description of the work done by the Surveying Division in certain sections of the city, represented by Plans 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

The leading features of the report may be summarized as follows:

Under the orders for laying out, widening and extending streets passed by the Board during the year, land to the amount of about 52,858 square feet was taken for street purposes; the total estimated damages amounted to \$162,219.85. Streets having a total mileage of 11.38 were made public ways. Under authority of the act of the Legislature of 1891, for the assessment upon abutting property of the cost of laying out and constructing streets, there has been assessed, upon five streets, a total of \$47,741.84.

The Board has issued ninety-four orders of notice of intention to lay out, widen, extend and discontinue streets, or parts of streets, calling for public hearings; it has received and considered 101 petitions for street improvements, and for hearings in the matter of payment for damages occasioned by street improvements, thirty-four petitions. Upon petitions in the matter of payment for damages sixteen hearings have been given, and nineteen settlements reached. Six petitions for release of sewer assessments have been received, and six releases made by the Board, under authority of the act empowering them to release parts of estates from assessments for sewers and sidewalks, upon payment of the proportional parts due upon the parcels released.

The length of the new streets laid out as public ways during the year amounted to 60,104.96 feet, or to 11.38 miles. The length in feet of new streets, by districts, was as follows:

Boston, 9,048.09; East Boston, 467; South Boston, 7,000.63; Roxbury, 1,936.74; Dorchester, 28,325; West Roxbury, 1,928.28; Brighton, 11,236.80; Charlestown, 162.42.

Judged by their length, the principal new streets included in the above statement are: The Columbia road, South Boston, from Franklin Park to Marine Park, 6,485 feet; West Selden street, Dorchester, from Morton street, 3,411 feet; Fairmount street, Dorchester, from Washington to Morton street, 2,660.99 feet; Ipswich street, from Boylston road, across Back Bay Fens to Boylston street, 2,361.22 feet; Columbia road, Dorchester, from Franklin Park to Marine Park, 2,150 feet; Dorchester avenue, in Boston

proper, over and including Federal-street bridge, to Summer street extended, 1,970 feet; Tonawanda street, Dorchester, from Geneva avenue to Greenbrier street, 1,917 feet; Queensberry street, in Boston proper, from one part to another of Audubon road, 1,737.74 feet; Lonsdale street, Dorchester, from Dorchester avenue to Adams street, 1,626 feet; and Bloomfield street, Dorchester, from Geneva avenue to Greenbrier street, 1,554 feet.

The estimated expense of the street improvements ordered in 1897, not including construction, was \$162,219.85. The payments and other claims on account of laying out, widening, relocating and extending streets, met from Department appropriation, amounted to \$1,894.67; and the payments from other appropriations to \$673,727.40, including \$57,122 paid for Essex and Lincoln streets, \$137,145 for Clinton street, \$52,115 for Ipswich street, and \$320,955 for Columbus avenue.

The cost of maintenance of the Board of Street Commissioners, including salaries, office expenses, etc., was \$22,442.75; while the expenditures of the Surveying Division, including \$51,859 for salaries and \$2,994 for surveyors' supplies, amounted to \$57,886.34.

OLD CEMETERIES OF BOSTON.

Among the many places of historic interest in the City of Boston are the old burial grounds which, during the summer months, are visited by hundreds of residents and strangers. The following statement is furnished by the Cemetery Department:

Owing to many underground vaults, the masonry of which has become insecure, the Cemetery Department does not deem it safe, at the present time, to allow general entrance to certain of the old cemeteries. By making application, however, to the Department at City Hall, anyone may obtain permission to visit them.

The oldest burial ground in Boston is the King's Chapel, situated on Tremont street, near School street. This cemetery contains 19,200 square feet, and the first burial in it was made in 1630, or at about the time of Boston's settlement. The remains of the following distinguished persons were therein interred:

Governors of Massachusetts: John Winthrop, 1649; John Endicott, 1665; John Leverett, 1679; William Shirley, 1771.

Lieutenant-Governors of Massachusetts: William Phillips, 1827; Thomas Lindall Winthrop, 1841.

Governors of Connecticut: John Winthrop, 1676; Fitz-John Winthrop, 1707 (son

and grandson, respectively, of the Governor of Massachusetts).

In other parts of the enclosure are the tombs of Lady Andros (wife of Governor Andros), and of John and Mary Winslow, the latter being the Mary Chilton who is said to have been the first woman of the Mayflower's company to put foot on the shore of Cape Cod.

There were also buried in this cemetery the remains of John Cotton, John Davenport, John Oxenbridge and Thomas Bridge, four pastors of the First Church of Christ in Boston.

The Granary Burial Ground, situated just below King's Chapel, was established about 1660. It contains 81,900 square feet, and was originally a part of Boston Common. There were buried here the remains of:

Governors of Massachusetts: Richard Bellingham, William Dummer, James Bowdoin, Increase Sumner, James Sullivan, Christopher Gore and John Hancock.

Lieutenant-Governor: Thomas Cushing.

The list includes, also: John Phillips, first Mayor of Boston; Josiah Franklin and wife, parents of Benjamin Franklin; Paul Revere, Peter Faneuil, Judge Samuel Sewall, Samuel Adams, Robert Treat Paine, James Otis and the victims of the Boston Massacre.

King's Chapel and the Granary, and also the Central Burial Ground on Boston Common, are open to admission upon application to the Cemetery Department. An attendant is stationed at the Granary Burial Ground to admit people to these cemeteries, on presentation of an order from the Department.

Copp's Hill Burial Ground was the second place of interment in Boston, and is the largest cemetery in the city proper, containing 88,800 square feet. It is located off Commercial street and is open to the public, without application, during the summer months. There is a keeper in charge.

The date of the first interment is unknown. The oldest inscriptions bear the dates of 1661 and 1678.

Among those buried here were the following:

Rev. Cotton Mather, Rev. Increase Cotton and Rev. Samuel Mather; George Worthy-lake, one of the first keepers of Boston Light; Chief Justice Parker, Major Samuel Shaw, an officer of the Revolution, and afterwards consul to China; Major Thomas Seward, of the Continental Army; Captain Lake, commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, 1662-1674; and Edmund Hartt, builder of the old frigate "Constitution," whose shipyard was located nearly opposite the burial ground.

The Eustis-street Burial Ground is situated on Eustis street, corner of Washington street, in the Roxbury district. It is one of the oldest in New England, the first interment dating from 1633; and there are fifty grave-stones standing, erected previous to the year 1700. The grounds were much injured during the siege of Boston.

Among the list of persons buried here are:

Rev. John Elliott, Governor Thomas Dudley, Brigadier-General John Groaton, of the Revolution; Chief Justice Paul Dudley, and the father and mother of General Joseph Warren.

This cemetery is open to visitors every Saturday and Sunday afternoon during the summer season. It is in charge of a custodian.

INSTITUTIONS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

Boston, June 29, 1898.

The regular quarterly conference of the Institutions Trustees was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on June 29, at 4 o'clock.

Present: Dr. Baldwin and Mrs. Marion, of the Insane Hospital Trustees; Messrs. William L. Rutan and W. T. Sedgwick, of the Pauper Institutions Trustees; Mrs. Dewey, of the Children's Institutions Trustees; Mr. Sproules and Mr. Fowler, of the Overseers of the Poor; E. C. Marshall, Penal Institutions Commissioner and Institutions-Registrar.

In the absence of His Honor the Mayor, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Marshall, and it was

Voted, That Dr. Baldwin act as Chairman pro tempore.

Mr. Marshall, for the Penal Institutions Department, reported that everything was running along smoothly, and that he knew of nothing in the way of improvement except what had been outlined at previous meetings.

Mr. Sedgwick, for the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees, reported as follows:

The Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees reports that since the last meeting it has taken all needful steps to provide for the possible removal of inmates at Long Island, especially the patients in the hospital. This action was made necessary on account of war between the United States and Spain, this being followed almost immediately by a threatened bombardment of the Atlantic coast cities. The Trustees communicated with various towns and cities near Boston, in order to ascertain what accommodations could be secured in similar institutions near Boston, in case removal was found to be necessary. Several of these cities and towns replied, showing a willingness to do all that they possibly could to help us, but we found that nearly all of the institutions with which we corresponded had very little room to spare, most of them being overcrowded. The State Board of Lunacy and Charity agreed to help us to the extent of taking 120 people. The Children's Institutions Trustees very kindly offered the use of a part of the Marcella-street Home, and if necessary, the entire building. This appeared to the Trustees to be the most feasible solution of the problem, and in case removal should become necessary, it was decided to accept the offer of the Children's Trustees. We trust that this danger is now past.

The Trustees have also to report that it has been their purpose to secure for the Pauper Institutions high-grade officers, from the lowest to the most important. They have already made a number of changes which are in this direction, one of the most important being the engagement of Mr. Thomas J. Condon as Deputy Superintendent at Long Island, who was appointed on May 2, 1898. Mr. Condon is a graduate of Boston College, and has been employed for

three years in the Concord Reformatory. He comes with the highest recommendations.

A fundamental change which the Trustees have decided upon, and which will take effect July 15, is that of making the almshouse at Charlestown an almshouse for women and aged couples. It has been the desire of the Trustees to effect a better classification of inmates in the almshouse at Long Island. We have been able to do something in this direction, but the overcrowded condition of the buildings on Long Island, the construction of the buildings and the arrangement of the wards have prevented our accomplishing much that we desired. The plan which we have now adopted of using the almshouse at Charlestown for women and aged couples, enables us to effect a classification which we believe will be of great benefit to the institution and the inmates. It has also been decided to employ for Charlestown Almshouse a woman superintendent, and Miss Sarah G. Weedon has been chosen for that position.

Mrs. Dewey, of the Children's Institutions Trustees, stated that Mr. Dasey, whom she expected to be present later at the meeting, would make a report for the above body.

Mrs. Marion, for the Insane Hospital Trustees, reported as follows:

The census of the Boston Insane Hospital is as follows:

At Austin Farm	347
At Pierce Farm	175

Making total of 522

For administrative purposes the Boston Insane Hospital has now an Executive Superintendent, and an Associate Superintendent. By this means it is possible to run Austin and Pierce Farms with only one farmer, one head gardener, one head engineer, and one store-keeper. The Trustees are prevented from doing the best work for the hospital by the absolute lack of money, except for the cost of maintenance. The primary need of the hospital is land. Until this is secured, no plans can be made for the development of the institution. The tie-up for the herd and the stables are inadequate and in poor condition, and as soon as land is obtained they should be rebuilt in a different place. In the meantime we must expend a certain sum of money, which seems thrown away, in order to keep the tie-up and stables in proper sanitary condition.

Dr. Baldwin said that the reading of the records reminded him of the fact that they had Pierce Farm looked over by a landscape gardener, with a view to improving its appearance, which is now that of an arid waste, but the gardener had given it up as a bad job. There should be two barns in which to keep the cattle. We owe it to the community to have the stables put out of sight, because the situation of the insane asylum is a very desirable one, adjoining Franklin Park and Blue Hill avenue, so that it should be a matter of pride with the city to put its buildings where they would not be unsightly. In explanation of the consolidation mentioned in the report, Dr. Baldwin stated that it seemed impracticable to have two farmers, two teamsters, and the like, so that the Trustees talked the matter over to see what could be done. The Committee on Rules worked on the matter, and finally reported that there

should be an Executive Superintendent and an Associate Superintendent. This does not change the personnel of the farm, but now the work is to be done by one Superintendent, so that there is now only one general farmer, one gardener, etc., and these people go to the executive officer for their instructions.

Mayor Quincy arrived at this point, and took the chair.

Mr. Sedgwick desired to ask, in view of the fact that farmers themselves cannot always run farms successfully, whether the Trustees could do so, and if they thought it was wise to carry on farming.

Dr. Baldwin stated, in reply, that experience had shown that the farm products were of considerable value in themselves, but that the greatest advantage arose from the opportunity which the work afforded for training the insane. It is necessary to train the insane to do certain work, and this matter of farming becomes important in this respect, besides the fact that fresh vegetables, etc., are available.

Mr. Fowler, for the Overseers of the Poor, reported that the committee continued to coöperate with the several departments in receiving men and women. There have also been received quite a number of men from the Soldiers' Relief Department of the city. The Department had some nearly all the time who are being kept without being worked. Also, the number of applicants for out-door aid is larger. The number of orders given out for groceries is slightly in excess of those given out a year ago.

Mr. Marshall inquired of Mr. Fowler if he had had any application from the wives of soldiers.

Mr. Fowler said they did have one, whom they aided temporarily. He thought the Legislature had passed a law providing for the relief of the families of soldiers and sailors.

Mr. Dasey not having arrived, Mrs. Dewey made the following verbal report for the Trustees for Children:

The number of children at the Marcella-street Home is eighty-one, and the Board is more anxious than ever to be allowed to sell Marcella-street Home and use part of the proceeds in buying a smaller place in the country. It has been decided that it is necessary to put up a temporary school during the summer. The Bath Commission has placed a bath-house near the Parental School, and very kindly given the hours from 6 in the morning until 10 every day for the use of the boys at the Parental School, and also has provided a teacher to instruct them in swimming. The lessons in swimming are to be worked into the scheme for the vacation school. Arrangements have been made for a vacation school where the teaching is to be without text-books, and the boys will have out-door lessons; and also drawing and sloyd work, and there has been introduced as far as possible, ship building. Teaching of sewing, mending and cooking have been introduced. The school is to last eight weeks. Inability to find teachers, however, is a serious obstacle in the way of fully developing the vacation school.

Voted, That the next quarterly meeting be held at 3 o'clock instead of 4.

E. C. MARSHALL, Secretary.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, Tuesday, July 26, at 7.30 P.M., the President in the chair.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Fleischer.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School-houses, it was

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a primary school-house at Forest Hills, prepared by Perkins & Betton, architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Perkins & Betton are hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a primary school-house in the Thomas N. Hart District, prepared by William H. Besarick, architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said William H. Besarick is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the amount paid by Mrs. N. G. Sias, of Chelsea, Mass., for tuition from May 24, 1898, to July 1, 1898, of Bela R. Sias, a non-resident pupil in the Mechanic Arts High School, viz., \$9.85, be abated, said pupil having left the school May 24, 1898.

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, to whom was referred, June 30, an order concerning the employment of a laboratory assistant in the Mechanic Arts High School, reported that they have considered the matter, and are of the opinion that it properly comes under the jurisdiction of the Committee on High Schools.

They therefore recommend that the following order be referred to the Committee on High Schools:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment in the Mechanic Arts High School, for the school year 1898-99, of a laboratory assistant, at a salary not exceeding \$300.

Accepted, and the order was referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, to

whom was referred, June 30, an order concerning the employment of graduates of the Mechanic Arts High School as special assistants, reported that they have considered the matter, and are of the opinion that the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment for the school year of 1898-99 of not more than four graduates of the Mechanic Arts High School, the salary of each graduate employed not to exceed \$2 per day of actual service, as special assistants in the mechanical department of that school, these special assistants to be in place of one additional instructor, to which said school is entitled, under the rules.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the report and order were referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, to whom was referred, July 19, an order requesting them to present an estimate of the expenses of the public schools for the year beginning September 1, 1898, reported that they have given the matter careful consideration, and present the following, based upon conditions now existing:

SEPTEMBER 1, 1898, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1899.	
Salaries of instructors	\$2,075,000
Salaries of officers	76,500
Salaries of janitors	154,500
Fuel, gas and water	103,500
Supplies and incidentals	152,500
School-houses, repairs, etc.	255,000
	\$2,817,000

APPROPRIATION	AVAILABLE	TO
MEET EXPENSES:		
Surplus from financial year 1898-99	\$10,000	
Four months' appropriation of 1898-99, one-third of \$2,700,589	900,196	
Estimated valuation 1899-1900, \$975,000,000; two-thirds of \$2.85 on said amount	1,852,500	
Two-thirds of \$36,000, the estimated income	24,000	
		2,786,696
Estimated deficit		\$30,304

Accepted.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to submit at the next meeting of the Board a statement showing to what extent the appropriation available for the support of the public schools under Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898 will be exceeded, should the present schedule of salaries be continued until September 1, 1899; and whether or not any deficit that might thereby be created can be met by a reduction of expenses in any other direction.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Ordered, That the school year be changed to commence January 1, to coincide with the payments made during the financial year; and that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be authorized to report to the School Board the necessary amendments in the rules to conform to this change.

Ordered, That the rules be amended so as to provide that the Committee on Salaries shall report to the School Board, in print, at the first meeting in December, the schedule of salaries for the ensuing school year; and that the Committee on Rules and Regu-

lations be authorized to report to the School Board the necessary amendments in the rules to conform to this change.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

After some discussion regarding the matter of salaries, Mr. Strange offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be ordered to report forthwith on the whole question of salaries referred to them.

The order was passed.

The Board took a recess of ten minutes and reassembled at 8.34 o'clock.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, who had been ordered to report forthwith on the whole question of salaries, reported progress, and moved that the Committee be granted further time.

The report was accepted and further time granted.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

New Buildings — William T. Eaton, Chairman; Messrs. Huggan, Aldrich, Bassett and Courtney.

School-houses — Thomas F. Strange, Chairman; Messrs. Lowell, Coolidge, Davison and Hubbard.

The appointments were approved.

Mr. Strange offered an order that the Board adjourn to meet August 2, and that the Committee on Salaries report at that time.

Mr. Allen moved to amend by substituting August 23 for August 2. Mr. Lowell moved to amend, so that the Board adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

The order as amended by Mr. Lowell was passed.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 183. Strike out, in the seventh line of the second paragraph, the words "the visitor, and, in his or her," and substitute in place thereof the words "any member of the committee in charge, and, in their."

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the rules were suspended, the order was read twice, and passed.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENTS.

The returns made to the Clerk of Committees Department of the estimated attendance at the various children's entertainments given by the City of Boston on July 4, show that a total of 56,586 tickets of admission were taken at the forty halls in which the entertainments were held, as against 56,713 tickets taken on a similar occasion in 1897.

The largest attendance at any one place was at the Grand Opera House, 12,731 children being present.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on Tuesday, August 2, 1898, it was voted to adjourn till Monday, August 29, 1898, at 3 P.M.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on August 1, 1898, at 3 P.M. Absent — Alderman Dyar.

Messages from the Mayor were received, as follows:

Acceptance of Metropolitan Water Act — Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 19, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith, without my approval, the order passed by the City Council accepting Chapter 427 of the Acts of the year 1898, for the reason that further investigation since the act was framed, leads me to believe that it would not be practicable to put into effect its financial provisions during the current financial year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Wooden Figure in Front of Store — Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 21, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I am obliged to return herewith, without my approval, the vote of your Board granting permission to George L. Johnson to continue to maintain a wooden figure in front of his store, for the reason that the Board of Aldermen has no authority, under the present laws, to grant such permission.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to Committee on Public Improvements.

Exchange of Land with the New Haven Railroad.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 21, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

As the order, authorizing an exchange between the city and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company of certain parcels of land, which was passed by the Common Council, was laid over by your Board without action at its last meeting, I presume that fuller information as to the nature of the transaction, and as to the valuation of the parcels to be exchanged, may be desired by you before action is taken upon the order. I therefore transmit herewith a report made to me by Mr. John C. Cobb, the regular real estate expert of the Mayor's

office, to whom I had referred the matter, and who had verbally reported to me upon it before I recommended the passage of the order giving authority to effect the exchange.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Boston, July 18, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The proposition for exchange of land in South Boston with the New Haven road, as finally arranged for submission to you, is as follows:

The city to deed the railroad the lot on Foundry street, used by the Bridge Department, containing 8,591 square feet, together with the rights in the old roadbed adjoining said lot, being about 8,011 square feet under Broadway bridge, and subject to proper easements for the continuance and maintenance of said bridge. The New Haven road to deed to the city the parcel of land shown in the accompanying plan, having a frontage of fifty-three feet on Dorchester avenue, sixty-seven feet on Broadway, and a passage twelve feet wide to Foundry street. Said parcel, including the passageway, containing 6,608 square feet.

I recommend this exchange as being advantageous to the city from the standpoint of real estate values, as I consider the lot to be received by the city peculiarly valuable on account of its important frontage and access to those streets. In addition to its real estate value, it is of especial value to the city from the fact that it adjoins and enlarges the important corner of Broadway and Dorchester avenue, already owned by the city, and occupied by the Fire Department, making it possible, as future needs require, to increase the area available for that Department, their present lot being now very fully occupied.

The Superintendent of Streets has inspected the lot, and reports it a desirable exchange for the uses of the Bridge Department.

While I have not been guided by the assessed values in making my valuations, I would state for your information that the railroad lot is the most valuable portion of a tract of 23,338 feet, which is assessed at \$1.62 per foot, and a fair apportionment of this lot would bring the assessed value of the 6,608 feet to upwards of \$13,000. The city lot is assessed for \$8,600. I have argued that this difference was largely equalized by the value of the rights in the lot under the bridge, the full value of which I have claimed could not fairly be considered as included in the assessment, as its legal status was such that the assessors had presumably considered it merely as an adjunct to the Foundry-street lot.

In making my valuations, I have not taken the buildings into account, as some of them are owned by tenants with right of removal, and those which are not are of such small value that they are of no importance in the transaction.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN C. COBB.

(Annexed was a plan of the land referred to.)

Referred to Committee on Public Improvements.

Appointment of Constable.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 29, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, Charles A. Horrigan a Constable of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

Portion of Travers Street Discontinued.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 29, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication received from the Boston Transit Commission giving notice that it has discontinued a portion of Travers street. This action has been taken by the Commission under the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897, and was necessary in order to provide a gradual incline from the northerly portion of the subway to the proposed elevated structure on Causeway street.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

Boston, July 12, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The following was passed at a meeting of this Commission held to-day:

Whereas, In order to provide a gradual incline from the northerly portion of the subway to the elevated structure in Causeway street, as set forth in Statutes 1897, Chapter 500, Section 12, it is necessary to discontinue Travers street from the southwesterly line of Haverhill street to a line parallel therewith and distant fifty-two feet southwest therefrom, and

Whereas, The other provisions of said act preliminary to such discontinuance have been complied with, now, therefore, pursuant to the requirements of said act, it is

Voted, That that portion of Travers street between the lines aforesaid be and the same hereby is discontinued.

A true copy. Attest:

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

Sent down.

West End Location Around Back Bay Park.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

Boston, July 29, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith, in order that it may be placed on file and become a matter of record, an order signed by myself and the Board of Park Commissioners, granting the West End Street Railway Company a location for tracks on Boylston and Ipswich

streets, connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Massachusetts and Brookline avenues. A set of plans showing the locations is also transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Boston, July 18, 1898.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 523, of the Acts of 1897, and the petition of the West End Street Railway Company thereunder that the location of its tracks on Boylston and Ipswich streets from and connecting with the company's existing tracks on Massachusetts avenue to and connecting with the company's existing tracks on Brookline avenue, be filed and determined, together with the poles, wires and other structures requisite for the operation of its cars on said new tracks, it is hereby

Ordered, That said tracks shall be located and placed substantially as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated June 30, 1898, filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets; and that the same shall be constructed of girder rail, and shall be paved with No. 1 granite blocks except upon Ipswich-street bridge, where the paving shall be of asphalt; and said tracks shall be bonded for conveying the return current of the company's electric system, and shall be placed at a grade to be fixed by the Superintendent of Streets.

The poles, wires and other structures of the electric system and the construction thereof shall be substantially in accordance with the poles, wires and other structures and manner of construction used elsewhere for the same purpose by said company in the City of Boston. Said poles shall be kept properly painted, shall be erected in sufficient numbers for the operation of cars, and shall be placed substantially in accordance with plans from time to time filed with and approved by the Superintendent of Streets; and may be placed, in the first instance, substantially in accordance with plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated July 14, 1898, filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

"Ipswich street" named in this order is referred to in the aforesaid Act as "highway."

Approved and determined.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor of Boston.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,

LABAN PRATT,

Park Commissioners of Boston.

(Accompanying the above, were plans showing the track and pole locations granted.)

Sent down.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, July 18, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved

and disapproved, for the week ending July 16, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	-
2...	3	3	-	1	-	3	-	-	2	-
3...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
4...	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	-
5...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	4
6...	-	4	-	-	-	5	1	5	20	20
7...	1	11	-	2	1	4	3	9	35	35
8...	1	9	1	-	-	2	-	2	11	11
9...	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	3	10	10
10...	7	1	-	-	5	2	-	3	10	10
11...	1	1	-	-	-	2	6	9	11	11
12...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	9	9
13...	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	2	2
14...	-	1	-	1	-	4	2	-	-	12
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
16...	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	3	6	6
17...	2	1	-	-	-	3	1	3	11	11
18...	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	4	2	2
19...	2	2	1	-	-	2	-	4	9	9
20...	8	2	3	-	1	1	2	9	29	29
21...	1	7	-	-	-	4	-	2	15	15
22...	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	9	9
23...	2	1	1	-	3	2	1	3	21	21
24...	8	1	5	-	-	4	-	4	14	14
25...	2	3	3	-	-	4	1	2	8	8
T'ls..	41	57	14	5	10	16	52	20	93	251

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS DURING JULY.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate, and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of July, 1898, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 518; total number of mortgages, 467; total amount of mortgages, \$1,744,336.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	110
South Boston	45
East Boston	53
Roxbury	60
Dorchester	138
West Roxbury	67
Brighton	21
Charlestown	14
Total	508

GARBAGE CREMATION PLANT.

The City of Milwaukee has advertised for proposals for constructing a first-class garbage cremation plant, capable of destroying at least 100 tons of garbage daily.

City Government Orders.

ORDER PASSED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved July 28, 1898:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel, under the direction of the Committee on Ordinances and Law Department, prepare an edition of 2,500 copies of a volume containing the Revised Ordinances of 1898, and the Revised Regulations of 1898, with all ordinances and regulations passed between the passage of the Revised Ordinances of 1892 and the passage of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, a table showing the disposition of prior ordinances and regulations, and an index; fifteen copies to be furnished to each member of the City Council; thirty copies to be furnished to the Mayor, and the remainder to be distributed under the direction of the Committee on Ordinances and Law Department; the expense attending the preparation and printing of said volumes to be charged to the appropriation for the Reserved Fund.

ENACTED WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following was presented to the Mayor July 18, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Permit to Anthony Volta to maintain three bootblack stands, as he has hitherto done, directly opposite No. 13 Franklin avenue.

CIRCULARS FROM THE MAYOR.

Circulars 43 and 44 to the Heads of Departments are as follows:

Circular No. 43.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: I have been requested by the Commissioner of Public Records of the State of Massachusetts to call your attention to the following provision of law:

"No person having the care or custody of any book of record or registry in any of the departments or offices of the Commonwealth, or of any county, city or town therein, shall use or allow to be used upon such books any ink excepting such as is furnished by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars."

Please see that the provisions of this law are complied with by your Department.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

July 27, 1898.

Circular No. 44.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: A Civil Service Division of the Auditing Department has recently been established by the City Auditor, at my suggestion, and Mr. John S. Concannon has been appointed Chief of the Division, with an office at Room 7, Old Court House. Telephone No. 4078, Boston. This Division is to be, among other things, a record office for all requisitions made by any department upon the Civil Service Commission, for all certifications of names to departments by this Commission, and for all action taken by heads of departments under such certifications; it will also be a record office of all appointments made by heads of departments to positions not subject to the civil service rules. There will therefore be a record in this office of every appointment not subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen. The Division is furthermore to act as an agency to furnish to the departments any information which they may from time to time require as to the operation, effect or construction of the civil service law or rules, or as to the state of the eligible lists—the opinion of the Corporation Counsel upon any question submitted being taken whenever it seems necessary or desirable.

The Division is established on account of the growth of the business between the different departments and the Civil Service Commission, and is intended to serve as a convenient agency to facilitate such business, and also to see that it is properly conducted, and that the civil service laws and rules are strictly observed. The connection of this work with the Auditing Department indicates that its general purpose and scope is broadly that of scrutinizing the pay-rolls of the different departments, to see that no names are added to them, or borne upon them, improperly, or without due observance of the civil service laws and rules. The Civil Service Commission recognized the practical utility and convenience of such an agency in advance of its establishment, and the hearty co-operation of all the departments in its work is fully expected.

In future please address all of your requisitions upon the Civil Service Commission to the Auditing Department, Civil Service Division, Room 7, Old Court House; such requisitions will at once be sent to the Civil Service Commission, and the lists certified by the Commission will be promptly forwarded to the departments, after being made a matter of record in this office. The departments will then notify the Civil Service Commission, through this Division, of any appointments made, and this course

will be followed in the case of all appointments, including laborers and mechanics.

Heads of departments or subordinate officials are not precluded from going directly to the office of the Civil Service Commission to obtain any official information desired, but all official communications with the Commission are to pass through this office, as above stated. A part of the duties of this Division will be to obtain statistical information from time to time as to the employees of the city, for use by the Department of Statistics, and heads of departments are requested to answer as quickly and fully as possible any inquiries which may be made for this purpose.

As the organization of this office is a new departure, I shall be glad to receive any suggestions from heads of departments as to how its work may be carried on with the greatest convenience and utility.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

July 26, 1898.

COMMERCE OF NEW YORK.

The following constitutes Chapter 644 of the General Laws of New York, 1898:

An Act to Authorize the Appointment of a Commission to Inquire into the Condition of the Commerce of New York and suggest Legislation thereon.

The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Within thirty days after this Act takes effect the Governor shall appoint a commission of five persons to examine into the commerce of New York, the cause of its decline and the means of its revival, together with a summary of conclusions to be drawn therefrom, and to suggest such legislation as they deem advisable, relating thereto. Such commission shall have authority to employ stenographers and other necessary assistants and to send for persons and papers and to compel the attendance of any person before them at any place within the State. They shall present their final report to the Legislature on or before January 15, 1899, and shall present therewith such bill or bills as may be necessary to carry into effect the changes deemed advisable by them.

Sect. 2. Each of said commissioners shall be a resident and inhabitant of the State of New York. They shall receive the necessary expenses and disbursements incurred in the performance of the duties herein imposed when the same are properly audited by the Comptroller of the State, and the same, when so audited, shall be paid by the warrant of the Comptroller out of the moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sect. 3. This Act shall take effect immediately.

Awards of Contracts.

Fire Department.

The contract for the construction of a veterinary hospital building on Swett street, proposals for which were opened at the office of the Fire Commissioner on Tuesday, July 26 (see THE CITY RECORD, page 456), has been awarded to G. G. Baker, on his bid of \$9,775.

HENRY S. RUSSELL, Fire Commissioner.

Park Department.

Proposals for making alterations in the toilet room at Franklin Park Refectory were opened by the Board of Park Commissioners on July 25, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
A. Hathaway's Sons	\$624
John J. Flynn	681
John Y. Mainland	693
C. H. Dodge	719

The contract was awarded to A. Hathaway's Sons.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for furnishing 7,000 tons of coal, Georges Creek or its equivalent, and delivering on the ferry wharves, were opened on July 29, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
P. Doherty (bituminous)	\$2 38
Loyal Hanna Coal and Coke Company (Sonman Shaft)	2 39
Metropolitan Coal Company (Georges Creek)	2 49
W. P. Rainey & Company (Big Vein)	2 49
Garfield & Proctor (Ocean Mine)	2 57
John Morrison (Georges Creek)	2 58
E. Russell Norton (Georges Creek)	2 60

The contract was awarded to the Metropolitan Coal Company.

Proposals for building sewers and drains were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as follows:

Bowdoin street; bids opened July 22:

Bidders.	Bids.
T. H. Connelly	\$1,504
Quimby & Ferguson	1,552
J. P. O'Connell	1,650
A. E. Stewart	1,748
D. E. Lynch	1,888
J. D. Gennaro	1,960
D. M. Dwyer	2,100

The contract was awarded to T. H. Connelly.

Nightingale street; bids opened July 28:

Quimby & Ferguson	\$841 55
D. E. Lynch	848 11
D. M. Dwyer	869 62
J. P. O'Connell	964 35
John J. Falvey	973 85
McDowell & Sons	1,001 96
George Tucker	1,007 60

The contract was awarded to Quimby & Ferguson.

Dorchester avenue; bids opened July 29:

McDowell & Sons	\$890 50
McKeon Brothers	907 50
J. P. O'Connell	1,061 25
J. H. Broderick	1,260 00
D. E. Lynch	1,558 50

The contract was awarded to McDowell & Sons.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

School Department.

Proposals were opened for the construction of an addition of two rooms to the Bowditch School-house, Jamaica Plain, July 29, 1898, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
John S. Jacobs & Son	\$18,880
Gifford & Lawrence	13,109
Haliwell & Bennett	10,865
Gerry & Northup	10,834
John A. Rooney	10,438
W. H. Keyes & Co.	10,405
George G. Baker	9,900
James Fagan	9,700
Hersee Brothers	9,503
John J. Flynn	9,425

The contract was awarded to John J. Flynn.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

PARK CONNECTIONS.

The following bill constitutes Chapter 540 of the Acts of 1898:

An Act relative to Streets and Lands in the Neighborhood of Parks, Parkways and Boulevards in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston may authorize connections to be made of public ways with any boundary road of any public park or with any parkway or boulevard now or hereafter placed under the charge of said Board, according to such directions, widths and grades, and with such curb and other surface construction for the parts of such ways situated within the distance of 500 feet from a park, parkway or boulevard as they shall prescribe, whether any such directions, widths and grades are shown on any plan, or whether any such way has been laid out or constructed under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891 and acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, or otherwise.

Sect. 2. Said Board of Park Commissioners shall have power to plant trees, place seats, standpipes, drinking-fountains, and works of art on said parts of ways, and may establish reasonable rules and regulations relating to the displaying of advertisements and to the height and the character of fences placed upon said parts of ways, as they shall deem the public interests require.

Sect. 3. Any person violating any such rules or regulations shall for each day that such violation continues forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding \$20.

NEXT MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At its meeting held on Tuesday evening, July 26, it was voted that the next meeting of the School Committee be held on the call of the President.

IMMIGRATION DURING JULY.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from transatlantic ports, during the month ending July 31, 1898:

NATIONALITY.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Austria-Hungary—			
Austria	10	7	3
Hungary	1	—	1
Denmark	11	5	5
France (including Corsica)	6	3	3
Germany	20	17	3
Greece	1	1	—
Italy	6	6	—
Netherlands	1	1	—
Norway	27	14	13
Roumania	1	—	1
Russia (proper)	83	56	27
Finland	8	2	6
Poland	5	5	—
Spain	1	1	—
Sweden	78	40	38
United Kingdom—			
England	276	141	135
Ireland	327	128	199
Scotland	30	16	14
Wales	3	2	1
Total from Europe	895	446	449
Nicaragua	—	—	—
Total from Central America	—	—	—
Quebec and Ontario	9	5	—
Nova Scotia	4	4	—
Newfoundland and Labrador	1	1	—
Prince Edward Island	1	1	—
Total from British North American possessions	15	15	—
Cuba	12	5	7
Other West Indies	9	5	4
South America	1	1	—
Africa	1	—	1
Total	23	11	12
Grand total	933	472	461
Tourists or passengers en route	44	—	—
Debarred passengers	8	—	—
Total immigration for the month of July,	985	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	Males.	Females.
North Atlantic Division —		
Maine	7	7
New Hampshire	10	9
Vermont	3	6
Massachusetts	292	334
Rhode Island	19	23
Connecticut	7	1
New York	71	31
New Jersey	1	1
Pennsylvania	9	9
Total	419	421
South Atlantic Division —		
Maryland	—	—
District of Columbia	—	—
Total	—	—
North Central Division —		
Ohio	—	1
Illinois	15	11
Michigan	2	1
Wisconsin	2	1
Minnesota	13	7
Iowa	2	4
North Dakota	5	2
South Dakota	2	—
Nebraska	3	4
Total	44	31
South Central Division —		
Texas	1	—
Total	1	—
Western Division —		
Montana	1	—
New Mexico	—	1
Arizona	1	3
Washington	2	1
California	4	4
Total	8	9
RECAPITULATION.		
North Atlantic Division	419	421
South Atlantic Division	—	—
North Central Division	44	31
South Central Division	1	—
Western Division	8	9
Total	472	461

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders were promulgated by the Board of Police on July 28 and 30, respectively:

General Order No. 528.

The resignation of Patrolman William M. Densmore, of Division 13, having been presented while charges were pending against him, it is hereby accepted to take effect this day.

General Order No. 529-530.

Lieutenant Ithamer A. Mereen, Sergeants George H. Adams and Edward A. Pease and Patrolmen Thomas Connor, Gorham H. Everbeck, John W. Jackson, John J. McCarthy, James Nannery, James H. O'Neill, James Russell, Peter K. Smith and Nicholas C. Tallon are hereby appointed Assistant Harbor Masters for the Port of Boston, under the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 147 of the Acts of 1889.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

Boston, July 27, 1898.

The regular meeting of the Trustees was held at the office of Mr. A. Shuman, at 12 o'clock. There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague and Keany; the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Sprague was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

It was voted that there be paid to S. Brennan the sum of \$3,000, on account of his contract of August 3, 1894, for erecting surgical operating building, etc., at the Boston City Hospital.

It was voted that there be paid to Lynch & Woodward the sum of \$963.54, as final payment and in settlement of contract of September 10, 1894, for heating and ventilating apparatus at the hospital.

It was voted that there be paid to Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$1,125, on account of his contract of August 14, 1897, for erection of laundry building.

It was voted that there be allowed and paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$28.13, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$1,125, paid to Kerrens Driscoll.

It was voted that the vote of the meeting of July 13, whereby Wheelwright & Haven were allowed the sum of \$167.19, be so amended that it shall read \$167.98, on account of clerical error.

It was voted that there be allowed and paid to C. H. Cronin the sum of \$181.58, on account of contract of November 13, 1897, for plumbing in Wards S and H, at the hospital.

Additions and deductions were made to the various contracts, as follows:

No. 2152, Stephen Brennan, deduction of \$125, for supporting cones under surgical operating building, as per proposal of Lynch & Woodward, dated March 21, 1896.

No. 2153, Lynch & Woodward, addition of \$219.97, for work on ducts and for supporting cones under operating-room seats.

No. 229, Murdock Parlor Grate Company, addition of \$8.75, the same being the difference between the cost of tiles and marble slab in the contract for Wards S and H.

No. 231, C. H. Cronin, deduction of \$15 from his contract of November 13, 1897, on account of plumbing in Wards H and S, for test of sanitary agency omitted.

It was voted that in the matter of the return steam-heating mains, the making of necessary repairs be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with full powers.

The Medical Committee reported that Dr. Bottomley, who at the last meeting was appointed to the position of fourth assistant visiting surgeon for the second surgical service, had declined the appointment, as he had engaged to go on the hospital ship, "Bay State," as assistant-surgeon.

The Medical Committee reported favorably in regard to the matter of the nomination of John W. Judd for the position of surgical dresser for the second surgical service, and he was accordingly appointed.

The Committee on Service, to whom was referred the matter of permission to lawyers, lawyers' clerks, etc., to visit patients, reported on the same, and in accordance with their recommendation, the following votes were recorded:

Voted, That no attorney, agent of an attorney or claim agent shall be permitted to visit a patient in the hospital, except upon the request of the patient or some near relative of the patient, or unless such attorney or agent has been previously employed professionally by the patient; and that whenever any such attorney or agent requests admission to the hospital for the purpose of visiting a patient, whether upon a pass or at a regular visiting hour, his request or application shall be referred to the Superintendent's office, and the consent of the Superintendent or one of his assistants shall be obtained before his admission.

Voted, That it shall be the duty of the Superintendent's assistants, house officers, nurses and other employees, both at the entrance office and in the wards, vigilantly to assist in enforcing the foregoing regulation and to give immediate information to the Superintendent's office of any attempt to violate the same.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE,

Secretary pro tempore.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, July 25, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held July 25, 1898:

Bids for making alterations in the toilet room at Franklin Park Refectory were received, and it was

Voted, To accept the bid of A. Hathaway's Sons.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to build a wooden fence along the line of the seawall at Mystic Playground.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to provide two diving floats at Marine Park Bathing Beach.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to relay the wooden floor of Commonwealth-avenue bridge with four courses of patent felt under the flooring, at an estimated expense, for the felt, of \$50.

Voted, That all employees of the Department whose services can be dispensed with, be given a holiday without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on July 26, for the purpose of holding their annual picnic.

Voted, That the rules adopted for the use and government of Franklin Park be amended, by striking out in Rule 1 the words "or have possession of any part thereof," and inserting in place thereof the words: "or bring within the park or have possession thereof of any flowers, or any tree, bush or plant, or part thereof," so that said rule shall read as follows: "No person shall cut, break, deface, defile or ill-use any building, fence, tree, bush, plant, turf or other thing belonging to the city, or bring within the park or have possession thereof of any flowers, or any tree, bush or plant, or part thereof."

Voted, That the rules adopted for the use and government of Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park be amended, by striking out in Rule 1 the words "or have possession of any part thereof," and inserting in place thereof the words "or bring within the park or have possession there of any flowers, or any tree, bush or plant, or part thereof," so that said rule shall read as follows: "No person shall cut, break, deface, defile or ill-use any building, fence, tree, bush, plant, turf or other thing belonging to the city or Harvard College, or bring within the park or have possession there of any flowers, or any tree, bush or plant, or part thereof."

Voted, That the Franklin Park golf links be reopened on Saturday afternoons, beginning September 17.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Statistical Department.

The twenty-eighth meeting of the Department of Municipal Statistics was held at its office on Tuesday, May 31, at 3.30 P.M., Messrs. Dewey and Minot being present.

Discussion at length was had in regard to:

1. The material gathered in connection with the investigation concerning the records and statistics of the public institutions of Boston.

2. A descriptive report by Mr. Cook upon the methods in use in the Pauper Institutions and Children's Institutions of the City of Boston.

3. The nature of the report to be based upon numbers 1 and 2.

The twenty-ninth meeting of the Department of Municipal Statistics was held at its office on Wednesday, June 8, at 3.30 P.M., Messrs. Dewey, Folsom, Jackson, Minot and Weld being present. Mr. Minot occupied the chair.

The letter of Mr. Minot to the Mayor, with regard to the functions and organization of the Institutions Registration Department; the report of the Secretary upon the investigation into the forms of record used in the various institutions in Massachusetts, and in some other States; together with descriptive reports by Mr. Cook of the forms of registration in use in certain of the public institutions in Boston, were presented.

It was voted that the several reports, together with the Chairman's letter, be submitted to the Mayor.

Mr. Jackson reported that, owing to the cutting-down of the appropriation of his office, work on the preparation of maps had been discontinued.

The thirtieth meeting of the Department of Municipal Statistics was held at its office on June 27, 1898, at 3.40 P.M. Messrs. Dewey, Folsom, Jackson, Minot, Pearmain and Weld were present. Mr. Minot occupied the chair.

It was voted that a report on the revenue of the city be printed and published in the same form as Special Publication No. 1, to constitute Special Publication No. 2.

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, July 25, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and the number of plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending July 23, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-
2...	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	6
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	4
5...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2
6...	-	4	1	-	-	-	2	-	7	20
7...	-	35	-	-	1	-	37	-	9	30
8...	-	1	-	1	1	-	2	-	6	11
9...	1	1	1	1	-	-	7	-	9	22
10...	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	4	9
11...	1	5	1	1	1	-	2	1	9	16
12...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	5
13...	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
14...	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	3	2
15...	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	11
16...	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	4	8
17...	-	3	2	-	2	-	1	1	48	8
18...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	7
19...	4	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	6	9
20...	13	-	6	-	8	5	1	6	11	25
21...	3	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	3	15
22...	1	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	5	7
23...	4	4	-	-	-	2	2	1	8	13
24...	5	3	-	-	-	7	1	1	6	9
25...	6	1	2	1	-	3	1	4	10	7
T'ls..	41	79	19	5	20	22	66	15	177	250

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

Children's Institutions Department.

The following is a census of inmates at the various homes of the Children's Institutions Department, taken on July 30, 1898:

	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Marcella-street Home . .	48	20	68
Parental School	187	2	189
House of Reformation . .	149	-	149
Boarded in families . .	220	181	401
Indentured in families . .	226	146	372
At home on probation . .	-	-	55
In other institutions . .	-	-	124
Totals	830	349	1,358

H. C. Day has assumed charge as Superintendent of the Parental School.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, August 1, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending July 30, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	111
Number of discharges of mortgages	24
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	4
Number of assignments of wages	22
Number of married women's certificates .	9
Number of ship liens	1
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgage	2
Number of attachments	1

An accident notice was filed July 28 by William McGregor, on account of collision of bicycle with a team of the Sanitary Division, corner of C street and Broadway, South Boston, July 20, 1898.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Engineering Department—Architectural Division.

July 25, 1898.

Bids have been received as follows for furnishing machinery, etc., for the carpenter shop at the City Hospital:

From the Blanchard Machine Company, \$110.35; and from Craig, Donovan & Co., \$128.

It was recommended that the contract be awarded to the Blanchard Machine Company.

The following certificates of payment have been drawn on account of the alteration work in connection with the surgical operating building, at the City Hospital, in favor of Lynch & Woodward, final payment, \$973.54; in favor of S. Brennan, on account, \$3,000.

F. W. CHANDLER, Consulting Architect.

Public Buildings Department.

Old Court House, August 3, 1898.

The following is a list of the schools in whose yards sand gardens have been established (in addition to those maintained by the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association), together with the names of the matrons in charge:

Hugh O'Brien School, corner Dudley & Langdon streets, Roxbury, Miss Elizabeth Finnerty; Hancock School, Parmenter street, Misses Frances Tully and Mary E. Reagan; Phillips School, Phillips street, Miss Margaret McGonigle; Brimmer School, Common street, Mrs. Fannie Fitzgerald; Quincy School, Tyler street, Miss Elizabeth Tynan; Dwight School, West Springfield street, Mrs. Margaret La Grasse; Joshua Bates School, Harrison avenue, Miss Florence MacDonald; Cook School, Groton street, Miss Margaret Gilligan; Skinner School, Fayette and Church streets, Miss Mary Clifford; Polk-street School, Polk street, Charlestown, Miss Catherine Reagan; Roger Clap School, Harvest street, Dorchester, Miss Hooley; Bigelow School, Fourth and E streets, South Boston, Mrs. Casey; Ingraham School, Sheafe street, Miss Mary C. Murphy; Franklin School,

Waltham street, Miss Burke; Lincoln School, Broadway, South Boston, Mrs. Prohaska; Howard-avenue School, Howard avenue, Roxbury, Mrs. H. McDonald; William H. Kent School, Moulton street, Charlestown, Miss Fannie McLaughlin; Howe School, Fifth street, South Boston; Cyrus Alger School, Seventh street, South Boston.

JOHN DROHAN,

Acting-Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, August 1, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department, for the week ending July 31:

OVERHEAD, DEAD WIRE AND INTERIOR DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	345
Defects reported	95
Defects corrected	63
Notices of new work received	96
Dead wire removed (feet)	5,600
Fixtures removed	14

Fires and accidents have been investigated as follows:

No. 5 Centre street, Roxbury, July 27, hanger-board, etc., destroyed; Engine No. 14 called.

No. 400 Atlantic avenue, July 26, alternating wires in contact with tin work on building; Protective No. 1 called.

July 29, opposite No. 32 Dorchester avenue; fatal accident to Frank Mack, lineman for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, while handling wire which was in contact with high potential wires.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals for street openings have been granted, as follows:

Conduit construction	4
Building connections	11
Lamp connections	1
Pole connections	1
Repairs	2

Inspections have been made, as follows:

Building connections	11
Conduit constructions	24
Lamp connections	1
Repairs	7
Cable drawings	23
Installations of underground transformers, .	2

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending July 30, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	20.4
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897, .	23.9
Number of deaths:	
Males	96
Females	112
Total	208
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	238
Decrease	30

Of the 208 decedents, 203 were white and 5 colored; 139 were born in the United States, 59 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 10 was unknown; 37 were of American parentage, 146 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 25 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	28	3
Scarlatina	19	1
Typhoid fever	12	1
Measles	28	1
Totals	87	6

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	15
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	9
Bronchitis	6
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	8

Total from principal causes	71
Total from infectious diseases	6
Total from other causes	131

Total from all causes	208
Deaths of children under 1 year	69
Deaths of children under 5 years	93
Deaths of persons over 60 years	28
Deaths in public institutions	43

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

Boston, July 26, 1898.

A public hearing will be given on the question of the routes for a tunnel or tunnels to East Boston, at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, August 23, in the rooms of this Commission, 20 Beacon street.

By order of the Commission,

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 1, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Chadwick street, corner of Yeoman street, Ward 17, three bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, two over Chadwick street and one over the corner of Chadwick and Yeoman streets. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, two eight feet six inches and one ten feet six inches wide, and three feet over line of street.

MEYER B. GRUZENSKI,
258 Eustis street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 1, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-ninth day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 2, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given — that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Chapman avenue, at Dorchester, be laid out from Tucker street to Don street, as a highway, with the name of Callendar street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board — that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and — that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the seventeenth day of August, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter. A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

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The undersigned requests permission to project from building, Yeoman street, corner of Reed's court, Ward 17, three bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, two over Reed's court and one over the corner of Yeoman street and Reed's court. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, two eight feet six inches and one ten feet six inches wide, and three feet over line of street.

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TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 1, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 13-17 Yeoman street, Ward 17, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over 13-17 Yeoman street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, eight feet six inches wide, and three feet over line of street.

MEYER B. GRUZENSKI,
258 Eustis street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 1, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-ninth day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CITY COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate, situate in the City of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public, are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the year 1896, according to the list committed to me, as Collector of Taxes of said city by the Assessors of Taxes, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of real estate will be offered at public auction, for sale, at the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board, 7 Exchange place, in said City of Boston, on Thursday, August 25, 1896, at 10 o'clock A.M., for the payment of said taxes, together with the costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

The sums set against the descriptions of the several estates show the amounts due thereon respectively for the tax and assessments, for the non-payment of which each of said estates is to be sold, not including costs and interest thereon, and costs and charges incident to this sale.

WARD ONE.

Coleman Cook—About 2,500 feet of land on the southerly side of Orleans street, between an estate of John A. Quinn and an estate of S. H. Bradley, being the southwesterly part of lot 209, R. H. Eddy's plan, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Plan Book 4, Page 10 \$3 87

WARD THREE.

Mary L. Keyes—House and about 2,620 feet of land, numbered 10 and 12 Marion street \$55 47

WARD EIGHT.

Edward L. Brodie—Building and about 900 feet of land, numbered 31 Minot street \$125 13

WARD ELEVEN.

George S. Daniel, set off to West End Street Railway Company, mortgagee in possession—About 4,157 feet of land on the easterly side of Audubon road, adjoining another estate now or formerly of said George S. Daniel, as shown on a plan of Aspinwall and Lincoln, dated May 16, 1896, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2,361, Page 279 \$77 40

WARD TWELVE.

Elizabeth Blair—House and about 1,160 feet of land, numbered 18 Fellows court \$12 90

WARD THIRTEEN.

John R. Lee—House and about 1,985 feet of land, numbered 98 Bowen street \$20 64

WARD SIXTEEN.

Susan I. Duross—Buildings and about 83,490 feet of land at the northerly end of Field's court, between an estate of the South Bay Improvement Company and an estate now or formerly of Thomas J. Scollans, being lot B on a plan of H. W. Wilson, October 29, 1885, Suffolk Deeds, Book 1,724, Page 459 \$77 40

WARD SEVENTEEN.

Benjamin Lancy—House and about 3,910 feet of land, numbered 2 Allerton street \$47 73

WARD EIGHTEEN.

Colby Bartlett—About 2,524 feet of land on the northwesterly side of Warwick street, adjoining an estate of Joseph Comer (No. 69 Warwick street) \$28 38

Owen Nawn—House and about 1,641 feet of land, numbered 7 Adams place 42 57

WARD NINETEEN.

Ann Nawn—House and about 3,000 feet of land, numbered 8 Centre street \$92 88

WARD TWENTY.

Kathryn A. Orr—House and about 5,348 feet of land on the westerly side of Moultrie street, formerly Moultrie avenue, being lot 16, as shown on a plan recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2,041, Page 529 \$74 82

WARD TWENTY-ONE.

Charles J. Pillsbury—House and about 34,390 feet of land, numbered 113 Townsend street \$522 45

Sarah Whittier—House and about 5,939 feet of land, numbered 6 Crestwood park 74 82

WARD TWENTY-TWO.

William B. Blakemore—About 5,243 feet of land in the rear of lots B and C, on the northeasterly side of Boylston terrace, as shown on J. E. Jones's plan, October 25, 1894, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2,247, Page 387 \$12 90

William McKay and George Aleock—House and about 2,975 feet of land, numbered 8 Notre Dame street 54 18

William McKay—House and about 2,975 feet of land on the southerly side of Notre Dame street, being lot 35, W. A. Garbett's plan, shown on Assessors' Plans, Volume 8, Page 112, on file with Suffolk Deeds 32 25

Owen Nawn—About 4,075 feet of land on the southerly side of Arklow street, adjoining an estate of Henry A. Mitchell, numbered 30 Arklow street 10 32

Also house and about 3,045 feet of land, numbered 26 Arklow street 18 06

Also house and about 2,740 feet of land, numbered 2 Arklow street 19 35

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Also house and about 4,172 feet of land, numbered 18 and 20 Posen street \$70 95

Also building and about 2,374 feet of land on the westerly side of Chestnut avenue, adjoining another estate of said Nawn 16 77

Also about 1,790 feet of land on the westerly side of Chestnut avenue, being part of lot 1, Garbett and Woods's plan, dated October 23, 1889, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1,905, Page 231 9 03

Also houses and about 11,282 feet of land, numbered 23, 25 and 27 Chestnut avenue 154 80

Also building and about 21,785 feet of land, numbered 300 (and rear) Centre street 206 40

Also house and about 98,679 feet of land, numbered 298 Centre street 486 33

Also about 73,020 feet of land on the southwesterly side of Paul Gore street, adjoining an estate of Mary A. Cashman, numbered 71 Paul Gore street 140 61

Joseph Tondorf—House and about 1,441 feet of land, numbered 194 Thornton street (now numbered 192) 74 82

WARD TWENTY-THREE.

William B. Blakemore, supposed present owner, Mary C. Blakemore—About 5,370 feet of land on the southwesterly side of Clement avenue, being lot 42, J. E. Jones's plan, dated April 10, 1895, Suffolk Deeds, Book 2,329, Page 202 \$6 45

John A. Kiggen, supposed present owner, Myles J. McTernan—About 6,510 feet of land on the easterly side of Wenham street, adjoining an estate of Mary Kiggen, numbered 29 Wenham street 16 77

Benjamin Lancy, supposed present owner, Mary E. Wittekindt—House and about 10,990 feet of land on the southerly side of Ashland street, being the northerly part of lot 1, block 197, Assessors' Plan 3, as shown on Assessors' Plans, Vol. 1, Page 112, on file with Suffolk Deeds 43 86

William S. Mitchell—Buildings and about 61,186 feet of land on the easterly side of Railroad street, being lots 24 to 30 inclusive, N. Smith's plan, dated May, 1888, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1,831, Page 531 79 98

Apportionment of sewer assessment for 1895 115 40

Also \$195 38

Silas E. Parsons—About 3,509 feet of land on the northwesterly side of Farragut street, being lots 143 and 144, C. D. Elliot's plan, dated August 29, 1894, recorded with Suffolk Deeds at end of Book 2,224 \$1 29

William F. Tufts—About 11,145 feet of land on the northwesterly side of Kittredge street, being lot 16, T. B. Moses's plan, dated November 7, 1871, as shown on Assessors' Plans, Vol. 10, Page 223, on file with Suffolk Deeds 2 58

WARD TWENTY-FOUR.

Joseph C. Blain—About 12,114 feet of land in the rear of the easterly side of Dorchester avenue, extending from Edwin street to Templeton street, being the easterly part of lot 2, E. A. W. Hammett's plan, April, 1892, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2,064, Page 419 \$36 12

Apportionment of sewer assessment for 1896 61 98

Also \$98 10

Harry B. Brackett, supposed present owner, Elbridge K. Jewett—House and about 4,012 feet of land on the northerly side of Ballou avenue, being the southerly part of lots 228 and 229, W. O. Badger's plan, dated June 1, 1892, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2,097, Page 35, \$23 22

Herbert S. Carruth—About 2,300 feet of land on the southerly side of Beaumont street, between an estate now or formerly of Annie F. Carruth (No. 5 Beaumont street) and an estate of John L. Curtis (No. 7 Beaumont street) 7 74

Patrick M. Dugan, reassessed from James R. Murphy—House and about 4,740 feet of land on the westerly side of Duncan street, making the northwesterly corner of Duncan place, adjoining an estate of Alexander Glover. Balance of tax 12 90

John Fitzgibbons—House and about 3,390 feet of land, numbered 137 Centre street 23 22

James R. Murphy—About 1,923 feet of land on the northerly side of Duncan place, adjoining an estate of Mary Fleming, numbered 15 Duncan street. Balance of tax 2 58

WARD TWENTY-FIVE.

William N. Goddard and Samuel S. Lawrence, trustees, set off to Thomas W. Carter, supposed present owners, George R. Twitchell and Alfred Yates—Buildings and about 2,699 feet of land on the southerly side of Cambridge street, being lot A, F. L. Fuller's plan, dated April 11, 1895, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2,276, Page 65 \$189 63

William McKay—House and about 2,962 feet of land, numbered 27 Bayard street 45 15

Also house and about 3,537 feet of land, numbered 23 Bayard street 54 18

Ida P. Millner, supposed present owner, Annie F. Whitmore—House and about 5,000 feet of land on the easterly side of Alston terrace, being lot 11, F. O. Whitney's plan, dated

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May 4, 1895, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2,275, Page 195 \$69 66

Ida P. Millner, supposed present owner, Emily C. Grey—House and about 4,000 feet of land on the easterly side of Hobart street, being lot 3, same plan 54 18

Also house and about 5,000 feet of land on the easterly side of Hobart street, being lot 4, same plan 38 70

Ida P. Millner—About 3,740 feet of land on the southerly side of Hobart street, being lot 6, G. W. Hayward & Co.'s plan, dated September 7, 1895, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2,312, Page 241 3 87

Ida P. Millner, supposed present owner, Annie F. Whitmore—About 4,790 feet of land on the westerly side of Hobart street, being lot 4, same plan 5 16

Elizabeth S. Mullen, supposed present owner, Willett G. Aylsworth—House and about 1,521 feet of land, numbered 66 and 68 Hano street 29 67

Also house and about 1,521 feet of land numbered 64 and 62 Hano street 29 67

NATHANIEL H. TAYLOR,
Collector of Taxes for the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 29, 1896.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a main sewer be constructed in private lands, at Dorchester, between Sydney street and Endleigh street, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twelfth day of August, 1896, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for erecting a primary school building in Brighton; also for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating apparatus in said building; also for furnishing and installing the plumbing system for said building, according to the office copy of the contracts and plans, which may be seen at the office of Whitman & Hood, 62 Devonshire street, Boston, Mass. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$7,000 for faithfully doing the work under the first contract, \$2,000 for the second contract, and \$1,000 for the third contract, will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal for each contract, to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of August 11, 1896, with a certified check accompanying the proposal for \$300 under the first contract, \$300 under the second contract, and \$300 under the third contract, payable to the City of Boston. These checks are to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems for the best interest of the city.

WILLIAM T. EATON,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for erecting and completing the addition and alteration of the Mechanic Arts High School Building on Belvidere and Dalton streets. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$10,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen and a proposal obtained at the office of Wheelwright & Haven, 1129 Tremont Building, Boston, Mass. The bidder must fill out and leave the proposal so obtained, and a certified check for \$2,000, at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of August 11, 1896. This check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

WILLIAM T. EATON,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.

Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD.

EARTH EXCAVATION.

Boston, July 25, 1898.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, 3 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass., until 2.30 o'clock P.M., of Tuesday, August 9, 1898, for making excavations for the North Dike of the Wachusett Reservoir at Clinton, Mass. The quantity of earth excavation is approximately 290,000 cubic yards, and most of it is gravel and sand to be taken from a sloped trench from thirty to sixty feet deep.

Laying Water Pipes—Sealed proposals will also be received at the office of the Board until 2.30 o'clock P.M. of Tuesday, August 9, 1898, for laying 3,060 linear feet of 48-inch cast iron pipes in the Brighton District of the City of Boston. Pamphlets, containing further information for bidders, forms of proposal, contract and specifications, will be mailed to contractors who apply to the Chief Engineer, or may be obtained at his office, 3 Mt. Vernon street. Plans of all the work may be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer, and plans of the work at Clinton may also be seen and pamphlets relating to the same may also be obtained at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board at Clinton, Mass. The printed forms must be used in making proposals. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to accept the proposals deemed best for the Commonwealth. HENRY H. SPRAGUE, Chairman; WILMOT R. EVANS, HENRY P. WALCOTT, Metropolitan Water Board; FREDERIC P. STEARNS, Chief Engineer; WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

NOTICE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The City of Boston invites proposals for grading the yard of the West Roxbury High School-house on Elm street, Jamaica Plain, Mass. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$5,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract and plans for the work may be seen at the office of Andrews, Jaques & Rantoul, 8 Beacon street, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of August 11, 1898, with a certified check for \$1,000 payable to the City of Boston. This check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

WILLIAM T. EATON,

Chairman of Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 28, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Nelson street, at West Roxbury, be laid out from Boylston street to Spring Park avenue, as a highway with the name of Dresden street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway deposited in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twelfth day of August, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 28, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Stuart street be laid out as a highway, from Dartmouth street to Trinity place, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twelfth day of August, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited by the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital to furnish proposals for the extension of boiler-house, City Hospital, Albany street, Boston. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$10,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen and a proposal obtained at the office of the Engineering Department, Architectural Division, Room 70, City Hall, Boston. The bidder must fill out the proposal and leave the same with a certified check for \$1,000 with the Superintendent of said City Hospital, Harrison avenue, Boston, before 12 o'clock M., of August 9, 1898. This check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

A. SHUMAN,

President of the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited by the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital to furnish proposals for the installation of a mechanical draft apparatus in connection with the power plant, boiler-house, City Hospital, located on Albany street, Boston. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$1,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen and a proposal obtained at the office of the City Engineer, Architectural Division, Room 70, City Hall, Boston. The bidder must fill out the proposal and leave the same with a certified check for \$500 with the Superintendent of said City Hospital, Administration Building, Harrison avenue, Boston, before 12 o'clock M., of August 9, 1898. This check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

A. SHUMAN,

President of the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited by the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital to furnish proposals for the furnishing and delivering, on brick setting, three new boilers in the boiler-house, City Hospital, Albany street, Boston. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$1,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen and a proposal obtained at the office of the City Engineer, Architectural Division, Room 70, City Hall, Boston. The bidder must fill out the proposal and leave the same with a certified check for \$500 with the Superintendent of said City Hospital, Harrison avenue, Boston, before 12 o'clock M. of August 9, 1898. This check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

A. SHUMAN,

President of the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 22, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 655 Broadway, Ward 14, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second story, over 655 Broadway. Dimensions: Nine feet high, nine feet five inches wide, and two feet ten inches over line of street.

LIZZIE J. EMERSON,

By E. D. EMERSON,

138 I street, South Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 1, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-ninth day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the South Boston News and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 1, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 468 linear feet of sewer work in Waumbek street, Roxbury District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, August 8, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 28, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam roadway in Nightingale street, between Talbot avenue and Bernard street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$1,000 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, August 4, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 28, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam roadway in Peverell street, between Sawyer avenue and Salcombe street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$450 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday August 4, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 28, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam roadway in Telford street, between Western avenue and Charles River reservation, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$250 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Thursday, August 4, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 28, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam roadway in Burt street, between Washington and Ashmont streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$1,100 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, August 4, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume I.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1898.

Number 32.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale by the W. B. Clarke Company—Park Street Church stores A and B, Park and Tremont streets.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
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611 WASHINGTON STREET.

The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF COLONEL BOGAN.

Frederick B. Bogan, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Colonel of the Ninth Massachusetts Regiment, died at his home in Charlestown, Tuesday morning, August 9, 1898.

Colonel Bogan, a native of Boston, was born in 1851. He entered the service of the city in the City Architect's office in 1878, from which, in 1885, he was transferred to the Public Buildings Department, of which he was appointed Superintendent in 1894.

His military experience began in 1866, and, steadily rising from the ranks, he became Colonel of the Ninth Massachusetts Regiment in 1893. He served on the staff of Governor Russell as an Inspector-General.

At the breaking out of the present war, Colonel Bogan and his regiment were ordered to Camp Alger, Virginia, and afterwards were present during a portion of the battle before Santiago. Owing to illness, he returned to his home from the latter place but a few days previous to his death.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

The following is an abstract of the Annual Report of the Park Department, for the year ending January 31, 1898, which has recently been issued as City Document No. 24:

The report of the Board of Commissioners, covering five pages of the general report, states the broad principles upon which the work of the Department is based.

To complete such parts of the parks as have been left unfinished, and to put the whole system in such condition as will call for the least annual expense for maintenance, have been the work of the present Board.

Owing to the large amount of road-building carried on in the parks during the past twenty-five years, the planting of trees and the improvement of the natural woods have been much delayed. Special attention, therefore, has been devoted to these branches of park development. There have been purchased 30,000 trees and 100,000 shrubs; new nurseries have been laid out, and preparations made for extensive plantations in all the parks. It is proposed in future park plantations to use largely the trees and shrubs native to Massachusetts. It is believed that more natural and artistic results can thus be obtained, at a comparatively small expense.

The sanitary condition of the Back Bay Fens is a cause for serious anxiety. The deposit of decomposed vegetable matter which, during periods of freshet, is discharged directly into the Fens, has already become offensive and dangerous. This evil can only be remedied by providing a covered channel, either through one of the streets adjacent to the Fens, or directly under the water of the Fens, large enough to carry all the flood-water of Stony Brook into the Charles River, and thus prevent any flow into the basin of the Fens, except the tide-water from the river.

The only lands acquired by the Board during the past year, other than for playgrounds, are the lands and flats between the Old Colony Railroad and the land formerly taken for the Strandway.

As the city has grown, vacant land on which children might have a chance to play, has become more and more scarce. It is a wise policy to provide local playgrounds throughout the city before land becomes too expensive. It has seemed wise to the Board, therefore, to apply to the Legislature for an act providing for a comprehensive system of playgrounds in the city.

The Board suggests to individuals that they have the opportunity to use their money for the lasting benefit of the public, in the

purchase and equipment of playgrounds. From the report of the committee of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, in charge of the women's and children's gymnasium at Charlesbank, which is embodied in the report of the Commissioners, it appears that the total week-day attendance was 218,572, an increase of 27,676 over 1896; and that the total Sunday attendance was 20,715, the Sunday average being 863. The highest attendance on any single day was 4,332, on May 29. Of these numbers, 71,632 took gymnastic exercise, or a daily average of 498. In classes for gymnastic practice 1,267 have been gathered—420 of beginners, 213 of advanced pupils, 175 of large girls and 459 of women. The utility of the baths is not yet widely accepted, and to arrange for a more general use of them is a matter for serious consideration. During the public school vacation, the Kindergarten Department had 3,589 pupils.

The report of the Superintendent of Parks, from which the following extracts are taken, treats separately each park and field under the charge of the Department.

FRANKLIN PARK.

The year began with the thinning in the woods and plantations, in which care was taken to retain and emphasize any natural or pleasing features. On the boundary lines, large areas have been prepared for screen belts of timber trees.

The grading and planting done last spring comprised the planting of the border mound at Blue Hill avenue; the grading and planting of the refectory and horse-shed grounds, and the grading and planting of the grounds on either side of the drive from Forest Hills street to the fork of the road east of the Forest Hills bridge.

Among the improvements planned by the Board for 1898, in Franklin Park, may be mentioned the drainage of Nazindale, and the formation of a long grassy glade, extending from Blue Hill avenue to the Playstead.

FRANKLIN FIELD.

The principal works of improvement during the past year consisted of the erection of two commodious sanitary buildings; the seeding of five or six acres of the field, and the preparation, by loaming, of a part of the Blue Hill avenue boundary line for planting.

This playground is growing in popular favor. No extensive improvements are planned for 1898.

THE ARBORETUM.

Work on the Peters' Hill extension was continued early in the spring, and was nearly completed before the advent of cold weather. This opens to the public a drive from which

charming views of the surrounding country can be had, by reason of its elevation and its commanding position.

Two stone-crushing plants have been kept in operation during the season, crushing stone for the traffic roads of the Arborway.

JAMAICA PARK.

About 4,100 cubic yards of loam have been spread on the slopes, on the Prince and Perkins streets sides, in an endeavor to get the ground in readiness for planting. The foliage line around the pond has been brought nearer to the water, part of the beach at Perkins street has been excavated and loam substituted.

The construction of a road and path to the offices of the Board from the parkway, and the construction of the path to the steps at Perkins street, are the immediate necessities at Pine Bank, second only to doing the necessary planting.

LEVERETT PARK AND THE RIVERWAY.

The low water in Jamaica Pond rendered ineffective the pond and brook arrangement at Ward's Pond. The Board decided to fill two of the ponds.

At the Riverway, considerable work was done last spring in remodelling the plantations. A large number of shrubs have been added.

THE FENS.

A good deal of work has been done during the fall months in re-arranging shrubberies. The removal of the offensive deposit is a necessity, and the work should be completed before the warm weather sets in.

WOOD ISLAND PARK.

To meet a demand for outdoor bathing, the building on the beach was opened to the public, and a large number of women and children availed themselves of the privilege. The gymnasium and ball grounds were flooded during the winter, and were used for skating by many thousands.

MARINE PARK.

The only work of improvement at Marine Park consisted of the purchase of about 500 yards of loam, to increase the soil depth of the old plantation, running parallel with Q street.

The "Natural History Pools," in their present condition, are bare and uninviting, and a detriment to that portion of the park.

CASTLE ISLAND.

This delightful resort is deservedly popular with the public. No work of improvement has been carried on here, nor is much needed beyond the planting of shade trees, and the construction of sanitary buildings, and of a shelter from storms.

CHARLESBANK.

This breathing spot, with its broad promenade, is situated within easy reach of a large population in a congested part of the city, and its importance can hardly be over-estimated.

The gymnasium gives opportunity for physical recreation to the adult population, and the children's playground to small children.

The usefulness of Charlesbank lies in its health-giving opportunities to a crowded population, and every advantage should be taken to improve those opportunities.

NORTH END PARK.

During the season, bathing-houses for men and women were erected, with pier extensions into the bay.

The experience of the past summer suggests that the proper treatment of North End Park would be to transform it into a playground. The necessity for open spaces in this district is very great.

COPP'S HILL TERRACES.

The masonry, retaining walls, etc., were completed last summer and the borders were loamed in readiness for planting. A drinking-fountain has also been erected.

GYMNASIA.

At Charlesbank no expenditures have been incurred on extensions or improvements. A public exhibition was given during the summer and the work of the pupils was very creditable.

The gift of Paris-street Gymnasium, by Mrs. Esther P. Ahl, added to the Department an indoor gymnasium. There can be no question of the benefits to be derived from the institution, and as the building needs extensive repairs, it would seem wise to erect a new building.

The Wood Island Gymnasium has maintained its character as a popular resort for those in search of instruction in physical culture.

The following is a list of the playgrounds acquired by the Department during the past year:

North End Playground, lying between North Bennet and Prince streets, and adjoining Paul Revere School. It contains about one-quarter of an acre.

Fellows-street Playground, at the South End, containing three-quarters of an acre, suitable for children.

Mystic Playground, Charlestown, containing two and one-quarter acres, situated at Chelsea street and Scott's court, and adjoining the Mystic.

First and M-street Playground, at South Boston, containing five acres.

Christopher Gibson Playground, situated at Dorchester avenue and Park street, Dorchester, and containing six acres.

The report of the Department concludes with the report of the City Engineer, in which are given the details of cost and construction of work done under his direction during the year.

The following is a summary of expenditures on account of public park land, construction and betterments from the organization of the Board, October 8, 1875, to January 31, 1898:

Land	\$6,490,679 01
Construction	8,158,757 84
Betterment expenses	13,356 10
Total	\$14,662,792 95

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF COLONEL BOGAN.

At a special meeting of the City Council, held on Wednesday, August 10, to take action on the death of Colonel Bogan, the following resolutions were adopted by a unanimous rising vote in each branch:

The City Council of Boston learns with deep sorrow of the death, by disease con-

tracted at the front, in the military service of his country, of Frederick B. Bogan, Colonel of the Ninth Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and head of the Department of Public Buildings of this city; and it desires to place upon record its sense of the loss sustained by the city and by the public, and its deep appreciation of the patriotic devotion and self-sacrifice which has brought to an end a career of twenty years of faithful service to the municipality and an honorable record in the militia of the Commonwealth.

The bright example of devotion in the face of danger and under the burden of ill-health which has been given by our late associate in the service of the city, will not soon be forgotten, and will be a precious heritage to his family and friends.

Resolved, That we tender our respectful sympathy to the family of the deceased and to the officers and men of the regiment which he commanded, and that a committee, consisting of all the members of the Board of Aldermen, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to represent the City Council at the funeral.

Resolved, That an engrossed copy of these resolutions be sent by the City Clerk to the family of the late Colonel Bogan, and that flags on the city buildings remain at half-mast until after his funeral.

ACTION OF CITY COUNCIL.

In connection with the above action taken by the City Council, on August 10, on the death of Colonel Bogan, the following was passed:

Ordered, That City Hall be closed during the time set apart for the funeral of Colonel Frederick B. Bogan.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an examination will be held for the Post Office, Custom House and Internal Revenue Services in this city on some day between October 1 and 15, 1898. All persons who desire to be examined should apply to Edward E. Stebbins, Room 73, Post Office Building, for application blanks and full information relative to the scope of the examination. Applications on Form 101 must be filed in complete form with the Secretary of the Board, prior to the hour of closing business on September 1. Otherwise the applicant cannot be examined. Soon after filing applications, applicants will be notified of the exact date of the examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on September 8 and 9, 1898, examination may be taken at any city in the United States where the Commission has a competent Board of Examiners, for

the grade of inspector of boilers, in the Steamboat-Inspection Service, Treasury Department.

There is a vacancy in this grade in the Wheeling, West Virginia, district, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum.

Applicants must not be under twenty-five nor over fifty-five years of age, and must be physically sound. They must also be able to enter a boiler through a manhole nine by fifteen (9 x 15) inches.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to Edward E. Stebbins, Secretary Board of Civil Service Examiners, Post Office Building, Boston, for application blanks, Forms 304 and 363, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D. C.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following was promulgated by the Board of Police on August 3:

General Order No. 531.

I. The resignation of Reserve Officer Reuben G. Mosman, of Division 6, having been presented while charges were pending against him, it is hereby accepted, to take effect immediately.

II. Whereas, it appears that Patrolman William L. Wallingford, of Division 16, has performed faithful service in the Police Department for seven years; that he is an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion; and that he has requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of the year 1898, it is therefore hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman William L. Wallingford be retired from active service in the Police Department and placed upon the pension roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement.

III. Section II of this order will take effect at roll call at 5.45 o'clock P. M., Thursday, the fourth instant.

SOLDIERS AND THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Chapter 454, Acts of 1898, An Act to allow the Restoration to the Public Service of Persons Leaving it for Military Service in Time of War.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Any person appointed to or employed in the public service of the Commonwealth or of any city thereof, classified under the civil service rules made under the provisions of Chapter 320 of the Acts of the year 1884 and acts in amendment thereof, who may resign or leave such service for the purpose of enlisting and serving in the army or navy of the United States, or in the militia of the Commonwealth, in time of war, may at any time within one year after his honorable discharge from such military or naval service be appointed to his former position or employment in the public service, or to a similar position, without application or examination under the civil service rules.

TRADE WITH THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The following table, compiled from official returns at the Custom House, shows the direct trade of the United States, by ports, with the Philippine Islands, for the period of five years ending June 30, 1897:

	1893.		1894.		1895.		1896.		1897.	
	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.
Totals.	\$9,155,656	\$154,378	\$7,005,451	\$145,466	\$4,731,230	\$119,255	\$4,982,857	\$162,446	\$4,383,740	\$94,597
Boston . . .	\$3,122,184	—	\$1,539,343	—	\$1,168,388	—	\$1,085,118	—	\$1,583,205	—
New York . . .	3,674,019	\$144,878	2,164,971	\$145,466	2,355,007	\$108,005	2,612,545	\$141,629	2,224,207	\$85,489
Philadelphia . .	1,949,788	—	3,106,640	—	1,063,947	—	1,067,198	—	474,506	—
San Francisco . .	305,880	9,500	118,611	—	113,571	—	205,494	20,817	101,822	6,739
Willamette, Or. .	108,785	—	73,591	—	80,367	—	12,502	—	—	—
Puget Sound . .	—	—	2,295	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,419

The above table shows the direct shipments from the Philippine Islands to the United States, but it does not fully represent, however, the actual trade in products of the Philippine Islands, so far as Atlantic ports are concerned, for the reason that each year a large amount of Manila hemp, which constitutes the bulk of the exports of the islands, reaches the United States in re-shipment by way of British ports.

The following table, compiled from Government statistics, shows for the period of five years ending June 30, 1897, the total amount of Manila hemp which arrived at the various ports of the United States, both by direct and indirect shipment:

	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Boston . . .	27,045	16,350	18,161	18,854	19,851
New York . . .	23,611	11,367	23,870	15,514	16,133
Philadelphia . .	3,909	5,203	5,836	9,146	8,269
San Francisco . .	3,772	1,540	1,668	2,881	1,358
Willamette, Or. .	1,102	740	743	849	649
Puget Sound . .	—	33	—	—	—
Totals . . .	59,439	35,233	50,278	47,244	46,260

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, August 1, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending July 30, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Approved.		Disapproved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
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3 . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
4 . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
5 . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25
6 . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
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12 . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
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18 . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
19 . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
20 . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29
21 . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
22 . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
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25 . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
T'ls..	17	37	15	2	10	47	44	25	124	222	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

ACTION OF HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

At a meeting of the heads of departments, held on Tuesday, August 9, to take action on the death of Colonel Bogan, it was voted that the officials attend the funeral in a body. The services will be held at St. Catherine's Church, Charlestown, Friday, August 12, at 10 A.M.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

In accordance with the following communication from His Honor the Mayor, a special meeting of both branches of the City Council was held on Wednesday, August 10, at 12 M.:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 9, 1898.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

It becomes my sad duty to announce to you the death, by disease contracted in military service at the front, of Frederick B. Bogan, head of the Department of Public Buildings of this city, and Colonel of the Ninth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers. Colonel Bogan has been in the employ of the city for twenty years, and has rendered faithful and zealous service in various capacities.

You are hereby requested to assemble in your respective chambers on Wednesday, August 10, 1898, at 12 M., to take such action as you may deem proper to express your sense of the loss sustained by the city and by the public.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 8 P.M., on Thursday, August 4, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The meeting was held in pursuance to the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 2, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, August 4, 1898, at 8 o'clock P. M., to act upon the matter of a special loan appropriation for the Baths Department, and to transact such other business as may properly come before your body.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Flagstaff, Madison Park—Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 21, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my approval an order authorizing the erection of a flag-

staff in Madison Park, at an expense of not exceeding \$500, to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses, for the reason that I find that the liabilities incurred against this appropriation already will more than exhaust it before the expiration of the year, and that it does not seem to me proper to incur a deficiency in order to provide for the erection of additional flagstaffs.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Indefinitely postponed.

Ringling of Bells, West Roxbury—Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 22, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my approval the order providing that in Wards 22 and 23 the bells shall be rung at 7 o'clock A.M., instead of sunrise on holidays. Earlier this year I vetoed an order passed by your body providing for the ringing of bells at sunrise, upon the ground that this practice was a barbarous one and caused much unnecessary annoyance to many persons, but your body saw fit to pass this order, notwithstanding my objection, thus continuing the practice. I should be very glad to approve at any time an order providing for the ringing of bells on holidays at a reasonable hour in the morning, but I see no reason why two wards of the city should be singled out to be thus favored, while the inhabitants of the other wards are still to be subjected to the infliction of sunrise bell-ringing.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Indefinitely postponed.

Park Improvements.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 4, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reply to orders of your body requesting a report as to the expediency and expense of constructing a substantial shelter at Marine Park, and requesting the said Board "to allow children under the age of six years, accompanied by their parents, to play on the grass at the Charlesbank."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

July 14, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: We herewith submit reports from our Superintendent, on the orders of the

Common Council regarding the advisability of erecting a shelter at Marine Park and the opening of grass plots at Charlesbank to children accompanied by parents.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Jamaica Park, July 13, 1898.

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Esq., Chairman.

SIR: Regarding the request of the Mayor for report in response to the Council order of June 30, as to the expedience and expense of constructing a shelter at Marine Park, I beg to say we have now on the pier at the Head-house a shelter 354 feet by thirty feet, which seems to be quite ample for our necessities at that point.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

J. A. PETTIGREW,

Superintendent.

Jamaica Park, July 13, 1898.

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Esq., Chairman.

SIR: Referring to the Council request of June 30, that children under the age of six years be, with their mothers, allowed to use the grass at Charlesbank, I beg to say that a recent experiment of this character proved disastrous to trees and shubbery from wilful destruction by boys. The grounds had to be closed again, pending the result of an application to the Police Board for additional police protection. This has now been furnished, and I have ordered that the mounds shall again be thrown open to women and to children under eight years of age.

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

J. A. PETTIGREW,

Superintendent.

Placed on file.

Fences at Parks.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 4, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, in reply to orders of your body requesting estimates of the cost of iron fences around the Charlesbank and the playground in Ward 3.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Jamaica Park, July 25, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In regard to the orders of the Common Council requesting this Board to submit estimates of the cost of an iron fence around Charlesbank and the playground in Ward 3, we beg to report that the Board has voted to authorize the Superintendent to erect iron fences at both ends of Charlesbank. The construction of the new West

Boston bridge will, however, delay the erection of the fence on the Cambridge-street side.

The cost of an iron fence at Mystic Play-ground would be \$1,175, and the cost of a wooden picket fence, \$282. The Board would like to build a fence around this play-ground, but it awaits appropriations for playground construction by the City Council.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Flagstaff—Florence-Street School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 4, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee stating that, in accordance with the request contained in an order of your body, a flagstaff has been erected in the yard of the Florence-street School, Ward 23.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

July 19, 1898.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, April 26, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to erect a flagstaff in the yard of the Florence-street School, Ward 23, report that they have given the matter attention, and recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that a flagstaff has been ordered for this school.

For the Committee,

THOMAS F. STRANGE, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

Baths Appropriation.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 4, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Baths Department which explains itself, and I earnestly renew the recommendation contained in my message to the City Council of July 14, recommending the passage of a loan order appropriating the sum of \$11,000 for additions to and improvements upon the bath-houses and bathing establishments under the charge of the Baths Department. The closing of any of the baths in the middle of the season at a time when they are all being so largely used by the public, would be most unfortunate.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BATHS DEPARTMENT.

August 4, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I beg leave, on behalf of the Baths Department, to present for your consideration the following brief statement of the finances of the Baths Department for the season of 1898:

February 1, 1898, appropriation . . .	\$35,000 00
March 1, 1898, no draft. . .	
April 1, 1898, no draft. . .	
May 1, 1898, draft.	1,612 11
June 1, 1898, draft	2,909 55
July 1, 1898, draft	13,591 97
August 1, 1898, draft.	14,397 27
Balance	2,489 10
	<u>\$35,000 00</u>

It will be noticed by the above statement that a large amount of money was spent in June and July, and the following exhibit will show the extent of permanent work properly chargeable to loan done on all the different bath-houses:

Bills incurred and paid or due to the Repairs Division for work done on bath-houses and beaches, shower-baths, new locker-rooms, closets, approaches, etc., not provided for by special loan appropriations:

Malden Bridge Bath-house	\$1,391 39
Dover Street Bath-house	712 72
Border Street Bath-house	665 41
Chelsea Bridge Bath-house	410 78
Maverick Street Bath-house	271 08
Commercial Point Bath-house	388 10
Craigie's Bridge Bath-house	135 63
Orchard Park Bath-house	413 44
West Boston Bridge Bath-house	273 49
Warren Bridge Bath-house	258 74
L-Street Beach	1,928 22
Balance of work on the Neponset house over the appropriation of \$2,500	514 53
New rafts for K street, Commercial Point, West Boston Bridge and Harvard Bridge	675 00
New floating bath-house, Harvard Bridge	3,500 00
Total	<u>\$11,538 53</u>

It will be seen by the above exhibit that the Department of Baths has expended the above sum out of its maintenance appropriation for permanent improvements, which will last many years. As this expenditure was incurred in providing for enormously increased patronage at the different bathing-houses this year, we feel justified in asking the City Council for \$11,000, which will be sufficient to carry us through the season.

The following table shows the number of bathing-places now open under the charge of the Baths Department, and the average number of persons bathing in each place daily; the new bathing-places added this year are specified:

FLOATING BATHS.		Men.	Women.
Malden Bridge	1,000	500	
Chelsea Bridge	600	300	
Border Street	1,500	500	
Maverick Point	1,000	*800	
L-Street Bridge	500	300	
Dover-Street Bath	1,500	800	
Warren Bridge	1,500	1,000	
Craigie's Bridge	2,500	....	
West Boston Bridge	1,500	*1,000	
Neponset Bridge	1,000	†500	
Harvard Bridge. To open next week.			

BEACH BATHS.

	Men.	Women.
Charlestown Park	2,000	†1,500
North End Park	6,000	†3,000
Wood Island Park	2,000	†1,200
K-Street Beach . . . . .	....	*2,500
L-Street Beach	3,500	....
Commercial Point	1,500	*1,500
Neponset Beach	500	*

RIVER BATHS.

Charles River, West Roxbury	1,500	†200
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SWIMMING-POOLS.

Orchard Park	800	†200
Cabot Street. To open next week.		

*One new. †Two new.

It will be noticed that no less than eighteen new bathing-places have been added since the creation of this Department, this alone causing a great increase in the number of attendants needed to properly care for the convenience and safety of crowds of people at the houses and beaches. If the City Council see fit to grant the \$11,000 asked for, the swimming season can be kept open until into September, otherwise the Bath Commission will be obliged to curtail expenses at once by closing some of the houses and beaches. It is needless to say that this would directly affect the health of a large number of people, as well as their wholesome enjoyment and exercise. The Baths Department therefore trusts that the City Council will favorably consider its needs.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL D. KEARNS,

Secretary Baths Department.

Sent up.

Sale of Land—Brighton.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 4, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Water Commissioner, and, in accordance with his suggestion, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order authorizing the transfer of the parcel of land referred to, to the Street Commissioners for sale.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, June 24, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: There is a piece of land at the corner of Commonwealth avenue and Chestnut Hill avenue which was not transferred to the Park Department at the time that the land left, after the State's taking at Chestnut Hill Reservoir, was put in their care. It contains 66,762 square feet. I am informed that the Street Commissioners propose widening Chestnut Hill avenue, which would reduce the amount of land to 56,531 square feet. The Water Department has no use for it, and I would recommend that it be sold for the benefit of this Department.

I enclose blue print showing the situation of the land.

Yours very truly,

JOHN R. MURPHY,
Water Commissioner.

Ordered, That the lot of land bounded by Chestnut Hill and Commonwealth avenues, now in the custody of the Water Department, and for which it has no further use, be placed in the hands of the Board of Street Commissioners for sale; the proceeds thereof to be credited to the appropriation for Reserved Fund.

The message was placed on file, and the order was passed. Sent up.

Sanitary—Orchard Park.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 4, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

My attention has been called to the need of a public convenience station at Orchard Park, Roxbury, especially on account of the large number of persons resorting to this park for the purpose of bathing in the swimming-pool, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order transferring to the Baths Department a small unexpended balance in order to provide for the expense of constructing such a convenience station.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the unexpended balance of \$100.82, now remaining to the credit of the appropriation for Health Department, bath-house, South Bay, Roxbury side, be transferred to the Baths Department for the construction of a convenience station at Orchard Park.

The message and order were assigned to the next meeting.

Canvass of Bids.

Metropolitan Water Board.

Proposals for excavations for the easterly portion of the North Dike, Wachusett Reservoir, were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, on August 9, as follows:

Joseph D. Gennaro, Boston . . .	\$43,812 50
Auguste Saucier, South Framingham . . .	49,975 00
Moulton & O'Mahoney, Boston . . .	53,100 00
H. P. Nawn, Boston . . .	53,100 00
T. W. Kinser & Sons, Boston . . .	64,475 00
Martin Murphy & Thomas Murphy, Clinton . . .	64,700 00
Kirk, Driscoll & Co., Syracuse . . .	70,137 50
Long & Little, Leominster . . .	74,400 00
Newell & Snowling Construction Company, Uxbridge . . .	76,300 00

The bids were taken under advisement.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved August 5, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Council gratefully accepts the gift to the city of an ornamental drinking-fountain to be placed at Peabody square, Ashmont, offered by Mr. Francis H. Peabody, upon the conditions named by him, and authorizes the erection of the same, subject to the approval of the Art Department, as required by law.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved August 2, 1898:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use additional curved tracks at the junction of Beach street and Harrison avenue, with necessary cross-overs, switches and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 14, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use additional curved tracks at the junction of Kneeland street and Harrison avenue, with necessary cross-overs, switches and connections, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 14, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction

of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to Collins & Ham to close the roadways on Leeds street, Ward 20, and Elizabeth street, Ward 24, to team travel during street construction on said streets.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to D. F. O'Connell, contractor, to close Charles River avenue, between City square and Water street, to all public travel.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Norcross Brothers, to erect, maintain and use one guy-post on Dorchester - avenue extension, near the corner of Summer street, with the necessary ropes attached thereto.

Woodbury & Leighton, to erect, maintain and use a guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in the roadway on Charles River avenue, near Water street.

Fitchburg Railroad, to erect, maintain and use one guy-post on Gray street, near Water street, and one on Foss street, near Water street, with the necessary ropes attached thereto.

Catherine Lavezzolo, to construct, maintain and use one coal-hole opening sixteen by eighteen inches, with sidewalk light cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 48 Hull street, Ward 6.

George R. Dugad, to erect, maintain and use one guy-post, with the necessary ropes in and over Exeter street, in front of No. 33, for use in building construction.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to move wooden buildings, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto, as follows:

John Soley, one, flat roof, thirty-four feet in length, twenty-one feet in width, fifteen feet in height, from 443 Medford street along said street to 431.

John Soley, one, pitch roof, twenty-five feet in length, twenty-two feet in width, twenty-two feet in height, from 48 and 50 Bennington street, through Bennington, London, Porter and Paris streets, to Paris court, Ward 2.

Permit to John H. Wilson to store and keep for sale, oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 1820 Dorchester avenue.

Permits to trim or remove trees, at the owners' expense and under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Grounds, in front of estates, as follows:

Mrs. M. E. Wilbur, to trim the trees, at corner Eustis and Orchard streets, Roxbury; Mark King, to remove two trees, at 17

Yeoman street, Ward 17; L. M. Kimball, to remove a dead tree, at 533 Columbus avenue; Martha S. Gillmore, to remove two trees, at 46 Union street, Charlestown; Thomas F. E. Carter, to remove a tree at 11 Armandine street, Ward 24.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

J. Kerroh, five signs, at 20 Pleasant street, Ward 7.

George G. King, sign, at 343 Centre street, Ward 22.

Jacob Zuckerman, sign, at 27 Compton street, Ward 9.

G. Gottlieb, sign, at 25 Porter street, Ward 1.

Thomas W. Byrne, illuminated sign, at 6A Beacon street.

Harris Sampson, lantern, at 15 Leverett street, Ward 8.

Sam Locke, sign, at 7 Causeway street, Ward 8.

J. Bruno & Co., clock sign, at 190 North street, Ward 6.

Antonio Catino, barber-pole, at 2 Appleton street, Ward 10.

David F. Barry, one bay-window from building 2 Bond street, to project over Milford street, Ward 9.

Charles F. Hargrave, one bay-window and a door-cap, at 35 Bennington street, Ward 1.

Charles A. Morss, a cornice, at 190-192 High street, Ward 7.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, the owners of the said estates to furnish the materials, viz.:

William Quinn, 366 Bremen street, Ward 1, of brick.

W. H. Hodgkins, 78 West Eagle street, Ward 1, of brick.

Mrs. Harriet S. Tebbetts, 20 Ingleside street, Ward 16, of brick.

John F. McMorro, Dorchester street, corner Vale street, Ward 15, of artificial stone.

Hugh Giblin, 835 Dorchester avenue, Ward 16, of artificial stone.

Katherine F. Holland, Dorchester avenue, corner 91-93 Roseclair street, Ward 16, of artificial stone.

Andrew F. and Simon J. McDermott, 198-202 Hampden street, Ward 17, of artificial stone.

A. A. Westcott et al., Bernard street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

John Ceconi, 60 Richfield street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

A. T. Davison, 394 Washington street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Mary E. D. DeCordova, 81 South Market street, Ward 6, of artificial stone.

Joseph Green, 27-31 St. Germain street, Ward 10, of artificial stone.

W. H. Doolittle, 772-774 Dudley street, Ward 16, of artificial stone.

James J. Burk, 25 Wales street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

F. C. Goodspeed, 38 Rosedale street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

John Kelly, 28-30 Boylston street, Ward 22, of gravel.

Frost Brothers, corner King and Train streets, Ward 24, of artificial stone.

H. M. Bickford, 17 Bellevue street, Ward 20, of gravel.

John Kelly, 28-30 Boylston street, Ward 22, of artificial stone.

The following were approved August 3, 1898:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires, at a point designated by a black dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by A. P. Allen; said pole to be located as follows:

Park street, corner of Adams street, Ward 24; one pole, fifty feet by eighteen inches; width of sidewalk, ten feet; plan dated August 1, 1898.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from the corner of Park and Adams streets, Ward 24, said pole being shown by a red dot on a plan made by A. P. Allen, dated August 1, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

ORDER PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—NOT REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Amusement licenses for the season ending August 1, 1899, as follows:

To Eugene Tompkins, at the Boston Theatre.

To Isaac B. Rich, at the Hollis-Street Theatre.

To Field, Rich, Harris & Frohman, for the Boston Museum.

To Eugene Tompkins, at the Park Theatre.

To G. E. Lothrop, at the Bowdoin-Square Theatre.

To R. M. Gulick & Co., at the Columbia Theatre.

To B. F. Keith, at the Bijou Theatre.

To George W. Watson, at the Grand Theatre.

To L. H. Mudgett, at the Boston Music Hall.

To Louis D. Brandeis, jr., at the Grundmann Studios, on Clarendon street.

To John B. Schoeffel, for the Tremont Theatre.

To J. H. Emery, for the Castle-Square Theatre.

To B. F. Keith, for Keith's New Theatre.

To Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, by A. L. Knox, Superintendent, for various halls in Mechanics Building.

To George W. Magee, for the Grand Opera House.

To George H. Bacheller, for the Lyceum Theatre.

To Stone & Shaw, for Austin & Stone Museum.

To W. C. Blodgett, for the Dudley-Street Opera House.

To Wallace E. Hyde, for The Chutes.

To George A. Hall, at Lincoln Hall, 69 West Concord street.

To Horn & Jackson, at Knights of Honor Hall, Washington street, Roslindale.

To C. J. Morrison, at Knights of Honor Hall, 730 Washington street.

To W. H. Carroll, at Puritan Hall, 995 Washington street.

To William Austin & Co., at the Aquarium, 890 Washington street.

To H. J. Smith, at 170 Tremont street.

To Frank J. Howard, at the Olympia, 250 Washington street.

To John J. Teevens, at Clan-Na-Gael Hall, corner D and Silver streets, South Boston.

To Nathaniel Burgess, at store, 11 Tremont row.

To William McAvoy, at the Howard Athenæum.

To Morris Shenker, at West End Union Hall, 164 Canal street.

To M. Steinert & Sons Company, at Steinert Hall, 162 Boylston street.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested by this Board to instruct the heads of departments to allow employees who are members of the Odd Fellows organization, leave of absence, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, from September 19 to 24, inclusive, for the purpose of attending the convention of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows to be held in Boston.

NEXT MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held on Monday, August 29, at 3 P. M.

The next regular meeting of the Common Council will be held on Thursday, September 22, at 7.45 P. M.

PUBLIC CONCERTS IN GLASGOW.

The sum of £2,250 has been appropriated by the City of Glasgow, for the purpose of giving band performances in the public parks and squares during the season of 1898.

The season extends from May 19 to August 31, with concerts on nearly every week-day, at one or more of the sixteen parks and squares of the city given over for this purpose. The performances are under the supervision of a sub-committee of the Corporation of Glasgow, on Music in the Public Parks and Open Spaces. In addition to the bands, orchestras, choirs and quartets are also utilized. No concerts are given on Sundays.

The average annual attendance is between 750,000 and 900,000.

Each week during the season 21,000 programs are printed, the expense of which is covered by the advertisements, which are distributed in the various parks.

Besides the summer concerts, there were given between the months of January and April of this year, twenty-two concerts in the People's Palace. The admission was free, and some 2,200 people attended each concert.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 1898.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	270	53	323	140	134	49	164	38	60	323	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	64	—	64	30	29	5	15	10	36	64	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	220	47	267	92	143	32	87	61	87	262	5
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	23	—	23	10	3	10	6	—	20	23	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	2	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	39	13	52	29	21	2	41	—	4	52	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	43	37	80	25	54	1	32	12	8	80	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,309	289	2,598	130	2,437	31	1,356	967	250	2,380	218
Totals	2,970	439	3,409	458	2,821	130	1,701	1,088	465	3,186	223

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10		10 and under 15		15 and under 20		20 and under 25		25 and under 30		30 and under 35		35 and under 40		40 and under 45		45 and under 50		50 and under 55		55 and under 60		Over 60	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1	—	—	14	1	32	2	51	9	70	14	49	6	23	7	18	8	6	4	3	—	2	—	2	—
No. 2	2	—	16	—	16	—	16	—	9	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—
No. 3	3	—	40	2	51	6	30	11	42	9	24	7	21	5	14	3	3	1	6	—	4	1	2	—
No. 4	—	—	11	—	9	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6	—	—	—	—	3	—	9	2	6	1	7	2	8	2	3	5	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
No. 7	—	—	—	—	2	2	9	10	11	12	8	6	5	4	3	2	3	—	1	—	—	—	2	—
No. 8	7	4	35	4	143	11	296	39	411	57	364	55	347	40	243	39	213	15	117	11	59	6	74	8
Totals	12	4	116	7	236	21	413	71	549	93	456	76	404	58	282	57	228	20	128	13	66	7	80	12

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	25	Lodgers at station :	
Witnesses detained	8	Males	12
Missing persons reported	34	Females	1
Missing persons found	9	Americans	9
Lost children restored	227	Foreigners	4
Sick and injured persons assisted	313	Non-residents	12

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,708	8	<i>Brought forward</i>	3,385	13
British Provinces	253	—	Finland	3	—
Ireland	859	4	Denmark	4	—
England	138	1	Holland	2	—
France	14	—	Wales	3	—
Germany	29	—	East Indies	—	—
Italy	127	—	West Indies	—	—
Russia	72	—	Turkey	3	—
China	14	—	South America	—	—
Greece	45	—	Switzerland	—	—
Sweden	33	—	Belgium	—	—
Scotland	47	—	Africa	1	—
Spain	1	—	Hungary	—	—
Norway	16	—	Asia	—	—
Poland	15	—	Arabia	—	—
Austria	12	—	Mexico	—	—
Portugal	2	—	Australia	1	—
Syria	—	—	Armenia	1	—
<i>Carried forward</i>	3,385	13	<i>Totals</i>	3,409	13

Awards of Contracts.**Metropolitan Water Board.**

Proposals were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on August 9, as follows:

Sluice-gates and iron floor; contract No. 123:

Bidders.	Bids.
Coffin Valve Company, Boston . . .	\$3,420
Camden Iron Works, Philadelphia . .	5,748
The I. P. Morris Company, Philadelphia,	7,239

The contract was awarded to Coffin Valve Company.

Laying water-pipes, portion of Section 9, Brighton; contract No. 124:

Bruno & Salomone, East Boston . .	\$5,628 46
John J. Falvey, Somerville . . .	5,649 70
Michael Russo, Boston . . .	5,956 00
Joseph D. Gennaro, Boston . . .	5,595 90
H. A. Hanscom & Co., West Medford . . .	7,078 50

The contract was awarded to Bruno & Salomone.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

Proposals were opened at the office of the Superintendent of the City Hospital on Tuesday, August 9, as follows:

Alteration and extension of boiler-house, City Hospital:

Bidders.	Bids.
Kerrens Driscoll . . .	\$21,772
John A. Rooney . . .	24,745
W. A. & H. A. Root . . .	25,980

The contract was awarded to Kerrens Driscoll.

Furnishing three new boilers, City Hospital:

E. Hodge . . .	\$2,124
Cunningham Iron Works . . .	2,324
Atlantic Works . . .	2,337

The contract was awarded to E. Hodge.

Installing a mechanical draft plant at boiler-house, City Hospital:

For forced draft:	
B. F. Sturtevant Company . . .	\$1,690
For induced draft:	
Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co.,	1,800
B. F. Sturtevant Company . . .	2,075

The contract was awarded to B. F. Sturtevant Company.

G. H. M. ROWE, Superintendent.

Street Department.

Proposals for constructing macadam roadway in the following-named streets were

opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Thursday, August 4, viz.:

Burt street, Washington street to Ashmont street:

Bidders.	Bids.
Collins & Ham . . .	\$2,617 80
Philip Doherty . . .	2,757 90
John Connors . . .	2,846 20
D. E. Lynch . . .	3,237 30
James McGovern . . .	3,678 41
John Rogers . . .	3,717 50
J. A. Whittemore Sons . . .	4 348 10
Quimby & Ferguson . . .	4,410 40

The contract was awarded to Collins & Ham.

Nightingale street, Talbot avenue to Bernard street:

J. Doherty & Co. . .	\$2,504 60
Collins & Ham . . .	2,636 21
J. A. Whittemore Sons . . .	2,772 60
J. McGovern . . .	3,170 51
D. E. Lynch . . .	3,631 40

The contract was awarded to J. Doherty & Co.

Peverell street, Sawyer avenue to Salcombe street:

John Connors . . .	\$1,116 10
Collins & Ham . . .	1,512 40
D. E. Lynch . . .	1,672 80

The contract was awarded to Collins & Ham.

Telford street, Western avenue to Charles River Park:

J. Doherty & Co. . .	\$593 40
Neill McBride . . .	735 00
J. Broderick . . .	810 40
D. E. Lynch . . .	951 80

The contract was awarded to J. Doherty & Co.

Proposals for building sewers in the following-named streets were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, July 8 and 9 respectively, viz.:

Waumbeck-street sewer:

John Broderick . . .	\$485 22
D. M. Dwyer . . .	527 80
T. H. Connolly . . .	655 75
D. E. Lynch . . .	750 04
James Dolan . . .	1,008 82

The contract was awarded to D. M. Dwyer.

Wensley-street sewer:

George Tucker . . .	\$828 25
Quimby & Ferguson . . .	853 20
McDowell & Son . . .	925 05
T. H. Connolly . . .	998 50
J. Dolan . . .	1,036 45
D. E. Lynch . . .	1,218 40

The contract was awarded to George Tucker.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Board Meetings.**Cemetery Department.**

City Hall, August 6, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Tuesday, August 2, at 3 o'clock.

Present: Messrs. Brackett, Atteaux, Morse, Fallon and Hersey.

A site was selected, on which the new chapel at Mt. Hope Cemetery is to be erected.

Voted, That in the erection of the chapel all the work possible be performed by the Department.

Voted, That the stone to be used for the chapel be quarried from the premises.

Voted, That plans for the chapel be prepared at once.

NELLIE V. NORTON, Secretary.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, August 1, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held August 1, 1898:

The Superintendent submitted a sketch for a granite drinking-fountain, which he recommended to be erected at Perkins street, near the pumping station, and it was

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to contract for a granite drinking-fountain, to be placed at the junction of Perkins and Chestnut streets.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to expend \$600 for loam, and to do other work at Neponset Playground, not exceeding the balance of appropriation.

Plans for iron fences on Ipswich street and on the bridge over the Fens waterway were received from the City Engineer and approved, the Chairman endorsing the said approval on the plans.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, August 10, 1898.

The thirty-fifth regular meeting of the Trustees was held at 28 Court square on August 1.

A letter from Mayor Quincy was read, stating that he will personally approve the bills for the buildings erected for the benefit of the Randidge excursions to Long Island.

A letter from the Clerk of the Police Commissioners was read, authorizing the employment of two officers as special police at Long Island.

The Secretary reported the receipt of a communication from Dr. W. H. Prescott, representing the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association, and asking how many sick soldiers could be accommodated at Long Island in case of need. The Trustees expressed their willingness to take ten soldiers at any time, and more if there should be room at the time the application is made.

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse reported that as the three cows are doing well, it is unnecessary to buy much additional milk.

The Superintendent of Long Island recommended \$5 per month increase in the salary of the baker at Long Island, in view of the fact that he now does extra work in cooking.

Voted, That the salary of the baker be increased to \$55 per month.

The following appointments were confirmed:

Hannah Reedy, substitute nurse, \$25 per month; Mary Lambert, laundress, \$16 per month; J. J. Donovan, farmer, \$25 per month; Christine McIntosh, probationer, \$10 per month.

The visiting staff at Long Island recommended the appointment of Dr. W. J. O'Brien and Dr. B. F. Worthing as house officers, and these appointments were approved by the Trustees.

Miss Morse reported that there are now five couples at the Charlestown Almshouse, and eight men have been transferred from there to Long Island.

Number of inmates at Long Island, July 30, 1898:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	78	142	220
Children	4	5	9
Dormitory:			
Adults	0	205	205
Children	1	2	3
Institution:	219	0	219
Total	302	354	656
Same date last year			636

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Statistical Department.

The thirty-first meeting of the Department of Municipal Statistics was held at its office on July 18, 1898, at 3.40 P. M. All the members were present. Mr. Minot occupied the chair.

Mr. Minot stated that he expected to be absent from the city during the month of August. It was voted that Mr. Weld act as Chairman in Mr. Minot's absence.

The Mayor having recently directed this Department to undertake the compilation and publication of the Municipal Register, the character of the work involved in the undertaking came up for discussion.

It was voted that the Chairman be authorized to secure temporary help required in preparing the Municipal Register for press.

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an extract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Tuesday, July 26.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Whitfield street, and catch-basins were ordered in Alford and Call streets and Wheatland avenue. Shepard Brook, at Brighton, was

ordered to be relocated, between the Wool Pond, near Goodenough street, and Union street.

A petition was received for a sewer in Albano street, and for catch-basins in Chestnut Hill avenue, Sutherland road and Beacon street.

Wednesday, July 27.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out an extension of Shirley street, at Roxbury, over and including a private way called Bartlett court, as a highway, with the name of Shirley street, from Norfolk avenue to Massachusetts avenue; and in the matter of the construction of a sewer in private lands, at West Roxbury, between Dent and Mt. Vernon streets, and Keith and Lasell streets.

Sewers were ordered built in Ashmont street, between Dent and Mt. Vernon streets, and between Keith and Lasell streets; and in Torrey street.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to widen Charlestown street.

It was voted: That the Street Commissioners award, and that there be paid to Augustine Shurtleff, the sum of \$224, for all land taken from, and for all damages occasioned to his estate by the extension of Boylston street—his agreement to accept that sum having been approved by the Mayor.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Caldwell street, and for a catch-basin in Park or Whitfield street.

Thursday, July 28.

A public hearing was given in the matter of relocating Canal street.

Petitions were received for an improvement in the culvert crossing Park street, at Dorchester, for a sewer in Colburn street, and for a catch-basin in Pond street.

A petition was received from the estate of Eben D. Jordan that Stuart street may be laid out, from Dartmouth street to Trinity place.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out and construct Dresden and Stuart streets.

Friday, July 29.

Petitions were received for a drop inlet in Van Winkle street, a catch-basin in Old Heath street, and a sewer in Corey street.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Old Heath, Shelton, Sheafe and Ashmont streets.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to build a sewer in private lands between Sydney and Endleigh streets; orders were passed laying out Middleton and Bragdon streets, and relocating Amory street.

A public hearing was given in the matter of changes in locations, directions, widths and grades for highways in the Board of Survey Plat 2—being the territory bounded, approximately, by Brookline avenue, Audubon road and Commonwealth avenue.

Tuesday, August 2, 1898.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Hancock street, northwest corner of Howe street.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out and construct Chapman avenue, from Tucker street to

Don street, at Dorchester, with the name of Callendar street.

Orders were passed laying out Ogden, Cornell and Van Winkle streets; and building a sewer in Smith street, Roxbury.

Wednesday, August 3.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out an extension of Belvidere street, across the land and location of the Boston and Albany Railroad; and in the matter of the location of a new channel for the Canterbury branch of Stony Brook, at Dorchester and West Roxbury, between Blue Hill avenue and Morton street.

It was voted, That the Street Commissioners award, and that there be paid to Alfred T. Haskell and others, the sum of \$20,900 for all land taken from, and for all damages occasioned to their estate on Columbia street, at the corner of Quincy street, by the laying out of Columbia road under the order of this Board of August, 31, 1897.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Stanwood street and Columbus avenue.

Petitions were received for sewers in Lamont street, Roxbury, and in Oakman street, Dorchester; for the laying out of Clifton Park, at Dorchester, and for the laying out of a passageway as a public alley.

Thursday, August 4.

The Board issued an order of notice of its intention to lay out Chester street, at Brighton; and ordered a sewer to be built in Park street, West Roxbury.

Petitions were received for a catch-basin in Neponset avenue, a sewer in Beech Glen street, and for the laying out of an extension of Thane street, and of an extension of Spencer street, at Dorchester.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, August 8, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending August 6, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	129
Number of discharges of mortgages	21
Number of bills of sale	7
Number of assignments of mortgages	1
Number of assignments of wages	35
Number of married women's certificates	7
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	7
Number of attachments	1
Number of ship liens	2

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, August 6, 1898.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the three weeks ending August 6, as follows:

F. C. P. Emery, call member of Engine Company 20, has been retired on a pension of \$125 per annum.

A gong has been ordered placed on Fan-euil Hall building, to take the place of the bell temporarily removed during repairs.

Frank Coyle, of Chemical Company 1, has been dishonorably discharged for prolonged absence without leave.

F. J. Munster, jr., of Engine Company 10, has been sentenced to forfeit one week's pay and lose his "days off" for two months, for assigning his wages, in violation of the rules of the Department.

Ordered, That Hoseman F. L. Sargent, of Chemical Company 11, be given a "day off" as soon as practicable, for his prompt action in stopping a runaway horse on North Grove street, July 31, 1898.

Orders have been drawn as follows:

H. Gore & Co., driveways at storehouse on Dover street, \$110; Samuel Gannett, horse feed for District 10; J. Loring & Co., horse feed for District 11; American Cereal Company, horse feed for Districts 1 to 9 inclusive, for August, September and October. T. Strangman & Son, repairs and alterations on Ladder Truck 16, \$265.

The bids for erection and partial completion of a veterinary hospital on Swett street were opened July 26, and the contract was awarded to George G. Baker, on his bid of \$9,775. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 456.)

Ordered, That the following-named drivers be awarded prizes for their care and handling of the horses under their charge:

Daniel J. Murray, Engine Company 7; Joseph A. Willour, Engine Company 13; Wesley C. Newdick, Engine Company 42; Joseph F. Boutlier, Ladder Company 8.

Promotions and transfers have been made as follows:

Lieutenant John Ready, of Chemical Company 6 to be Captain of Engine Company 5; Charles W. Conway, of Ladder Company 15 to be Lieutenant of Chemical Company 2; Lieutenant Philip G. Flynn, Chemical Company 2 to Chemical Company 6; M. B. Reardon, Ladder Company 9 to Combination Company 1; J. J. Perry, Tower Company 2 to Engine Company 1; M. A. Murphy, Engine Company 8 to Tower Company 2; F. H. Campbell, Engine Company 1 to Engine Company 8; John Hogan, Engine Company 8 to Engine Company 10; Joseph Murphy, Engine Company 10 to Engine Company 8; M. J. Sullivan, Combination Company 3 to Engine Company 38-39; F. J. Sullivan, Engine Company 38-39 to Engine Company 44; C. F. Macfarlane, Engine Company 44 to Combination Company 3; J. E. Reiley, Engine Company 28 to Engine Company 26-35; J. J. McDonald, Engine Company 26-35 to Engine Company 28; Owen Tulley, Engine Company 27 to Ladder Company 9; Captain C. H. Webber, Ladder Company 8 to Ladder Company 3; Captain J. S. Cleverly, Ladder Company 3 to Ladder Company 8; M. L. Galvin, Tower Company 1 to Chemical Company 1; S. A. Moran, Ladder Company 12 to Ladder Company 2; P. J. Corrigan, Engine Company 10 to Ladder Company 12; D. J. Coffey, Engine Company 10 to Engine Company 26-35; P. F. Garrity, Engine Company 26-35 to Engine Company 10; John P. Ego, Engine Company 24 to Ladder Company 6; E. A. Burbank, Engine Company 45 to Engine Company 26-35; J. J. Mungovan, Engine Company 26-35 to Engine Company 45.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, July 30, 1898.

The following applications for stable permits have been filed at this office during the week ending July 30:

Freedom V. Joy, Orange street, Ward 23, two horses; hearing August 11, at 11 o'clock. C. C. Collins, Hampshire street, Ward 18, fifty-eight horses; hearing August 11, at 11 o'clock. John D. Morton, Brookledge street, corner Humboldt avenue, Ward 21; hearing called for August 11, at 11 o'clock. C. E. Cotting, 4 and 5 Byron street, Ward 11, sixty-eight horses; hearing August 8, at 11 o'clock. Cullen Brothers, Stedman street, Ward 23, eight horses; hearing August 11, at 11 o'clock.

The petitions of Swan Benson, for the occupancy of a stable on Prescott street, Ward 1; John T. Morse, jr., for the occupancy of a stable on Sears street, Ward 6 (for 200 horses), and Peter P. Porter, Homes avenue, Ward 20, were granted.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending Saturday, July 30, 1898:

One hundred and sixty-three baskets, seventy-one crates and forty-four barrels of melons, thirty-nine barrels of cucumbers, and 194 pounds of veal.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending July 29:

Steers	229
New England cows	2
New England bulls	2
Western cows	3
Western bulls	10
Sheep	394
Calves	481
	1,121

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending July 30, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	9	3	12
Negative	10	19	29
No growth	3	1	4
Totals	22	23	45

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, August 1, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending July 30, 1898:

Cases pending	2
Number of applications	94
	96
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	40
Long Island Almshouse	22
Charlestown Almshouse,	4
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	7
Boston Insane Hospital	4
Foxboro Asylum	3
Danvers Lunatic Hospital	6
	86
Number of applications refused	1
Number of applications withdrawn	6
Cases pending	3
	96
Legal settlements investigated	109

28 Court Square, August 8, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending August 6:

Cases pending	3
Number of applications	95
	98
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	34
Long Island Almshouse	23
Charlestown Almshouse	1
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	6
Boston Insane Hospital	4
Foxboro Asylum	4
Westboro Insane Hospital,	2
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	7
	81
Number of applications refused,	6
Number of applications withdrawn	8
Cases pending	3
	98
Legal settlements investigated,	119

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending August 6, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	27.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897,	23.0
Number of deaths:	
Males	145
Females	135
Total	280
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	229
Increase	51

Of the 280 decedents, 278 were white and 2 colored; 214 were born in the United States, 62 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 63 were of American parentage, 191 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 26 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	17	2
Scarlatina	10	0
Typhoid fever	11	2
Measles	25	1
Totals	63	5

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	15
Pneumonia	14
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	14
Bronchitis	8
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	8
Total from principal causes	64
Total from infectious diseases	5
Total from other causes	211
Total from all causes	280
Deaths of children under 1 year	126
Deaths of children under 5 years	166
Deaths of persons over 60 years	29
Deaths in public institutions	45

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

Boston, July 30, 1898.

Your petitioners respectfully represent that they are a majority of the Directors of the Dorchester and West Roxbury Street Railway Company in accordance with the provisions of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts, Chapter 113, Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5, and that they have caused a copy of the Articles of Association to be published, as required by Section 6 of said Chapter, and as such Directors they ask that said railway may locate, lay and maintain tracks with such turnouts and switches as may be needed, and to erect and maintain the necessary poles and wires and other fixtures along the streets and ways hereinafter named for the purpose of operating by electricity, or other motive power, except steam, a street railway through the following streets and ways in the said City of Boston, viz.:

Beginning on Blue Hill avenue at the dividing line between the City of Boston and the town of Milton, through said Blue Hill avenue across River street, through Oakland street and Ashland street to Washington street, Ward 23; also beginning at the proposed location of this company's track on Ashland street, crossing said Ashland street through Florence street and Poplar street to said Washington street; all in said City of Boston.

Said Directors also respectfully ask the right to make at its own expense, such changes in the tracks and overhead system of any existing street railway company as may be necessary.

The location of said tracks and poles being shown on plan made by Hodges & Harrington, dated July 20, 1898, filed herewith.

Respectfully,

J. B. L. BARTLETT,

CHARLES H. WISE,

THOMAS F. CAREY,

FRED J. TABER,

Majority of the Directors.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 1, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-ninth day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the *Dorchester Beacon*, *Jamaica Plain News* and *THE CITY RECORD*.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, July 22, 1898.

The West End Street Railway, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney, thereto duly authorized, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use a double track on Bunker Hill street, in the Charlestown District, beginning on and connecting with the company's tracks near its car-house on said Bunker Hill street, and thence extending to and connecting with the company's tracks on Main street, with necessary curves, cross-overs and connections, all substantially as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated July 15, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,

By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,

By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 1, 1898.

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Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for building an addition to the Norcross School Building on D and Fifth streets, South Boston, and the painting and tinting of Norcross School Building on D and Fifth streets, South Boston, according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at Room 30, Old Court House, Boston, Mass. A satisfactory bond in the sum of three hundred (300) dollars for faithfully doing the work under the first contract, and three hundred (300) dollars under the second contract, will be required.

The bidder must use the form of proposal for each contract to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of August 15, 1898, with a certified check for one hundred (100) dollars accompanying the proposal for the first contract, and a certified check for one hundred (100) dollars accompanying the proposal for the second contract, payable to the City of Boston; these checks to be the property of the City of Boston if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems for the best interest of the city.

THOMAS F. STRANGE,

Chairman Committee on School-houses of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for a building for sanitary purposes at the Charles Sumner School, Ashland street, Roslindale, and for doing the plumbing at the Charles Sumner School, Ashland street, Roslindale, according to the office copy of the contracts and plans, which may be seen at Room 30, Old Court House, Boston, Mass. A satisfactory bond in the sum of five hundred (500) dollars for faithfully doing the work under the first contract, and five hundred (500) dollars under the second contract, will be required.

The bidder must use the form of proposal for each contract to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of August 15, 1898, with a certified check for two hundred (200) dollars accompanying the proposal for the first contract, and a certified check for two hundred (200) dollars accompanying the proposal for the second contract, payable to the City of Boston. These checks to be the property of the City of Boston if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems for the best interest of the city.

THOMAS F. STRANGE,

Chairman of the Committee on School-houses of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for erecting a high school building at South Boston, for the City of Boston. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$30,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen and a proposal obtained at the office of Herbert D. Hale, 13 Exchange street, Boston, Mass. The bidder must fill out and leave the proposal so obtained, and a certified check for \$3,000, at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P. M., of August 22, 1898. This check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

WILLIAM T. EATON,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 6, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating Telford macadam roadways in Columbia road, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$6,500 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, August 15, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 8, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a sewer and a storm sewer be constructed in private lands and in a private way known as Ceylon-street extension, at Dorchester, from Quincy street to Columbia road, and that lands be taken for said purposes, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-third day of August, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 4, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Chester street, at Brighton, be laid out as a highway from Brighton avenue to Commonwealth avenue, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway deposited in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the eighteenth day of August, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 6, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 11,400 linear feet of sewer work in Temple and Ferham streets, West Roxbury District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday August 15, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$1,500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 10, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building brick and pipe surface drain in Selden street, passageway and Capen street, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, August 18, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$1,500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

J. L. KELLY, Acting-Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

Boston, July 26, 1898.

A public hearing will be given on the question of the routes for a tunnel or tunnels to East Boston, at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, August 23, in the rooms of this Commission, 20 Beacon street.

By order of the Commission,

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume I.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1898.

Number 33.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary,
Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments was issued by His Honor the Mayor, on August 16:

Circular No. 45.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with an order passed by the City Council, you are hereby instructed to allow, in part compensation for their services, such of your employees as are members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and desire to attend the National Encampment to be held at Cincinnati, beginning September 5, 1898 (and whose services can be dispensed with), leave of absence, not exceeding one week, without loss of pay, for the purpose of attending said encampment.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor

DEATH OF JOSEPH D. LANE.

Joseph D. Lane, of Company I, Ninth Massachusetts Regiment, died at Santiago on August 9, 1898, from yellow fever.

Mr. Lane was appointed, October 30, 1893, as messenger for the Boston Water Board, and was transferred to the position of messenger in the Income Division of the Water Department on February 24, 1896. He enlisted in the Ninth Regiment on April 29, 1898. His home was in East Boston.

HARVARD BRIDGE FLOATING BATH.

The new floating bath-house, which is to be located just above Harvard Bridge, is practically completed, and will be towed to its position early next week. In its construction, the Baths Department has provided a floating bath-house which not only combines the good features of the present houses, but should approach more nearly to the conditions of out-door bathing, be somewhat simpler in administration and less gloomy and ponderous in architectural effect.

The accompanying cuts will serve to illustrate the general plan of arrangement and finish of the building.

The house is eighty-eight feet long by thirty-two feet wide, extreme dimensions, of which a space twenty-nine feet long and of its full width is taken up by the landing platform, locker-rooms and Superintendent's offices.

There are two locker-rooms, one on each side of the entrance, intended for men and boys respectively. Each room is twenty feet long by thirteen feet wide, and is fitted with eighty-seven lockers, sixteen inches by sixteen inches by thirty-six inches high, arranged in three horizontal tiers against the walls, the upper tiers being made accessible by the use of portable steps and benches.

This arrangement provides for the greatest possible locker space, and at the same time places every locker and all the floor space within view of the Superintendent as he sits in his office. He has also the same

unobstructed view of the tank-room, which insures safety and order within the building.

The partitions at this end of the building are carried up nine feet above the floor and are left entirely open up into the roof, to insure ample and even ventilation through louvre boards, which are carried around on all sides.

The tank-room is sixty feet long by thirty-one feet wide, with side walls carried up eleven feet to the eaves, and is further screened from view by the narrow strip of shingled roof carried around the three outside walls; but is otherwise left open to the air and sky, to insure better ventilation and direct sunlight.

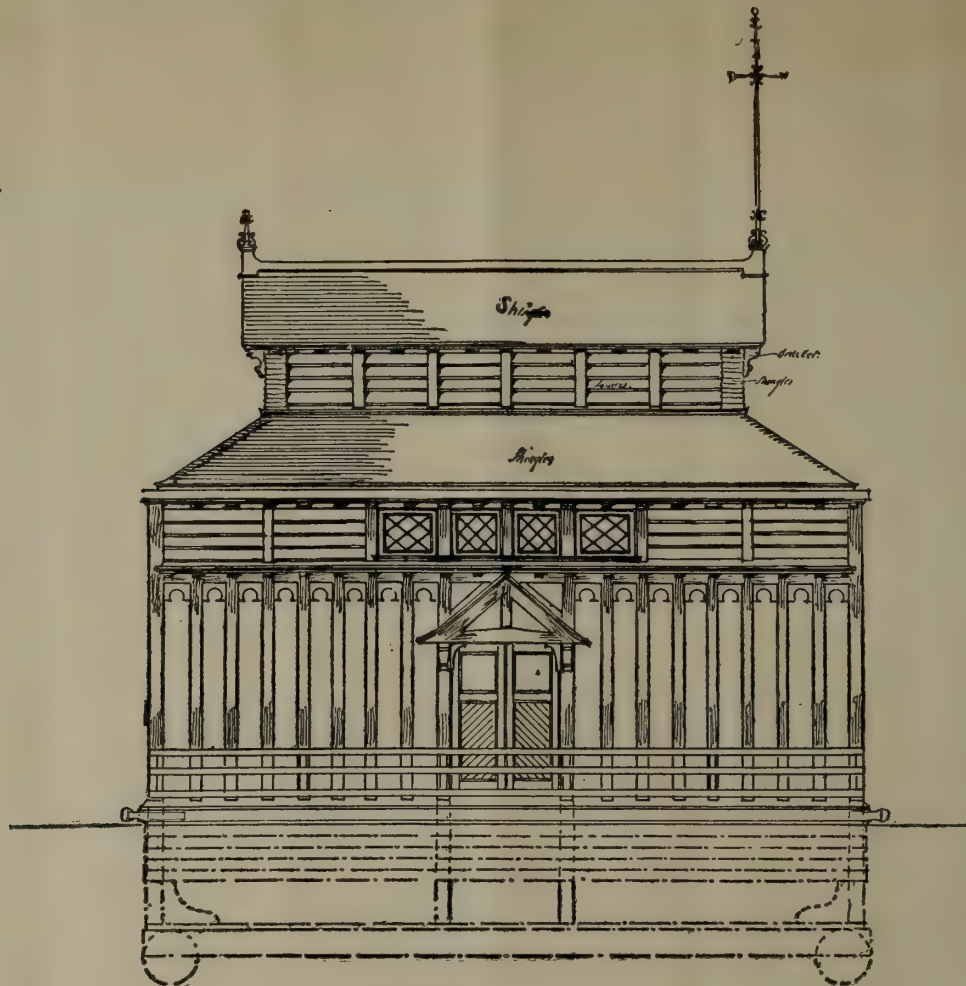
The tank itself is fifty-two feet long by twenty-three feet wide by four feet nine inches deep, below the floor of the room, giving an actual depth of water of four feet. It is provided with stairs in two corners, as shown, and is further fitted with ropes for the convenience and safety of bathers.

There is a walk four feet wide, around the four sides of the tank, and slat seats against the outside walls; also water-closet accommodations at one end. At the end nearest the lockers, and under the direct control of the Superintendent, are two cold-water showers for washing and rinsing before and after using the tank.

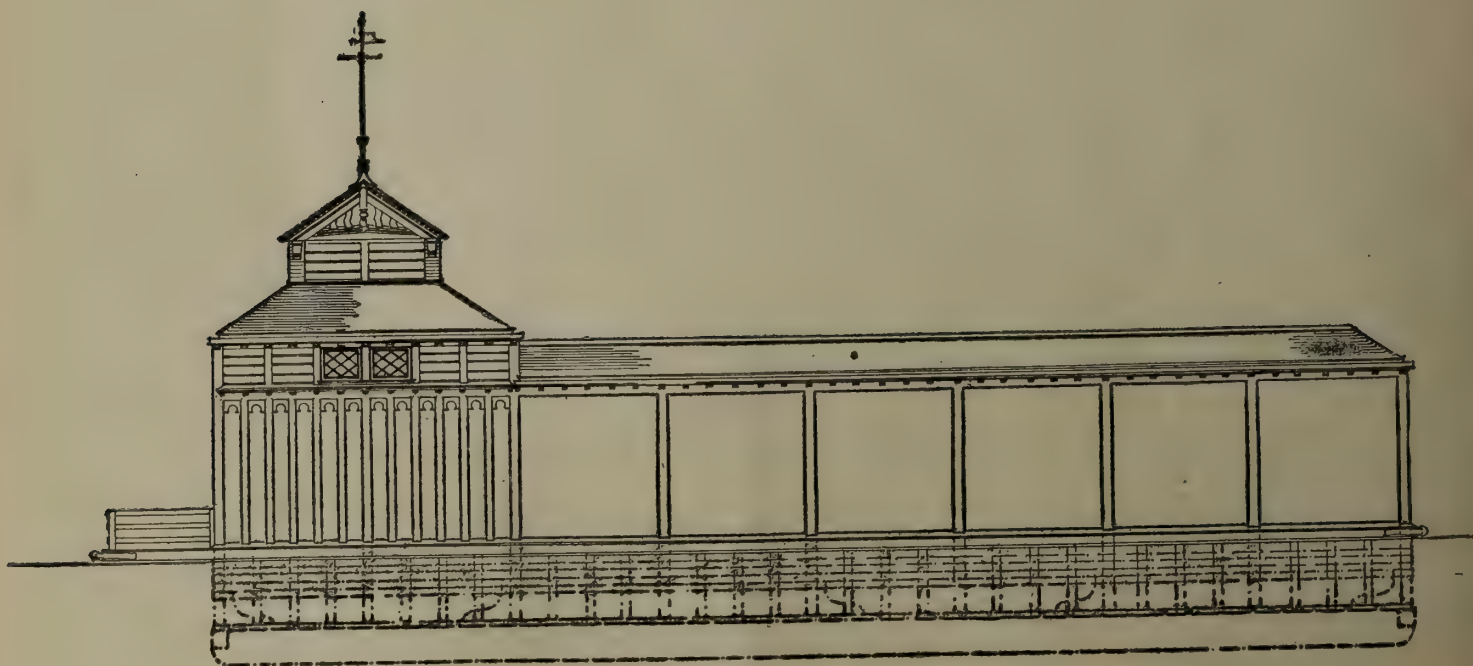
The house is built and finished throughout in cypress, and is floated to the desired level by an arrangement of casks, which prevents unequal settlement when the locker-rooms are crowded.

The exterior is treated to present an old English effect in half-timbered work, which will be greatly improved as the timbering darkens by exposure to the weather.

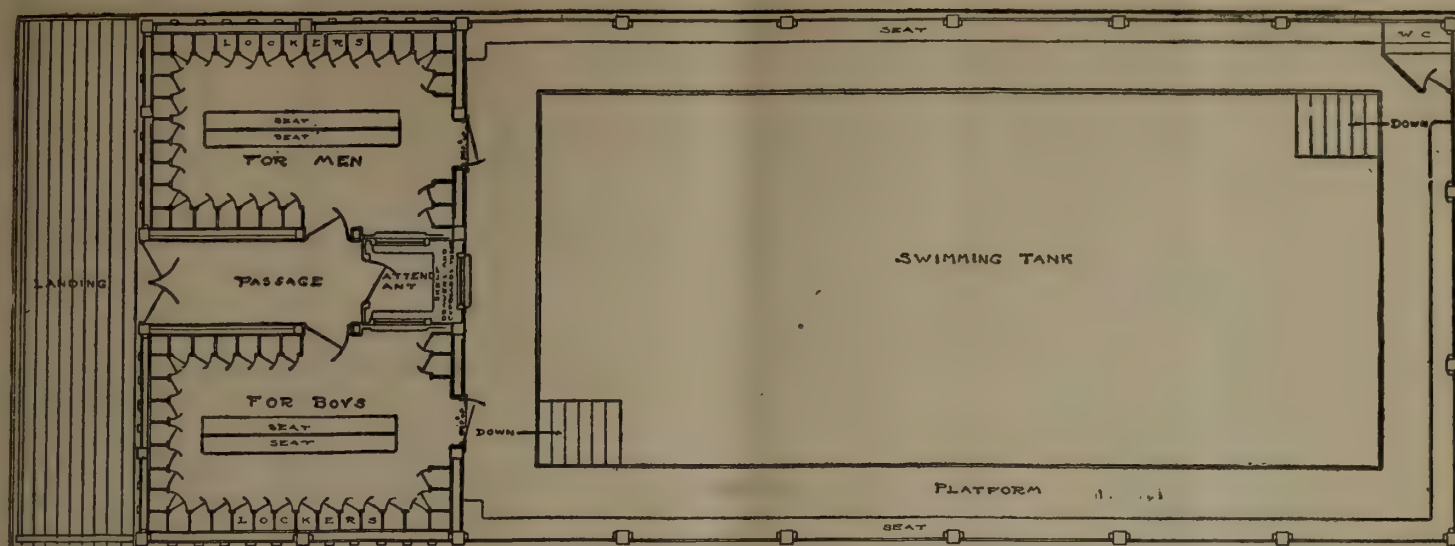
The house was built complete by the Repairs Division of the Public Buildings Department, according to plans and under the supervision of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department. With this acquisition to the present bathing facilities of the city, the Baths Department will supply a large and increasing demand for such accommodation in the district in which the bath-house is to be located. The total cost of the house, secured in its position above the Harvard Bridge, will be about \$3,500.



HARVARD BRIDGE FLOATING BATH.
(Front Elevation.)



HARVARD BRIDGE FLOATING BATH.
(Side Elevation.)



HARVARD BRIDGE FLOATING BATH.
(Ground Plan.)

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be celebrated in the City of Boston, August 22 to 27, inclusive. The opening session of the Association will be held at 10 A.M. on Monday, August 22, in Huntington Hall, Rogers Building, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Under the honorary presidency of the Governor of the Commonwealth, a large local committee has been formed for the purpose of making proper arrangements for the convention, and the City of Boston has appropriated \$2,500 towards the expense of entertaining the members and guests of the Association.

The general programme for the week follows:

MONDAY, AUGUST 22 — MORNING.

Meeting of the Council at 9 A.M. in the Council Room, 20 Rogers Building.

First General Session of the Association at 10 A.M., in Huntington Hall.

The meeting will be called to order by the retiring President, Professor Wolcott Gibbs of Newport, R. I.

Invocation by Right Reverend William Lawrence, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Introduction of the President-elect, Professor F. W. Putnam of Cambridge, Mass.

Addresses of welcome by His Excellency Roger Wolcott, Governor of Massachusetts, His Honor Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston, and President James M. Crafts of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Reply by President Putnam.

Announcements by the General, Permanent and Local Secretaries.

Agreement on the hours of meeting.

Adjournment of the General Session, followed by the organization of the sections in their respective halls.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Addresses of the Vice-Presidents as follows:

At 2.30 o'clock, in Room 22, Walker Building, Vice-President Whitman, before Section of Physics. Subject: "On the Perception of Light and Color."

In Room 11, Rogers Building: Vice-President Cattell, before Section of Anthropology. Subject: "The Advance of Psychology."

In Room 26, Rogers Building: Vice-President Farlow, before Section of Botany. Subject: "The Conception of Species as Affected by Recent Investigations on Fungi."

At 3.30 o'clock, in Room 22, Walker Building:

Vice-President Barnard, before Section of Mathematics and Astronomy. Subject: "Development of Astronomical Photography."

In Huntington Hall: Vice-President Blue, before Section of Social and Economic Science. Subject: "The Historic Method in Economics."

In Room 22, Rogers Building: Vice-President Packard, before Section of Zoology. Subject: "A Half-century of Evolution, with Special Reference to the Effects of Geological Changes on Animal Life."

At 4.30 o'clock, in Room 35, Walker Building:

Vice-President Smith, before Section of Chemistry. Subject: "Use of the Electric Current in Organic Chemistry."

In the Natural History Building: Vice-President Fairchild, before Section of Geology and Geography. Subject: "Glacial Geology in America."

In Room 26, Rogers Building: Vice-President Cooley, before Section of Mechanical Science and Engineering. Subject: (To be announced.)

MONDAY EVENING.

General Session in Huntington Hall, at 8 o'clock.

Address by the retiring President, Professor Wolcott Gibbs of Newport, R.I.

Subject: "On Some Points in Theoretical Chemistry."

Following this address there will be a reception to the members and guests of the Association, at the Museum of Fine Arts.

The citizens of Boston and vicinity are especially invited to attend the General Session in the morning and the several addresses in the afternoon and evening, as well as the meetings on the following days.

Tuesday morning, papers on various subjects will be read, followed by an excursion in the afternoon to the Middlesex Fells, Hotel Langwood, etc. In the evening, Dr. Thomas Dwight will lecture upon "Variations in Human Bones," at the Harvard Medical School.

Wednesday will be Salem Day, and the Association will be the guests of the Essex Institute. Return to Boston will be made late in the afternoon, and illustrated lectures will be given in the evening, in Huntington Hall, on the Boston Park System and the Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage System.

On Thursday there will be meetings of the Council and Sections in the morning, followed in the afternoon by a drive through Boston Park System. A meeting of the Nominating Committee will be held in the evening at Copley-Square Hotel.

Friday, the Association will be the guests of Harvard University. There will be an address in the evening by President Eliot in Sanders Theatre.

The closing session of the Association will be held on Saturday at 10 o'clock. In the afternoon excursions will be made to Riverside, Wellesley, Concord and Lexington.

On Monday, August 29, there will be excursions to White Mountains, Cape Cod and Plymouth.

City Government Orders.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The following orders were presented to the Mayor August 2, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the open space at the junction of Summer and Federal streets and Atlantic avenue be named and hereafter known as Dewey square.

Ordered, That the open space at the junction of Lauriat avenue and Milton avenue, Ward 24, be named and hereafter known as Hobson square.

RETURN OF TROOPS.

The following communication has been received by His Honor the Mayor from Councilman Watson, of Ward 18, with regard to the return of the troops at the front:

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: Knowing the interest that you feel in our noble boys who have so gallantly defended our flag, both on land and sea, in the late war with Spain, and feeling that your interest is such that you would willingly join in any movement that would mean a fitting welcome upon their return, and as such a movement has been started by the Mayor and City Council of Greater New York, and being of the opinion that our grand city should lead, and not follow, I therefore respectfully suggest that you appoint a committee of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, to join with a committee of citizens of any number you may deem proper, to make arrangements for a reception and parade in honor of our heroes.

I further suggest that a meeting be called of both branches of the City Council for the appropriating of such money as may be deemed necessary to carry out such reception, etc.

Trusting that my suggestions will meet with your approval, and that you will call upon me if my services are necessary in any capacity, I remain respectfully yours,

JAMES A. WATSON,

Councilman, Ward 18, Roxbury.

Boston, August 14, 1898.

CONVENTION OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

The twenty-sixth annual convention of the International Association of Fire Engineers will be held at St. Louis, Mo., October 18 to 21, inclusive. Among the special papers to be read will be one prepared by Captain William Brophy, Chief Electrician of the Wire Department of Boston.

Canvass of Bids.

School Department.

Proposals for school-work were opened at the office of the School Committee on August 11, as follows:

Alteration and addition of Mechanic Arts High School-building:

Bidders.	Bids.
M. S. & G. N. MiHer	\$60,150
C. A. Dodge & Co.	57,645
Hersee Brothers	55,178
John S. Jacobs & Son	54,795
L. D. Willcutt & Son	54,481
Connelly & Wentworth	53,000
S. Brennan & Co.	48,919
James Fagan	45,000

The proposals were taken under advisement.

Grading yard of West Roxbury High School:

F. G. Coburn & Co.	\$23,400
Thomas Minton	22,650
Mack & Moore	22,575
William H. Keyes & Co.	18,437

The proposals were taken under advisement.

Primary school-building at Brighton:

BUILDING.	
Hersee Brothers	\$43,259
George G. Baker	39,988
W. A. & H. A. Root	37,980
W. S. Sampson & Son	37,000
Gifford & Lawrence	37,000
W. L. Clark & Co.	35,790
G. M. Pratt	35,353
F. G. Coburn & Co.	34,900

PLUMBING.	
William N. McKenna	\$3,150
J. G. Schaller	3,050
James Tucker & Sons	2,875
A. G. Rockwood	2,798
Pierce & Cox	2,765

HEATING.	
A. A. Sanborn	\$3,525
Ingalls & Kendrick	3,475
Isaac Coffin & Co.	3,392
Lynch & Woodward	3,369
A. B. Franklin	3,221
Walworth Construction and Supply Company	3,198
Huey Brothers	2,967
Cleghorn, Eglee Company	2,483

The proposals were taken under advisement.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for sewers and drains in the following-named streets were opened on August 15 at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, viz.:

Temple and Perham streets and outlet:

Bidders.	Bids.
R. J. Malone	\$9,758
T. H. & G. M. Bryne	12,479
Dorchester Construction Company	13,367

T. H. Connolly	\$13,915
T. F. Minton	15,225
J. P. O'Connell	20,695
James Dolan	23,214
J. C. Coleman Son	28,035
D. E. Lynch	32,305

The proposals were taken under advisement.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Awards of Contracts.

Metropolitan Water Board.

The contract for excavations for the easterly portion of the North Dike, Wachusett Reservoir, proposals for which were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on August 9 (see THE CITY RECORD, page 478), has been awarded to Joseph D. Gennaro, of Boston, on his bid of \$43,812.50.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for dredging Fort Point Channel, between Congress street and Mt. Washington avenue bridges, were opened on August 4, 1898, at the office of the City Engineer, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Eastern Dredging Company, Boston	\$2,245
Bay State Dredging Company, Boston	2,500

The contract was awarded to Eastern Dredging Company.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Street Department.

Proposals for building Telford macadam roadways in a section of Columbia road were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, August 15, as follows:

James McGraw & Co.	\$14,510
H. Gore & Co.	16,585
Collins & Ham	16,834
J. A. Whittemore Sons	16,909
J. B. O'Rourke	17,049
D. E. Lynch	17,443
H. P. Nawn	17,940

The contract was awarded to James McGraw & Co.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

HOUSES ORDERED VACATED.

The following is a list of houses ordered vacated by the Board of Health during the month of July:

No. 12 Corey-street court; second, third, fourth and fifth rear 137 Beach street; 1 and 2 Gooch-street place; 1, 2 and 3 Eaton place; 2 Emmet place; 408 Commercial street; 2 Ipswich place; Oliver court, last right; second rear 30 Fleet street; 219 Endicott street; 9 Gilson court.

Nos. 6 and 8 East-street place were ordered demolished.

ASSESSORS' STATEMENT.

Showing by Wards the Valuation of Real and Personal Estate and the number of Polls in the City of Boston; also the Tax-rates for the years 1897 and 1898.

VALUATION, MAY 1, 1898.					VALUATION, MAY 1, 1897.				
WARD.	REAL ESTATE.	PERSONAL EST.	TOTAL.	POLLS.	WARD.	REAL ESTATE.	PERSONAL EST.	TOTAL.	POLLS.
1.....	\$11,023,100	\$1,019,500	\$12,042,600	6,276	1.....	\$10,933,050	\$1,022,400	\$11,955,450	6,302
2.....	11,440,900	703,700	12,144,600	6,411	2.....	11,351,400	694,100	12,045,500	6,217
3.....	8,824,400	824,900	9,649,300	4,222	3.....	8,493,500	800,100	9,293,600	4,160
4.....	10,853,600	743,000	11,596,600	3,983	4.....	10,585,600	768,800	11,354,400	4,035
5.....	12,177,000	2,027,700	14,204,700	4,326	5.....	12,196,700	2,666,600	14,863,300	4,323
6.....	110,083,600	29,979,000	140,062,600	8,509	6.....	108,017,500	30,761,600	138,779,100	7,859
7.....	195,550,400	46,374,100	241,924,500	4,958	7.....	189,147,100	45,146,900	234,294,000	5,543
8.....	25,892,300	3,362,400	29,254,700	7,577	8.....	25,272,600	3,408,500	28,681,100	7,489
9.....	25,213,600	1,376,900	26,590,500	8,080	9.....	25,005,300	1,438,800	26,444,100	7,659
10.....	49,822,100	3,436,700	53,258,800	7,068	10.....	47,272,400	3,905,700	51,178,100	7,374
11.....	97,453,500	66,829,300	164,282,800	6,215	11.....	95,828,800	67,328,400	163,157,200	5,877
12.....	24,129,000	3,558,800	27,687,800	6,129	12.....	23,780,400	3,848,100	27,628,500	6,127
13.....	19,586,200	1,053,400	20,639,600	7,457	13.....	18,359,100	1,053,700	19,412,800	7,419
14.....	10,434,400	818,000	11,252,400	5,960	14.....	10,141,700	763,900	10,905,600	5,876
15.....	8,915,600	656,800	9,572,400	5,332	15.....	8,775,600	702,000	9,477,600	5,118
16.....	13,483,500	937,700	14,421,200	5,435	16.....	12,941,400	995,000	13,936,400	5,302
17.....	16,762,900	1,368,700	18,131,600	6,879	17.....	15,863,800	1,334,100	17,197,900	6,794
18.....	16,282,300	1,254,400	17,536,700	7,059	18.....	16,063,100	1,299,100	17,362,200	7,026
19.....	20,253,400	2,481,000	22,734,400	6,949	19.....	19,671,000	2,467,800	22,138,800	6,783
20.....	28,286,000	3,145,400	31,431,400	7,536	20.....	25,802,300	3,457,500	29,259,800	6,944
21.....	25,210,500	5,524,400	30,734,900	6,306	21.....	24,444,100	5,788,900	30,233,000	6,304
22.....	20,929,500	3,355,900	24,285,400	6,862	22.....	19,862,600	3,299,500	23,162,100	6,721
23.....	20,349,900	6,808,400	27,158,300	5,825	23.....	19,304,600	7,026,700	26,331,300	5,606
24.....	24,636,300	2,693,900	27,330,200	6,955	24.....	23,149,300	2,956,400	26,105,700	6,645
25.....	22,600,900	3,896,000	26,496,900	5,443	25.....	21,597,600	3,810,400	25,408,000	5,151
BANK STOCK....		11,638,194	11,638,194	.....	BANK STOCK.....		11,976,659	11,976,659	.....
TOTALS,	\$830,194,900	\$205,868,194	\$1,036,063,094	157,752	TOTALS,	\$803,860,550	\$208,721,659	\$1,012,582,209	154,654

Total Real, 1898	\$830,194,900
" " 1897	803,860,550
Gain	\$26,334,350
Total Personal, 1898	\$205,868,194
" " 1897	208,721,659
Loss	\$2,853,465

Total Real and Personal, 1898	\$1,036,063,094
" " " 1897	1,012,582,209
Gain	\$23,480,885
Total Polls, 1898	157,752
" " 1897	154,654
Gain	3,098

State Tax	\$703,168.00
County Tax	1,221,567.00
City Tax	12,032,223.00

Total Warrant	\$13,956,958.00
1898.	1897.
State Tax	\$.54 \$0.73
County Tax	1.06 1.00
City Tax	12.00 11.27
Rate per \$1,000	\$13.60 \$13.00

Of the City Rate of \$12,

\$2.67 is for School Expenditure.

ASSESSORS' STATEMENT.

Showing by Wards the Gain and Loss of the City of Boston, in respect to Real and Personal Estate and the number of Polls for the year 1898, as compared with the year 1897.

WARD.	Gain, Real.	Gain, Personal.	Loss, Personal.	Total Gain, Real & Personal.	Gain, Polls.
1.....	\$90,050		\$2,900	\$87,150	Loss, 26
2.....	89,500	\$9,600		99,100	194
3.....	330,900	24,800		355,700	62
4.....	268,000		25,800	242,200	Loss, 52
5.....	Loss, 19,700		638,900	Loss, 658,600	3
6.....	2,066,100		782,600	1,283,500	650
7.....	6,403,300	1,227,200		7,630,500	Loss, 585
8.....	619,700		46,100	573,600	88
9.....	208,300		61,900	146,400	421
10.....	2,549,700		469,000	2,080,700	Loss, 306
11.....	1,624,700		499,100	1,125,600	338
12.....	348,600		289,300	59,300	2
13.....	1,227,100		300	1,226,800	38
14.....	292,700	54,100		346,800	84
15.....	140,000		45,200	94,800	214
16.....	542,100		57,300	484,800	133
17.....	899,100	34,600		933,700	85
18.....	219,200		44,700	174,500	33
19.....	582,400	13,200		595,600	166
20.....	2,483,700		312,100	2,171,600	592
21.....	766,400		264,500	501,900	2
22.....	1,066,900	56,400		1,123,300	141
23.....	1,045,300		218,300	827,000	219
24.....	1,487,000		262,500	1,224,500	310
25.....	1,003,300	85,600		1,088,900	92
	BANK STOCK....		338,465	Loss, 338,465	292
Totals	\$26,334,350	\$1,505,500	\$4,358,965	\$23,480,885	3,098

JOHN J. MURPHY, Acting-Chairman.

FRANK A. DREW, Secretary.

JOHN M. MAGUIRE,

SAMUEL HICHBORN,

GEORGE A. COMINS,

E. MERTAIN HATCH,

EDWARD B. DAILY,

JOHN H. DONOVAN,

CHARLES E. FOLSOM,

Assessors.

Rate declared August 17.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, August 15, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending August 13, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	118
Number of discharges of mortgages	23
Number of assignments of mortgages	2
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of assignments of wages	20
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	9
Number of married women's certificates	4
Number of ship liens	6
Number of notices of foreclosure	4

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, August 6, 1898.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed with the Board of Health:

Elroy V. Banks, for eight horses, on an unnamed street from Mt. Vernon street to Locust street and between Buttonwood and Hillern streets, Ward 16; hearing August 18, at 11 A.M. Kaspar Bachofner, for two horses, Roslindale avenue, second right from Beech street, Ward 23; hearing August 18, at 11 A.M.

The following is a list of houses ordered vacated during the month of August, to date: Rear 605 and rear 607 East Second street; the first, second and third floors of 1359 Washington street; houses in Bowling alley ordered to be demolished.

The following is a summary of work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during July:

Number of samples of milk collected and examined:

From milk wagons	673
From stores, stands, etc.	464
Brought in by citizens	21

Total 1,158

Number of samples of vinegar and cider-vinegar	50
Number of samples of butter and oleomargarine	60

Total samples 1,268

Number of cases pending in District Courts, July 1	14
Number of cases entered during the month of July	60

Total 74

Offences charged:

Possession of milk not of good standard quality, with intent to sell	14
Possession of milk containing formaldehyde, with intent to sell	41
Possession of milk containing annatto color, with intent to sell	1
Possession of milk below standard and containing formaldehyde, with intent to sell	3
Serving oleomargarine in a restaurant without notification	1
Total	60

Disposition of cases:

Warrant returned without service	1
Verdict of acquittal	1
Convictions	49
Nol prossed on motion of prosecution	17
Pending, August 1	6
	74

Cases taken to the Superior Court on appeal	23
Amount paid in fines	\$1,315

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending Saturday, August 6, 1898: One hundred and four crates of tomatoes; fifty-three crates, seventy-two barrels of melons; one barrel of pears; 154 pounds of veal; sixty-eight pounds of poultry.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for week ending August 5:

Steers	253
New England cows	9
New England bulls	1
Western bulls	4
Sheep	12
Calves	371

Total 650

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending August 6:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	5	6	11
Negative	12	18	30
No growth	0	0	0
Totals	17	24	41

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, August 1, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending July 30, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	200	4
Females	40	2
Totals	* 240	6

Offences:		
Against the person	15	2
Against property	12	1
Against public order and decency	217	3
Totals	† 244	6

Discharges:		
Males	146	11
Females	25	1
Totals	171	12

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	91	8
Permit of Commissioner	40	1
Payment of fine	40	1
Transferred to Deer Island	0	1
Transferred to Concord,	0	1
Totals	171	12

Population:

July 25, 1898	1,524	562
Committed since July 25, 1898	240	6
Totals	1,764	568
Discharged since July 25, 1898	171	12
July 30, 1898	1,593	556

* One man transferred from House of Correction, South Boston.
† Four men charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending August 13, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	27.8
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897,	24.3

Number of deaths:

Males	138
Females	145

Total 283

Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897 242

Increase 41

Of the 283 decedents, 275 were white and 8 colored; 211 were born in the United States, 70 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 2 was unknown; 70 were of American parentage, 184 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 29 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	13	1
Scarlatina	12	1
Typhoid fever	7	3
Measles	20	2
Totals	52	7

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	13
Pneumonia	12
Heart disease	22
Bronchitis	4
Marasmus	9
Violent causes	17

Total from principal causes 77

Total from infectious diseases 7

Total from other causes 199

Total from all causes 283

Deaths of children under 1 year	124
Deaths of children under 5 years	156
Deaths of persons over 60 years	37
Deaths in public institutions	58

WATER SUPPLY OF MILWAUKEE.

The Annual Report of the City Engineer of Milwaukee states that the total water supplied to consumers during 1897, after a deduction of 1,736,697,738 gallons for water used by the city for all city purposes, and for possible leakage, amounted to 6,589,805,258 gallons.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

A public hearing will be given on the question of the routes for a tunnel or tunnels to East Boston, at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, August 23, in the rooms of this Commission, 20 Beacon street.

By order of the Commission,

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 10, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Sears street be laid out as a highway from India street to Central wharf, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fourth day of August, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, August 12, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25, in the Old Court House, at 11.30 o'clock A.M., on Friday, August 19, 1898, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plan numbered S 24, made by the Board of Street Commissioners, and filed January 21, 1897, in the office of the City Engineer, in City Hall; said territory is bounded, approximately, by Perkins street, Jamaica-way, Heath and Day streets.

JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
GEORGE H. INNIS,
Street Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 10, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the stream or water-course, at Dorchester, known as Tenean Creek, be located anew from Park street to the main channel of said creek, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fourth day of August, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 10, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the passageways between Huntington avenue and St. Botolph street, from Irvington street to rear of estates on Massachusetts avenue, be laid out as public alleys, designated as Numbers 401, 402, 403, 404 in District No. 5, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on plans of said public alleys in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fourth day of August, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for erecting a primary school-building in West Roxbury; also for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating apparatus in said building; also for furnishing and installing a plumbing system in said building, according to the office copy of the contracts and plans, which may be seen and proposals obtained at the office of Bacon & Hill, 27 School street, Boston, Mass. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$6,000 for faithfully doing the work under the first contract, \$1,500 for the second contract, and \$1,000 for the third contract will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal for each contract to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of August 22, 1898, with a certified check accompanying the proposal for \$600 under the first contract, \$300 under the second contract, and \$250 under the third contract, payable to the City of Boston. These checks are to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems for the best interest of the city.

WILLIAM T. EATON,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for erecting a primary school-building in Roxbury, for the City of Boston. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$8,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen and a proposal obtained at the office of James Mulcahy, 60 State street, Boston, Mass. The bidder must fill out and leave the proposal so obtained, and a certified check for \$1,000, at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of August 22, 1898. This check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

WILLIAM T. EATON,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 10, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the passageway from Huntington avenue to St. Botolph street, in rear of estates on north-east side of Massachusetts avenue, be laid out as a public alley, designated as No. 405 in District No. 5, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on plan of said public alley in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fourth day of August, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 10, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that passageways between Beacon street and Marlborough street, from Arlington street to Massachusetts avenue, be laid out as public alleys, designated as Numbers 421, 420, 419, 418, 417, 416, 415 and 414, in District No. 5, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on plans of said public alleys in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fourth day of August, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 16, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building sewer work in Idaho street and outlet, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Tuesday, August 23, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

J. L. KELLY, Acting-Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 16, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 7,740 linear feet of sewer work in Columbia road, Section 3, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Tuesday, August 23, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

J. L. KELLY, Acting-Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 16, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 575 linear feet of sewer work in Harrison street, West Roxbury District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, August 22, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

J. L. KELLY, Acting-Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 1, 1898.

The undersigned request permission to project from building No. 87 Mercer street, corner East Ninth street, Ward 15, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over the corner of Mercer and East Ninth streets. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 6 feet wide, and 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

DALY BROTHERS,
271 East Eighth street,
South Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 1, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-ninth day of August, at 3 o'clock, P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the South Boston News and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



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BOSTON, THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1898.

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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

COLONEL OF THE NINTH REGIMENT.

On August 18, 1898, the Governor of the Commonwealth appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Lawrence J. Logan as Colonel of the Ninth Massachusetts Regiment, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Colonel Frederick B. Bogan.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Trustees for Children has recently issued its Annual Report for the financial year ending January 31, 1898, it being the first year of the Department of Children's Institutions, and the fortieth of the Institutions Department, now divided by Chapter 395 of the Acts of 1897 into four, of which this Department is one. The report constitutes City Document No. 6, and covers more specifically the last seven months during which the present administration has been in charge.

The Department, though independent, is kept in close touch with the related departments of the city, through the office of the Institutions-Registrar, and the quarterly conferences with the Mayor and other institutions departments.

For many years children have been "placed out." These children may be: (1.) Boys from the House of Reformation, who have no homes, or no proper homes. (2.) Children taken from their parents by a court. (3.) Children placed in charge of the Trustees on account of poverty. (4.) Truant boys or girls who have no proper homes, and are placed in a family selected by the Trustees.

For the younger children, and those requiring special care, board is paid. They are, for the most part, in private families in the country. Some children, for various reasons, are placed in other institutions.

Older children are ordinarily placed in homes, without payment for board, and in some cases they receive wages for their services.

The placing-out system is fully appreciated by the Trustees, as is also the importance of securing only good homes, and of carefully watching the children placed in them.

Children are also often placed on probation in their own homes, and are visited regularly. The home of every child committed by a court, or to the House of Reformation, and the home of every child for whom application is made as a pauper, or for whose release application is made, is visited and investigated.

The Marcella-street Home is the institution to which Boston sends the children whose parents are unable to care for them, or who have been sent by a court. Virtually, the place is a prison, with the children under lock and key. The Trustees, upon taking charge of this Institution, have given much attention to its needs.

The schools are now a part of the public school system, and the children, in cleanliness and deportment, now compare favorably with those in other public schools. The Trustees firmly expect in time to have these children taken into the public schools in the neighborhood.

Danger from fire has been a source of anxiety for a long time, but now new fire-escapes have been provided and the old ones repaired.

The food of the children has been improved, and expenses have been reduced in various ways, consistent with the welfare of the children. Better than all this, however, the number of children has been reduced from 321 to 160. This reduction has been effected by sending the children to homes in the country.

The Board is doing all in its power to bring about the sale of the Marcella-street Home, hoping to be enabled to build a fitting home for these children in a better neighborhood.

With an increased number of boys over any previous year, the necessity of a more suitable location than Rainsford Island has strongly impressed itself upon the Trustees. The entire plant is thoroughly unsuited for a modern reformatory system, and the island is so small as to not permit the erection of new buildings of the kind desired, and leave sufficient space for recreation and outdoor occupation.

It is therefore felt that the necessity of transferring the institution to a more favorable site, and to one on the mainland, will be considered with favor by the City Government.

In the schools, the class-rooms are overcrowded. This cannot be remedied, but must continue till a new institution affords better facilities. The sloyd class in manual training has been continued without interruption during the past year, and is productive of good results.

The Trustees are proposing a merit system, to be based on marks given in all the departments of the institution, by which each boy can tell his standing and the probabilities of his obtaining a release.

The Parental School (removed in 1896 from Deer Island to West Roxbury) was established for the purpose of confining and instructing such children under the age of fourteen years as are found to have become habitual truants from school. The school has twenty-seven and three-quarters acres of land, situated on Spring street, with a frontage of 1,000 feet on the Charles River.

The Institution is fitted to properly accommodate some eighty boys, but on account of an excessive number of inmates, the matter of providing for the children has become a serious problem. The consequence is an inevitable pressure to consider questions of release, not with a view single to the boy's own welfare, but with some reference to the need of making room.

The general report contains also the report of the Agent for the Children's Institutions Department, whose duties are the usual work of investigation of applications for release, finding of country homes or places of employment for offenders, besides various other matters in connection with the Department.

The total number of cases investigated during the year was 384. The number of children boarded with families was 540. A total of 420 were placed in permanent homes, located in all of the New England States, besides New York, New Jersey, Canada and the Provinces. Sixty-eight children have been placed in free homes during the year. The whole number of children subject to visitation at the close of the year was 836.

There have been received 3,700 letters and communications during the year from children and the families in which they live. All inquiries have been answered, and the children encouraged to continue the correspondence.

The demand for boys and girls over school age is greater than the supply.

The reports of the Superintendents, physician, medical staff and teachers are included in the report of the Department. In these are given the financial and statistical statements of the work of the institutions.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

The following table shows the total number of children in Marcella-street Home during the year:

On records January 31, 1897	485
Received from January 31, 1897, to January 31, 1898:	
Neglected boys	13
Pauper boys	120
Neglected girls	14
Pauper girls	90
	237
Total	722

The number discharged during the year was 281, leaving 441 children on the records January 31, 1898.

The following statistics relate to the House of Reformation, Rainsford Island:

Number of boys remaining January 31, 1897	127
Committed during the year	93
Total	220
Discharged	61
Remaining January 31, 1898	159

Following is a table with regard to the commitments of boys, etc., at the Parental School:

Remaining January 31, 1897	117
Committed during year	167
Discharged	139
Remaining January 31, 1898	169
Average age, boys committed (years)	12

There were also three girls remaining at the school on January 31, 1898, whose average age was twelve years, two months.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 4 P.M., Friday, August 19, 1898, the President being in the chair. Fifteen members were present.

It was ordered, that the Eustis-street Primary School-house be called the Albert Palmer School, in honor of the late ex-Mayor Albert Palmer.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on School-houses, the committee was authorized (1) to execute contracts with I. C. Harris & Co. to erect an addition to the Norcross School for \$1,379, and with W. A. Ferguson for painting for \$947; and (2) to contract with G. G. Baker to erect a building for sanitary purposes at the Charles Sumner School for \$4,018, and with W. N. McKenna to do the plumbing for \$937.

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, July 19, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to include in their next appropriation, a sum sufficient to place the Phillips School-house, corner Phillips and Anderson streets, Ward 11, in thorough repair, and to make such additions to said school-house as are necessary, according to the plans held by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, reported that they have duly considered the matter and propose to recommend an item to cover the cost of the work suggested in the appropriation for school repairs to be made next year.

Accepted.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred, May 24, an order that improved heating and sanitary arrangements be provided for the Sherwin School-house, during the summer vacation, reported that they have given the matter attention, but on account of the limited appropriation available for repairs this year they recommend that the work be deferred for the present.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, May 10, an order that the Edward Everett Primary School-house,

Sumner street, Dorchester, be supplied with new ventilating apparatus, and other necessary repairs made, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend that action thereon be deferred for the present.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that the Parkman School-house be surrendered to the City Council, reported that your committee have investigated this matter, and are of the opinion that it would be desirable to utilize this building for storage purposes, and they therefore recommend that no action be taken, for the present, on the order referred.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred, May 24, an order that the Polk-street Primary School-house, Prescott District, be placed in proper sanitary condition, reported that the amount of the appropriation available for repairs on school-houses, and the more serious conditions existing in other school-buildings, will not permit of favorable action on this matter at present.

Accepted.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred, May 24, an order that the Medford-street Primary School-house, Prescott District, be repaired and painted, reported that the matter has received attention, and recommended that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred, July 19, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to open the yard of the Roger Clap School, Harvest street, as a playground for the children, during the present vacation, reported that the matter has received attention, and your committee recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the yard of the Roger Clap School has been opened for use as a playground as suggested in the communication referred.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

The following orders laid over under the rule, at the preceding meeting, were passed:

(1.) Ordered, That there be paid to Hartvig Nissen, assistant to the Director of Physical Training, the sum of \$120 for extra services performed by him during the past year.

(2.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Bowditch School-house, addition, \$13,000.

The Chair read the following:

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, August 17, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Board of Street Commissioners have this day voted as follows:

Voted, That the vote of this Board of November 20, 1896, "That the Board agreed with James T. Maher, upon the sum of \$10,570.95, as payment for his estate at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets, taken, for school purposes, by the City of Boston, May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Maher giving to the city a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department," be, and the same hereby is rescinded.

Voted, That the Board agreed with the heirs of James T. Maher, upon the sum of \$11,570.95, as payment for his estate at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets, taken, for school purposes, by the City of Boston, May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said heirs giving to the city a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department.

The accompanying copy of a letter from the Corporation Counsel, approved by the Mayor, is sent in explanation of the foregoing votes. Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

August 16, 1898.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

GENTLEMEN: On November 24, 1896, your Board passed the following order:

"Ordered, That there be paid to James T. Maher the sum of \$10,570.95, as payment for the estate at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets, taken by the Board May 22, 1896, the taking being recorded the same date, for school purposes, on said Maher giving to the city a deed for the same which shall be satisfactory to the Law Department. Passed. Approved by the Mayor, May 27, 1896." Soon after the receipt of the above order, this Department was notified of the pendency of a bill in equity brought by other parties against Maher, in which bill these parties claimed to be the owners of the land, and that the deed under which the grantor, Maher, claimed, was obtained by fraud. The amount was so large that we declined to pay, or call the title satisfactory, until this suit was disposed of, which it was a few months ago by the entry of a finding for the defendant. As the result of the litigation showed that Maher had a good title, I suppose the city had no legal reason for not paying the money, and if suit is brought on the order, that interest probably will be awarded. I understand from Judge Corcoran, who is counsel for Mr. Maher, that he has seen your Board, and that your Board is willing to pay interest. So understanding, I have agreed with him that a fair sum to be allowed for interest would be \$1,000, that being a little less than the interest on the award from January 1, 1897, to date, and making no allowance for any further delay. If I am correctly informed as to your willingness to allow interest under these circum-

stances, I would advise that you rescind the former vote, and pass a new vote awarding James T. Maher the sum of \$11,570.95, and informing the School Committee of your action in the same manner as was done in the case of Elmer F. Hudson, executor of the estate of Reuben Smith. The settlement of the Hudson-Smith matter was made in accordance with a letter from this Department, dated October 25, 1897.

(Signed) Yours truly,
THOMAS M. BABSON, City Solicitor.

Approved.

(Signed) JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on School-houses, it was ordered:

(1.) That the order passed by this Board, November 24, 1896, that there be paid to James T. Maher the sum of \$10,570.95, as payment for the estate at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets, taken by the Board May 22, 1896 (and taking recorded same day), for school purposes, upon said Maher giving to the city a deed for the same which shall be satisfactory to the Law Department, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

(2.) That there be paid to the heirs of James T. Maher the sum of \$11,570.95, as payment for the estate at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets, taken by the Board May 22, 1896 (and taking recorded same day), for school purposes, upon said heirs giving to the city a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department.

On the motion of Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, it was ordered:

(1.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Frank G. Coburn & Co., in the sum of \$217,900, for constructing the new Dorchester High School-house, said Frank G. Coburn & Co. being the lowest bidders.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with James Fagan, in the sum of \$45,000, for erecting and completing the addition to, and alteration of the Mechanic Arts High School Building, said Fagan being the lowest bidder.

(3.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with John J. Flynn, in the sum of \$9,425, for the construction of an addition of two rooms to the Bowditch Grammar School-house, said Flynn being the lowest bidder.

(4.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute contracts with Frank G. Coburn & Co., in the sum of \$34,900, for erecting and completing; and with Pierce & Cox, in the sum of \$2,765, for furnishing a plumbing system for the new Webster-avenue Primary School-house, the said Frank G. Coburn & Co., and Pierce & Cox being the lowest bidders.

(5.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with W. H. Keyes & Co., in the sum of \$18,437, for grading the yard of the West Roxbury High School, said W. H. Keyes & Co. being the lowest bidders.

(6.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of

the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made: South Boston High School-house, \$44,819.73.

(7.) That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a parcel of land supposed to belong to H. M. Cunningham on Quincy and Perth streets and Phipps avenue, bounded northeast by Quincy street, about 155 feet; southeast by Perth street, about 250 feet; southwest by Phipps avenue, about 160 feet, and northwest by other land of said Cunningham, about 185 feet; containing 32,388 square feet, more or less.

(8.) That A. Warren Gould, the architect, be selected to prepare plans for a new grammar school-house on Quincy street, Dorchester District.

Mr. Courtney moved the passage of an order providing that the schools open September 12, instead of September 6, and asked a suspension of the rules.

Suspension was refused.

The Board adjourned at 5.06 P. M.

Special Notices.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order was promulgated by the Board of Police on August 19:

General Order No. 532.

In the matter of the complaint made by Henry Barber against Reserve Officer Patrick J. McDonough, of Division 3, for violation of Rule XXVI of the Police Manual, the Board finds and adjudges the said Reserve Officer McDonough not guilty and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

The United States Civil Service Commission invites attention to the fact that an insufficient number of eligibles resulted from the examination held on June 15, 1898, for cadet, revenue cutter service, Treasury Department; and that in view of the needs of the service another examination will be held at any city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners, on August 25, 26 and 27, 1898.

Applicants who failed in the June 15, 1898, examination will be permitted to enter the examination to be held on August 25, 26 and 27, 1898, upon filing new applications.

Under the regulations of the Treasury Department, applicants must be not less than eighteen years of age, nor more than twenty-five, of vigorous constitution, physically sound and well formed, not less than five feet, three inches in height, of good moral character and unmarried.

Persons desiring to enter this examination should at once write to Edward E. Stebbins, Secretary, Board of Examiners, Post Office Building, Boston, for application blanks. Form 304, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D.C.

NEXT MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held on Monday, August 29, at 3 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Common Council will be held on Thursday, September 22, at 7.45 P.M.

COMMERCE OF CERTAIN PORTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

The following table presents a comparative statement of the total value of merchandise entered and cleared at eight principal ports of the United States:

IMPORTS.				
	1894.	1895.	Increase or Decrease.	Percentage of Increase or Decrease.
All U. S....	\$654,994,622	\$731,969,965	+\$76,975,343	+11.75
Boston.....	50,309,331	66,889,118	+16,579,787	+32.95
New York..	415,795,991	477,741,128	+61,945,137	+14.89
Philadelp'a	53,726,963	48,802,676	-4,924,287	-9.16
Baltimore..	11,978,900	12,260,706	+281,806	+2.35
N't News	328,394	1,032,849	+704,455	+214.51
N. Orleans.	18,087,944	13,861,507	-4,226,437	-23.36
Galveston..	680,717	369,575	-311,142	-45.70
S. Fr'nisco	38,146,626	36,269,637	-1,876,989	-4.92

EXPORTS.				
	1894.	1895.	Increase or Decrease.	Percentage of Increase or Decrease.
All U. S....	\$892,140,572	\$807,538,165	-\$84,602,407	-9.48
Boston.....	83,972,460	85,505,196	+1,532,736	+1.82
New York..	369,146,365	325,580,062	-43,566,303	-11.80
Philadelp'a	40,500,786	35,043,093	-5,457,693	-13.47
Baltimore..	78,422,129	61,938,991	-16,483,138	-21.01
N't News	14,340,827	13,469,541	-871,286	-6.07
N. Orleans.	81,329,453	68,413,362	-12,916,091	-15.88
Galveston..	35,011,788	41,886,651	+6,874,863	+19.63
S. Fr'nisco	24,903,009	24,873,148	-29,861	-.11

IMPORTS.				
	1895.	1896.	Increase or Decrease.	Percentage of Increase or Decrease.
All U. S....	\$731,969,965	\$779,724,674	+\$47,754,709	+6.52
Boston.....	66,889,118	79,179,864	+12,290,746	+18.37
New York..	477,741,128	499,932,792	+22,191,664	+4.64
Philadelp'a	48,802,676	43,840,836	-4,961,840	-10.16
Baltimore..	12,260,706	13,476,630	+1,215,924	+9.91
N't News	1,032,849	1,131,628	+98,779	+9.56
N. Orleans.	13,861,507	13,471,142	-390,365	-2.81
Galveston..	369,575	602,770	+233,195	+63.09
S. Fr'nisco	36,269,637	41,400,317	+5,130,680	+14.14

EXPORTS.				
	1895.	1896.	Increase or Decrease.	Percentage of Increase or Decrease.
All U. S....	\$807,538,165	\$882,606,938	+\$75,068,773	+9.29
Boston.....	85,505,196	95,851,004	+10,345,808	+12.09
New York..	325,580,062	354,274,941	+28,694,879	+8.81
Philadelp'a	35,043,093	39,567,376	+4,524,283	+12.91
Baltimore..	61,938,991	66,398,905	+4,459,914	+7.20
N't News	13,469,541	14,850,117	+1,380,576	+10.24
N. Orleans.	68,413,362	80,986,791	+12,573,429	+18.37
Galveston..	41,886,651	36,397,091	-5,489,560	-13.10
S. Fr'nisco	24,873,148	31,582,910	+6,709,762	+26.97

IMPORTS.				
	1896.	1897.	Increase or Decrease.	Percentage of Increase or Decrease.
All U. S....	\$779,724,674	\$764,730,412	-\$14,994,262	-1.92
Boston.....	79,179,864	90,178,419	+10,998,555	+13.89
New York..	499,932,792	480,603,580	-19,329,212	-3.86
Philadelp'a	43,840,836	48,072,672	+4,231,836	+9.65
Baltimore..	13,476,630	11,371,193	-2,105,437	-15.62
N't News	1,131,628	1,169,315	+37,687	+3.33
N. Orleans.	13,471,142	16,618,727	+3,147,585	+23.36
Galveston..	602,770	779,101	+176,331	+29.25
S. Fr'nisco	41,400,317	34,375,945	-7,024,372	-16.96

EXPORTS.				
	1896.	1897.	Increase or Decrease.	Percentage of Increase or Decrease.
All U. S....	\$882,606,938	\$1,050,967,253	+\$168,380,315	+19.07
Boston.....	95,851,004	100,857,281	+5,006,277	+5.22
New York..	354,274,941	391,679,907	+37,404,966	+10.55
Philadelp'a	39,567,376	47,305,273	+7,737,897	+19.55
Baltimore..	66,398,905	55,692,651	-10,706,254	-16.12
N't News	14,850,117	22,109,575	+7,259,458	+48.88
N. Orleans.	80,986,791	102,494,120	+21,507,329	+26.52
Galveston..	36,397,091	58,198,174	+21,801,083	+59.89
S. Fr'nisco	31,582,910	39,647,606	+8,064,696	+25.53

IMPORTS.				
	1897.	1898.	Increase or Decrease.	Percentage of Increase or Decrease.
All U. S....	\$764,730,412	\$616,005,159	-\$148,725,253	-19.44
Boston.....	90,178,419	51,475,094	-38,703,325	-42.91
New York..	480,603,580	402,281,050	-78,322,530	-16.29
Philadelp'a	48,072,672	31,419,997	-16,652,675	-34.64
Baltimore..	11,371,193	8,907,118	-2,464,075	-21.66
N't News	1,169,315	1,066,727	-102,588	-8.77
N. Orleans.	16,618,727	9,664,457	-6,954,270	-41.84
Galveston..	779,101	1,166,180	+387,079	+49.68
S. Fr'nisco	34,375,945	42,822,945	+8,447,000	+24.57

EXPORTS.				
	1897.	1898.	Increase or Decrease.	Percentage of Increase or Decrease.
All U. S....	\$1,050,967,253	\$1,231,329,950	+\$180,362,697	+17.15
Boston.....	100,857,281	117,531,903	+16,674,622	+16.53
New York..	391,679,907	445,515,794	+53,835,887	+13.74
Philadelp'a	47,305,273	56,244,436	+8,939,163	+18.89
Baltimore..	85,692,651	118,845,580	+33,152,929	+38.68
N't News	22,109,575	30,287,521	+8,177,946	+36.98
N. Orleans.	101,494,120	112,674,051	+11,179,931	+11.01
Galveston..	58,198,174	68,428,021	+10,229,847	+17.57
S. Fr'nisco	39,647,606	41,223,759	+1,576,153	+3.97

WATER CONSUMPTION IN JULY.

According to figures compiled by the Metropolitan Water Board, the total amount of water used during July, 1898, in the Metropolitan District was 2,555,490,000 gallons, or an increase of 8.679 per cent. over the amount used in the month of June, 1898. During July, the average number of gallons drawn daily amounted to 82,435,000 for the district. Of this the average amount drawn daily through the Low Service (which supplies water to Boston, Somerville, Chelsea, Everett, Malden and Medford) was 57,473,000 gallons; while the South High Service

(which serves Boston, Watertown, Belmont and Quincy) delivered a daily average of 19,656,000 gallons; and the North High Service furnished 5,305,000 gallons daily to the district made up of Melrose, Revere, Somerville, Chelsea, Malden, Medford, Everett and Breed's Island.

The increased consumption of water during July is attributed largely to the unusually high temperature which prevailed during the month.

REDUCED RATES TO BOSTON.

In connection with the work of the Boston Bureau of Commerce and Industries, the announcement is made of opportunity for anyone to visit Boston, from September 19 to 24, at practically a one-fare rate from any point in the United States.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. has arranged an excursion to Boston, to include a stop in the city from September 19 to 24, at a one-price fare for the round trip in all territory outside of a 125-mile radius; inside of a 125-mile radius the following arrangements have been made:

Two cents per mile for points within twenty-five miles of Boston; \$1 for points within a radius of from twenty-five to thirty-three miles, and one and one-half cents per mile for a radius between thirty-three miles and the 125-mile limit, excepting points east of Portland, where the rate will be one fare to Portland plus \$3 for the round-trip ticket between Portland and Boston.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1898.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of July, 1898, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	528,912
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	19.76
Death rate for corresponding month, 1897	22.03

Number of deaths:	
Males	448
Females	423
	871

Condition:	
Married	250
Single	483
Widows	103
Widowers	29
Unknown	6

Color:	
White	852
Colored	19

Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	228
Under 2 years	275
Under 5 years	315

Nativity:		
United States	554	
Ireland	164	
England	19	
Scotland	5	
Germany	12	
British America	58	
Italy	11	
Russia	8	
Other countries	21	
Unknown	19	

Parentage:		
United States	184	
Irish	297	
English	19	
Scotch	9	
German	15	
British American	60	
Italian	15	
Russian	25	
Other countries	80	
Mixed	72	
Unknown	95	

Still-births during the month	55	
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Causes of Death:**I. ZYMOTICS.**

Alcoholism	6	
Cholera morbus	2	
Cholera infantum	73	
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	6	
Diarrhœa	6	
Dysentery	5	
Diphtheria	11	
Erysipelas	2	
Influenza	1	
Measles	4	
Puerperal fever	1	
Rheumatism	2	
Scarlatina	2	
Syphilis	2	
Septicæmia	3	
Typhoid fever	10	
Whooping cough	2	
	—	138

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	28	
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	14	
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	14	
Phthisis pulmonalis	111	
Other constitutional diseases	26	
	—	193

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	30	
Bright's disease	5	
Bronchitis	20	
Heart disease	59	
Meningitis	33	
Nephritis	23	
Pneumonia	65	
Other local diseases	172	
	—	407

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Inanition	13	
Old age	20	
Premature birth	13	
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	1	
Other developmental diseases	12	
	—	59

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	49	
Suicidal	8	
Other violent causes	2	
	—	59
Unknown causes	15	
	—	15
Total from all causes	871	

Awards of Contracts.**School Department.**

At a special meeting of the School Committee, held August 19, the following contracts were awarded (for canvass of bids, see THE CITY RECORD, page 488):

Addition and alteration, Mechanic Arts High School-house, to James Fagan, \$45,000.

Grading yard, West Roxbury School-house, to W. H. Keyes & Co., \$18,437.

Building and plumbing Webster-avenue Primary School-house: Building, to F. G. Coburn & Co., \$34,900; plumbing, to Pierce & Cox, \$2,765.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for sewers and drains in the following-named streets have been opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, viz.:

Smith-street sewer; bids opened August 17:

Bidders.	Bids.
T. H. Connolly	\$707 75
James Dolan	845 50
D. E. Lynch	860 95
J. P. O'Connell	907 00
John J. Falvey	1,035 50

The contract was awarded to T. H. Connolly.

Norfolk and Walk Hill streets sewers; bids opened August 17:

T. H. Connolly	\$1,847 00
J. Dolan	2,318 50
McDowell & Son	2,324 75
D. M. Dwyer	2,694 00
J. P. O'Connell	2,763 50
D. E. Lynch	3,223 70

The contract was awarded to T. H. Connolly.

Surface drain for Mattapan brook; bids opened August 18:

T. H. Connolly	\$8,351 62
J. P. O'Connell	10,501 60
Collins & Ham	11,358 82
T. H. & G. M. Bryne	12,117 74
John J. Falvey	12,317 18
D. E. Lynch	12,933 06
Jones & Meehan	13,570 30
H. P. Nawn	14,457 40

The contract was awarded to T. H. Connolly.

Harrison-street sewer; bids opened August 22:

McDowell & Son	\$359 25
T. F. Minton	382 75

The contract was awarded to McDowell & Son.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Canvass of Bids.**School Department.**

Proposals for school-work were opened at the office of the School Committee, on August 22, as follows:

Munroe-street Primary School-house:

Bidders.	Bids.
Connery & Wentworth	\$71,500
William I. Mabie	67,461
E. E. Strout	66,877
George G. Baker	63,396

The bids were taken under advisement.

New South Boston High School-house:

Charles H. Dodge	\$328,323
Connery & Wentworth	291,000
Woodbury & Leighton	282,000
Walter S. Sampson & Son	281,000
James Fagan	273,535
Mead, Mason & Co	266,600
W. H. Keyes & Co.	265,187
W. L. Clark & Co.	264,000
John S. Jacobs & Son	242,971

The bids were taken under advisement.

Baker-street Primary School-house:

ERECTING.

Whidden & Co.	\$34,592
Gifford & Lawrence	31,448
S. Brennan & Co.	30,121
Connery & Wentworth	29,700
W. A. & H. A. Root	28,235
Cullen Brothers	28,114
John A. Rooney	27,998
G. A. Cahill	27,973
John McNamara & Son	27,900
G. M. Pratt	25,928
T. S. Brown	23,000

PLUMBING.

Edward C. Kelly	\$2,300
William N. McKenna	2,273
Thomas F. Ward	1,925
A. G. Rockwood	1,861
James Tucker & Sons	1,760
Pierce & Cox	1,597

HEATING.

Alexander Duncan & Co.	\$2,744
Lynch & Woodward	2,190
Walworth Construction and Supply Company	2,157
Cleghorn, Eglee Company	2,095
Ingalls & Kendrick	1,988
A. A. Sanborn	1,977
Albert B. Franklin	1,961
Huey Brothers	1,927

The bids were taken under advisement.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

SWIMMING CONTEST.

On Saturday, August 27, at 4.30 P.M., the final contest in swimming will be given at North End Park by the winners of the local exhibitions which have been held during the present week. The schedule of both local and final exhibitions is shown on page 453 of THE CITY RECORD.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

Boston, August 10, 1898.

A special meeting of the Trustees, called by the President, was held at the office of Mr. A. Shuman, on August 10, at 12.30 P.M., the President in the chair.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Keany and Burnham.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Sprague was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

It was voted that there be paid to John S. Jacobs & Son the sum of \$8,766.90, on account of their contract of November 23, 1897, for erection of the Ann White Vose Building.

It was voted that there be paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$219.17, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$8,766.90 paid to John S. Jacobs & Son.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, in regard to additions to existing contracts on the recommendation of Messrs. Wheelwright & Haven, architects, and, in accordance therewith, it was

Voted, To add to the contract of Gerry & Northup, dated September 22, 1897, for change and laying drain for Ward S plumbing system, order of addition No. 233, the sum of \$11.44, and the same to be charged to Hospital Appropriation, and the President is authorized to sign the same.

Voted, To add to the contract of Kerrens Driscoll, dated August 14, 1897, order of addition No. 238, the sum of \$66, for matched floor boards for third story of laundry building, instead of plain boards, the same to be charged to New Laundry Building, and the President is authorized to sign the same.

Voted, To add to the contract of Kerrens Driscoll, dated August 14, 1897, order of addition No. 242, the sum of \$17.60, for increase in gas service pipe from two inches to three inches, and the same to be charged to the appropriation for New Buildings, New Laundry Building, and the President is authorized to sign the same.

A report was received from Mr. Rueter, to whom was referred the bills of the Electrical Construction Division, that he has examined the bills and conferred with the representative of the Electrical Construction Division, and recommended a settlement of the bills, and the adoption of a satisfactory control system in the work and material supplied by the Electrical Construction Division. In accordance with said recommendation, it was

Voted, That there be paid to Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, the sum of \$4,843.18, for materials and labor furnished while installing the electric light plant at the Boston City Hospital.

Voted, That there be paid to Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, the sum of \$2,598.52, for materials and labor furnished the Boston City Hospital.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, stating that proposals were received and publicly opened as advertised,

at the Superintendent's office, Tuesday, August 9, at 12 M., as follows:

For contract for alteration and extension of the boiler-house: (See THE CITY RECORD, page 481.)

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Power Plant, it was voted that the contract be awarded to Kerrens Driscoll, on his bid of \$21,772.

For contract for placing three new boilers in boiler-house: (See THE CITY RECORD, page 481.)

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Boiler Plant, it was voted that the contract be awarded to E. Hodge & Co., on their bid of \$2,124.

For contract for installing mechanical draft in connection with power-house, the proposals were as follows: (See THE CITY RECORD, page 481.)

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Boiler Plant, it was voted that the contract be awarded to B. F. Sturtevant & Co., on their bid of \$1,660.

It was voted, on the recommendation of the Committee on Boiler Plant, to award to James Beggs & Co., in accordance with the terms of their proposal received on date of February 24, 1897, the contract for placing McClave grates under six boilers, for the sum of \$1,676.

The Committee on Service, to whom was referred the application of Miss Mary S. Ewing for increase of wages as apothecary at the South Department, reported favorably as to the same, and, in accordance with the recommendation, it was

Voted, That on and after Friday, August 5, the salary of Miss Mary S. Ewing, apothecary at the South Department, be at the rate of \$650 per year.

A letter was received from Dr. Lawrence W. Strong, second assistant in pathology, resigning his position, to go into effect August 31. This was referred to the Medical Committee, who recommended that the resignation be accepted, and it was so voted.

A communication was received from Dr. W. P. Bolles, in regard to the declination of Dr. John T. Bottomley to the position of fourth assistant visiting surgeon, and the same was ordered to be placed on file.

Boston, August 17, 1898.

The regular meeting of the Trustees was held at the office of Mr. A. Shuman, on August 17, at 12.30 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Keany and Burnham, the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Sprague was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and it was voted that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$17,766.76.

It was voted that there be paid to the Public Buildings Department, Repairs Division, the sum of \$2,315.31, for labor and materials furnished for plumbing for the new laundry building.

It was voted that there be paid to the Paine Furniture Company the sum of \$252, on account of furniture.

It was voted that there be paid to John H. Proctor & Co. the sum of \$560 for labor and materials.

A communication was received from the Superintendent showing receipts from paying patients for the month of July. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

The Medical Committee reported favorably upon the nomination of Dr. Charles S. Knight, as second executive assistant, and he was so appointed.

It was voted that the Committee on Power Plant be authorized to prepare plans and specifications for renewing the main heating return and main drainage pipe in conduits under the South Department, and to obtain definite estimates upon the same, with full powers to take action in the matter.

It was voted that the Medical Committee be authorized to make a provisional appointment of a second assistant in pathology, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Strong.

Circular No. 45 from the office of the Mayor was read, and the same was ordered to be placed on file.

The President reported that application had been made by the Massachusetts Auxiliary Aid Association, through Dr. Edward H. Bradford, asking what accommodations could be afforded to United States volunteer soldiers, provided they were paid for by the United States Government. After consideration, it was voted to afford accommodation to as many as possible, up to the number of 100 patients.

The Medical Committee reported favorably upon the request of Dr. Ernest E. Doble for an extension of absence from the Out-Patient Department, and, in accordance with such recommendation, extension of absence was voted.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE,

Secretary pro tempore.

Overseeing of Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held August 3, 1898, at 3 P.M.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Miss Rogers, Mrs. Wolcott, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Kerrigan, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Humphreys, Miss O'Brien, Mr. Sproules and Dr. Campbell.

The following votes were taken:

Voted, To draw on the city treasury for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-rolls.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending July 10, 1898.

Circular No. 43 from His Honor the Mayor, calling attention to the provision of law with regard to the use of standard ink, was read. The Chairman stated that the ink is now used as required by law.

The report of the Quarterly Conference with the Institutions Trustees, held June 29, 1898, was received and placed on file.

Voted, That Mr. E. C. Marshall, Acting-Registrar, be and hereby is authorized to sign as agent for the Overseers of the Poor, notices to the State Board of Lunacy and Charity required by the provisions of Chapter 86, Section 25, Public Statutes, for such sick State poor as may be in charge of the Pauper Institutions Trustees.

Voted, That Mr. E. C. Marshall, Acting-Registrar, be and hereby is authorized to

sign as agent for the Overseers of the Poor, notices to the Overseers of the Poor of cities and towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, required by the provisions of Chapter 84, Section 28, Public Statutes, for such persons in distress and in need of immediate relief, whose lawful settlement is claimed in cities or towns other than the City of Boston.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of the Repairs Division, estimating the cost of repairing the fence in front of the Temporary Home at \$100.

Voted, That the committee in charge investigate the liability of the owner of the runaway horse which broke the fence.

A communication from the Engineer, with regard to needed repairs, was referred to Committee on Building, with full powers.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had examined the accounts for the months of June and July, and found them to be correct.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read by Miss Rogers, and was accepted and placed on file.

The monthly report of the Lodge and Woodyard was read by Mr. Humphreys, and was accepted and placed on file.

Dr. Stuart, for the Committee on Burials, spoke of the law of 1898 with regard to the disposition of bodies, and recommended that the act be referred to the committee, with the Chairman of the Board added.

Voted, That the recommendation of the committee be adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charlestown Medical Relief, it was voted: That the office of physician of this Board for the Charlestown District be abolished October 1, 1898; and that Dr. R. W. Sprague be notified that his services as such physician will be dispensed with from and after that date.

It was voted, on recommendation of the same committee: That on and after October 1, 1898, the visitor for the Charlestown District be authorized to employ a physician when sick cases in his charge are unable to go to a hospital or dispensary for treatment, on such terms as may be arranged by the committee; in the employment of physicians, Dr. Sprague to be given the preference.

It was also voted that the Medical Committee make regulations with regard to the employment of physicians by the visitor and overseer.

Voted, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to contract for delivery of fuel to the poor during the coming winter.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Health Department.

Old Court House, August 15, 1898.

At a meeting of the Board of Health, held August 5, it was voted to order the building, 108 Merrimac street, vacated preliminary to its removal.

On August 8, the Board of Health adjudged that the public health requires that the following-named private passageways be paved with stone, brick or asphalt, and it was voted to recommend the pavement of said passageways:

Oliver place, from 83 Essex street; the passageway rear of 627 to 635 Shawmut avenue, and 2 to 102 Sawyer street, and 3 to 109 Kendall street; Oxford place, from 24 Harrison avenue; the passageway from 23 Norman street; the passageway between Oliver street and Batterymarch street; Spear place, from 16 Pleasant street; Warrenton place, from 58 Warrenton street to Pleasant street.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables were granted:

John D. Morton, Brookledge street, three horses; Freedom V. Joy, Orange street, two horses; Charles C. Collins, Hampden street, fifty-eight horses; Cullen Brothers, Stedman street, eight horses.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for week ending August 12:

Steers	205
New England cows	11
New England bulls	1
Western bulls	5
Sheep	119
Calves	378
Total	719

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending August 13, 1898:

Five hundred and three pounds of immature veal; 765 pounds of tainted beef; 548 pounds of tainted poultry; 104 pounds of tainted pork; seventy pounds of tainted ducks; thirty pounds of tainted mutton; twenty-three crates, thirty barrels of melons; one barrel of pears; eight bushels of tomatoes; five bushels of cucumbers; sixty quarts of blackberries.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending August 13, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	5	9	14
Negative	6	4	10
No growth	1	0	1
Totals	12	13	25

Remarks: Typhoid diagnosis: one case; negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, August 8, 1898.

Statistics for week ending August 6, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	165	4
Females	29	0
Totals	194	4
Offences:		
Against the person	15	0
Against property	8	3
Against public order and decency	176	1
Totals	*199	4
Discharges:		
Males	177	9
Females	32	8
Totals	209	17

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence	135	17
Permit of Commissioner	44	0
Payment of fine	30	0
Totals	209	17

Population:

August 1, 1898	1,593	556
Committed since August 1, 1898	194	4
Totals	1,787	560

Discharged since Au-

gust 1, 1898	209	17
August 6, 1898	1,578	543

* Five men committed, with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, August 8, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department, for the week ending August 7:

OVERHEAD, DEAD WIRE AND INTERIOR DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	479
Defects reported	86
Defects corrected	79
Notices of new work received	92
Dead wire removed (feet)	15,200
Fixtures removed	18

Fire, August 3, Box 85, reported to be due to electrical causes, has been investigated, with the result that said fire was found to be due to causes other than those of an electrical nature.

Fire, August 4, Box 53, by electricity, as investigation showed was caused by workmen removing support, for Edison Company cables in Head place while excavating for new Masonic Temple site.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals for street openings have been granted, as follows:

Conduit construction	2
Building connections	15
Pole connections	1

Inspections made:

Conduit construction	10
Building connections	11
Lamp connections	2
Repairs	7
Cable drawings	21
Installation of underground transformers	6

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	3,820
Feet of duct laid	39,022
Feet of cable drawn in	12,647
Service connections	28
Manholes built	23

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment of New York City completed the budget for 1898 on August 22. Its amount is \$77,551,222 for the entire city.

The tax rate of the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, for 1898, as unanimously adopted by the Council and Board of Aldermen on August 23, is \$2.01 on \$100.

AMERICAN STREET RAILWAY ASSOCIATION.

The Seventeenth Annual Convention of the American Street Railway Association will be held in Boston, from September 6 to 9 inclusive. Papers upon various subjects relating to the operation of street railways will be read by members of the Association.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending August 20, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	27.7
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	21.3
Number of deaths:	
Males	158
Females	124
Total	282
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	212
Increase	70

Of the 282 decedents, 273 were white and 9 colored; 206 were born in the United States, 74 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of two was unknown; 55 were of American parentage, 203 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 24 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	27	2
Scarlatina	10	2
Typhoid fever	20	5
Measles	13	0
Totals	70	9

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	16
Pneumonia	12
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	18
Bronchitis	7
Maramus	18
Violent causes	13
Total from principal causes	85
Total from infectious diseases	9
Total from other causes	188
Total from all causes	282

Deaths of children under 1 year	128
Deaths of children under 5 years	149
Deaths of persons over 60 years	42
Deaths in public institutions	74

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 22, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building sewer work in Newburg street, West Roxbury District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Advertisements.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, August 29, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

READVERTISEMENT.

Boston, August 20, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 11,400 linear feet of sewer work in Temple and Perham streets, West Roxbury District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, August 26, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$1,500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. Persons desiring specifications must deposit the sum of \$5, which will be returned to all bidders, otherwise it will be forfeited to the City of Boston.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 18, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Nottingham street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Bowdoin avenue, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the first day of September, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 18, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Brook place and Clifton park, at Dorchester, be laid out, from Dudley street to Clifton street, as a highway, with the name of Rockford street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the first day of September, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for doing the plumbing and other work in the Dudley Grammar School, Dudley street, Roxbury, for the City of Boston.

A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$500 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract and plans may be seen and the proposals obtained at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, Room 30, Old Court House, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must fill out the amount of his proposal so obtained, sign it and leave it and a certified check for \$100 at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of August 30, 1898.

This check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

THOMAS F. STRANGE,

Chairman of the Committee on School-houses of the School Committee of said city.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 23, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the stream or water-course, at West Roxbury, known as the Franklin Park Brook, be located anew from Calder street to Blue Hill avenue, and that any parts of the original channel from which said water-course may be diverted between said points be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the seventh day of September, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD—SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

Boston, August 17, 1898.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, 3 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass., until 2.30 o'clock P.M., of Thursday, September 1, 1898, for constructing Sections 1 and 2 of the Clinton Sewerage System. Section 1 includes filter beds, covering about twenty-three and one-half acres, with carriers, under-drains and other appurtenances; also 1,180 linear feet of twenty-four inch sewer pipe leading to the beds. Section 2 includes about 5,400 feet of intercepting sewer, twenty, twenty-four and thirty inches in diameter, a masonry reservoir having a capacity of 600,000 gallons, the foundations for a pumping-station and an eighteen-inch cast iron force main about 2,290 feet long. Pamphlets containing further information for bidders, forms of proposal, contract and specifications will be mailed to contractors who apply to the Chief Engineer, or may be obtained at his office, 3 Mt. Vernon street, and at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, at Clinton, Mass. Plans may be seen at both these offices. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to accept the proposal deemed best for the Commonwealth. HENRY H. SPRAGUE, Chairman; WILMOT R. EVANS, HENRY P. WALCOTT, Metropolitan Water Board. FREDERICK P. STEARNS, Chief Engineer; WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 23, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners, in accordance with Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and amendments thereto, having passed orders for the laying-out and construction of the following highways:

SOUTH BOSTON.

Leeds street, Woodward street to Dorchester avenue.

WEST ROXBURY.

Forest Hills street, Washington street to Glen road. Spring street, Centre street to Gardner street.

DORCHESTER.

Homes avenue, Bowdoin street to Topliff street. Middleton street, from Norfolk street. Millet street, Park street to Athelwold street. Spencer street, Park street to Athelwold street. Stanley street, Quincy street to Bellevue street. Thane street, Park street to Athelwold street.

ROXBURY.

Amory street, School street to Bragdon street. Bragdon street, Columbus avenue to Amory street. Devon street, Blue Hill avenue to Columbia road. Francis street, Huntington avenue to Brookline avenue. Shirley street, Norfolk avenue to Massachusetts avenue.

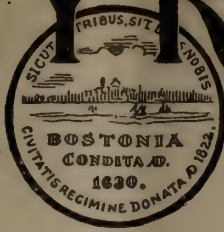
CITY PROPER.

Canal street. Notice is hereby given that the Street Department is about to do the work contemplated in said order, and that all work to be done in said highways by all persons or corporations having rights in the same to lay or repair either sewer, gas, water or other pipes must be done before Wednesday, September 14, 1898, as after that time no permits for openings will be granted until two years after said highways are completed.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

At its meeting held on Tuesday, August 30, the Board of Aldermen confirmed the appointment, by His Honor the Mayor, of Charles A. Horrigan, to be a constable, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

REPORT ON PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Hon. Nathan Matthews, jr., has submitted to the Boston Electric Light Company a report on public electric lighting in the cities of Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, together with a comparison between the conditions and prices obtaining in these cities and those obtaining in the City of Boston. The report has been printed, and constitutes Public Document No. 117. It accompanies the message of His Honor the Mayor to the City Council (see page 505) relative to the proposed extension of the existing contract for public lighting in the city. An abstract of the document follows:

The report shows at the outset the difficulties in the way of a comparison between the prices charged for public lights in one place and those charged in other places, inasmuch as the electric arc lamps, used for public lighting, vary as to the quantity of light emitted, and the hours of lighting are fixed differently in various places. The most practical and accurate method of comparison is to divide the towns and cities into groups, according to the general conditions of candle power and running time, and thus compare the prices paid by one town with the prices paid by other towns for similar service.

The present situation in the City of Boston is given in detail. The territory covered by the six companies doing business in this city, and the nature of the operations of each, are shown in general, and the field covered by the Boston Electric Light Company is more particularly indicated.

Mention is made that while the company enjoys, theoretically, at least, the protection given under Chapter 314 of the Acts of 1885 concerning competition, it derives little practical help from it, because Boston happens to be the only large city in the State where there are two companies, each competing with the other for commercial business and dividing it between them. The Edison Company procured its franchise just prior to the passage of the above-mentioned act, and is now doing two-thirds of the commercial business in the territory in question.

The acts of the Legislature of 1894 and 1898, relative to placing wires underground, impose an added obligation on the company. There has already been expended in compliance with the conditions of the first-named act, \$800,000, and at the end of the ten-year period 70 per cent. of the company's wires shall have been placed underground, at a total cost of from \$1,300,000 to \$1,500,000. In connection with this, it is pointed out that on account of the narrowness and crookedness of the streets the cost of laying underground conduits is greater in this city than anywhere else.

The report gives in much detail a summary of the earnings and expenses of the Boston Electric Light Company, together with the amounts paid for coal, water, insurance and taxes, and concludes by reviewing the service performed for the city as to number of lights furnished, annual cost per light, and area covered.

In a similar manner the conditions obtaining at Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York are set forth at length, concluding with the following summary:

City.	Price per light per annum, corrected for conditions existing in Boston.
Boston (average price)	\$127 25
Detroit Municipal Plant (on commercial basis)	134 57
Chicago Municipal Plant (on commercial basis)	154 80
Chicago Company (underground contract)	129 20
Chicago Company (overhead contract),	128 43
St. Louis	103 57
Cincinnati	110 89
Baltimore street lights	154 08
Baltimore park lights	122 66
Philadelphia (average price)	143 33
New York	139 80

After stating certain conclusions, the report says:

That the terms proposed by the Boston Electric Light Company are, taking into account the differences in local conditions that cannot be represented in dollars and cents as well as those which can be thus represented, probably as low as (and perhaps lower than) the price charged by any company in any of the cities named that has taken a contract upon a fair commercial basis, and is rendering a service as good as that of the Boston company.

In view of all the circumstances of the case it is suggested that the company make to the city the following propositions:

1. To renew the contract, and furnish the new poles and lamps, with a proviso that for every increase of 250 in the number of lights the price should be reduced by one-half a cent per night, until the sum of thirty cents per night is reached. The sliding scale thus suggested would be as follows:

Number of lights.	Price per night.	Price per annum.
2,500	\$0.35	\$127 75
2,750	0.34½	125 92
3,000	0.34	124 10
3,250	0.33½	122 27
3,500	0.33	120 45
3,750	0.32½	118 62
4,000	0.32	116 80
4,250	0.31½	114 97
4,500	0.31	113 15
4,750	0.30½	111 32
5,000	0.30	109 50

The park lights to be one cent less per night.

2. To provide that at intervals of three years the city may, if it sees fit, have the price arbitrated through a commission of three persons to be selected—one by each party and the third by the two persons thus selected; the basis of the arbitration to be the cost of production, plus equitable allowances, agreed to in advance, for depreciation and profit.

REPRESENTATION AT BRISTOL, ENGLAND.

The following correspondence has passed between His Honor the Mayor and the local authorities in charge of the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science at Bristol, England:

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

Bristol Meeting, September 7-14, 1898.

Bristol, April 1, 1898.

HIS HONOR JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor of Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

DEAR SIR: We are requested by the Local Executive Committee, and on behalf of the citizens generally, to send you a cordial invitation to attend the meeting of the British Association arranged to be held here in September next, from the seventh to the fourteenth.

In doing so, we need hardly remind you of the close connection which has existed between Bristol and North America ever since Cabot landed on the Western continent.

Last year this city sent representatives in the persons of two ex-mayors to Halifax to take part in the proceedings held under the auspices of the Royal Society of Canada and the inauguration there of the Cabot Memorial; on the same day in Bristol the foundation stone of the Cabot Tower, as a Bristol memorial, was laid here by the Most Honorable the Marquis of Dufferin, K. P., and it has been arranged that this tower, which is now approaching completion, shall be opened on September 6 so as to give those attending the meeting of the British Association an opportunity of being present. Lord Dufferin has kindly consented to perform this ceremony also.

We may add that, entirely apart from this particular function, the local committee above referred to will spare no pains to make the visit of the British Association to our city a successful and pleasant one, and as they particularly wish to draw closer the bonds which unite the citizens of Bristol to the great Republic, we trust that you or some member of your Council will accept this invitation, in which case the local committee will be glad to welcome you as their guest.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR LEE,

BERTRAM M. H. ROGERS,

Local Honorary Secretaries.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

Bristol Meeting, September 7-14, 1898.

Bristol, May 9, 1898.

HIS HONOR JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor of Boston, U.S.A.

DEAR SIR: I am greatly obliged by receipt of your letter of the twenty-ninth, and regret exceedingly that the nature of your official duties, particularly during the time when the United States is at war, may prevent you from accepting our invitation to come to Bristol in September next. I

trust, however, that if you are unable to come yourself, that we may yet hope to have your city represented in some way or other.

When September comes, the war, I sincerely trust, may be of the past, and that then it may be only left to this country and to yours, so closely allied in race, to draw yet closer together in defence of our common interests, of which the greatest of all is an honorable peace. I hope by then it may be clearly seen that the interests of both nations are identical. Neither wish for territorial aggrandizement, but it is of consequence to both, to keep the doors open to the markets of the world.

I am sure that all our citizens will warmly appreciate the courtesy of Boston if your city is represented here next September. The new line of steamers trading between your port and ours is, we trust, but the forerunner of a great passenger traffic which will make Bristol and Boston worthy competitors, in this particular matter, with New York and Liverpool. It is to Boston we look for a great extension of trans-Atlantic trade, and I sincerely trust we may have some representative of your city here when the question of how best to extend that trade is discussed.

Very respectfully yours,

ARTHUR LEE,

Local Honorary Secretary.

In response to the above invitation, His Honor the Mayor has appointed Hon. John W. Candler as the representative of the City of Boston, on the occasion of the dedication of the Cabot Memorial Tower in Bristol.

SCHOOL YARDS FOR PLAYGROUNDS.

The following report in the matter of opening school yards for playgrounds has been made to His Honor the Mayor by the Acting-Superintendent of Public Buildings:

Boston, August 10, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In accordance with your instructions, I herewith report the progress being made in the matter of opening some of the city school yards as playgrounds for children. The necessary permission to open these yards was secured from the Committee on Schools and School-houses of the School Committee on Wednesday, July 27. The next morning, at 10 o'clock, fourteen school yards were thrown open, and several days later other yards were opened, making the total at the present time nineteen.

From the expressions of opinion which come daily to this Department, other yards could be opened; but, as the outdoor summer season is almost at an end, it was thought best to keep the yards open within reasonable limits. In the next summer, it would be feasible to open at least a dozen more yards in various parts of the city. There is a public demand for such action, and, from present evidence, there is no matter in which the mothers and guardians show greater interest. Many of the poor women in the tenement districts who are compelled to work to support their little families, find

the school yards of great convenience. As several of them have written to this Department, they now feel that they can go away certain hours of the day with the knowledge that their children are in good hands.

The age of the children who visit these yards is from twelve months to fourteen years. Occasionally older boys appear in the yard, but the number has greatly decreased of late. The older boys at the start attempted to create trouble, but through orders from the Superintendent of Police to the officers of the route, valuable assistance was given to the matrons. At the present time there is very little friction, the matrons having matters well in hand.

The yards are open from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., weather permitting. In some localities, notably in the tenement districts, this Department has been able to open the basements of the school in inclement weather. The largest attendance at the school yards is in the North and West Ends and the South Boston Districts. At the Hancock School, North End, on a daily average, more than 300 children are cared for by the matron and her assistant. The average per school is in excess of 101 children per day. From 2,500 to 3,000 children have been cared for per day. Occasionally this figure has grown smaller, and, in a few instances, more than 3,500 children have enjoyed the run of the yards. This Department, in accordance with the instructions of Your Honor, has provided the matrons with sand-buckets, shovels, skipping-ropes, tenpins, base balls, and other games, for the use of the children. These are given to the children in the morning and they give them back to the matrons at closing time. The loss of articles, even in the most thickly populated yards, has been very slight.

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN DROHAN,

Acting-Superintendent of Public Buildings.

LABOR DAY PARADE.

The sum of \$1,500, which has been appropriated by the City of Boston toward the observance of Labor Day, Monday, September 5, will be divided as follows:

\$500 to the New England Amateur Rowing Association.

\$333.33 to the Building Trades.

\$333.33 to the Knights of Labor.

\$333.33 to the Central Labor Union.

By an order passed by the Board of Aldermen, on July 11, the following-named streets will be closed during the annual parade of the labor organizations:

For the formation—Albany and Swett streets and Massachusetts avenue.

For the parade—Massachusetts avenue, to Harrison avenue, to Eustis street, to Washington street, to Roxbury street, to Linden Park street, to Tremont street, to Dedham street, to Washington street, to School street, to Beacon street, to Charles street.

The Municipal Art Society of New York has instituted a competition, with substantial prizes, for the design of a flagstaff to be erected in front of the City Hall.

**RESULT OF FINAL EXHIBITION
IN SWIMMING.**

Following are the names of the successful contestants, to whom prizes were awarded, in the final swimming exhibition which was held at North End Park on Saturday afternoon, August 27. The prizes were of gold, silver and bronze, and were competed for by this year's pupils who had taken first and second prizes in the local exhibitions which had been held during the preceding five days:

GIRLS.**Graceful Swimming:**

Bessie Anderson, South Boston.
Katie Doody, Dorchester.
Carrie Sanders, East Boston.

Twenty-yards Dash:

May Devlin, South Boston.
Wera Allen, West End District.
M. J. Gilmartie, West End District.

Swimming on Back:

Mary Fallon, Dorchester.
Mary MacGourey, North End District.
Mary Brandberg, South Boston.

Standing Dive:

Agnes McElroy, South Boston.
Mary Dwyer, North End District.
C. Mariman, South End District.

Running Dive:

Mary Cook, North End District.
Mary Higgins, North End District.
Agnes McElroy, South Boston.

Swimming under Water:

Sadie O'Brien, South End District.
M. Croak, Roxbury.
Lizzie Doherty, North End District.

Floating:

Rapheallo Rossi, North End District.
Mary Brandberg, West End District.
A. Brady, South Boston.

BOYS.**Graceful Swimming:**

Samuel Hyams, South Boston.
John Sullivan, Warren Bridge District.
James Quinn, North End District.

Twenty-yards Dash:

Richard Foley, Warren Bridge District.
Daniel Hurley, Charlestown.
Frank Roue, Charlestown.

Swimming on Back:

W. J. Toland, Charlestown.
Henry Monks, South Boston.
James Goss, Dorchester.

Standing Dive:

A. May, Dorchester.
Master Wanberg, Dorchester.
L. Dwyer, South Boston.

Running Dive:

J. Morgan, South End District.
James Quinn, North End District.
W. Linton, South Boston.

Swimming under Water:

A. Driscoll, Warren Bridge District.
Frank Amenn, Charlestown.
R. Glynn, Dorchester.

Floating:

J. McIntire, Warren Bridge District.
J. Calahan, Dorchester.
M. Aranson, South End District.

Between 6,000 and 7,000 people witnessed the final exhibition. The swimming schools will conclude their work on Saturday, September 3, 1898,

ACTION OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on Monday, August 29, to take action on the death of soldiers of the Ninth Massachusetts Regiment, Alderman Charles offered the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen has learned with deep sorrow of the death, by disease contracted in the military service of the country in Cuba, of Major Patrick J. Grady, Major Michael J. O'Connor, Corporal Joseph D. Lane and Private Francis W. Carey, of the Ninth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, citizens of this city;

Resolved, That, as a mark of public respect for our late fellow-citizens, and of appreciation of the heroism which led them to sacrifice their lives in the nation's service, the Board of Aldermen attend in a body the funerals of the deceased, and send a suitable floral piece;

Resolved, That, in view of the fact that the late Corporal Lane was an official of the city, temporarily leaving its service to join the army, this Board expresses its sense of the loss which the city has sustained by his death, and offers its respectful condolences to his family;

Resolved, That engrossed copies of these resolutions be sent to the families of the deceased.

ACTION OF COMMON COUNCIL.

At its meeting held Tuesday evening, August 30, the following resolutions concerning the death of soldiers of the Ninth Massachusetts Regiment, offered by Councilman Hickey, were unanimously passed by a rising vote of the Common Council:

Whereas, Major Patrick J. Grady, Major Michael O'Connor, Corporal Joseph D. Lane and Privates Francis W. Carey and Michael M. Burke have, in accordance with the decree of Almighty God, died in the service of our country; and

Whereas, Their beautiful example of bravery and devotion to the flag of their country shall live forever, and prove an inspiring incentive to those of future generations; be it

Resolved, That the Common Council of Boston, in meeting assembled, still bowing humbly to the workings of the Creator, deeply deplore the sad and untimely ending of these brave men whose loyalty, bravery and heroism made them shining marks for the angel of death; and be it further

Resolved, That the Common Council of Boston hereby tenders its sincerest sympathy to the relatives and friends of the deceased.

CLOSING OF SCHOOL YARDS.

The school yards of the city will be closed on September 1, in order to do the necessary cleaning preparatory to the opening of the public schools September 6.

**RESOLUTIONS OF BOARD OF
ALDERMEN.**

At its meeting held on August 30, the following resolutions regarding returning soldiers and sailors of the United States, offered by Alderman Paige, were passed by the Board of Aldermen under a suspension of the rule:

Whereas, citizens of this city and Commonwealth, who patriotically volunteered to serve the United States Government as soldiers and sailors in the war with Spain, and because of their exceptional efficiency were ordered to and did participate in the campaign for the capture of Santiago de Cuba and Porto Rico, are now returning or about to return to our city with ranks broken by Spanish bullets, or the more deadly tropical diseases, and with health impaired by almost incredible privation and exposure to every hardship, and are reported to be in need of medical attendance, wholesome and nourishing food, and healthful places of rest and recreation, and

Whereas, our said citizen-soldiers and sailors so gallantly conducted themselves in battle, and so bravely and patiently endured the hardship and suffering incidental to a military campaign in midsummer in a climate rank with pestilence, as to achieve for themselves undying glory, and to reflect upon our city and Commonwealth unexcelled credit and honor, and

Whereas, the most that can be done for these brave men by the City of Boston will but slightly express the gratitude and admiration of our citizens; therefore be it

Resolved: First—That the City of Boston extend, and it hereby does extend, its profound thanks to those of its patriotic citizens, who, in the service of the United States, have so faithfully and so fearlessly represented this city and Commonwealth, and so splendidly and completely sustained the high reputation of the soldiers and sailors of Massachusetts.

Second—That His Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to extend to all returning soldiers and sailors, the hospitality and freedom of the city; that he place at their disposal, if they shall be needed, all the hospital facilities of the city, and such of the city buildings as may be useful for places of shelter, or of rest and recreation; to provide comfortable and ample means of transportation from the cars, or other landing places, to their respective destinations, and to, in any emergency that may arise, do for said soldiers and sailors on behalf of the city, whatever may be demanded for their health, comfort and refreshment.

Third—That His Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to extend such courtesies and assistance as in his judgment may seem best, to the soldiers and sailors of other States, and to those of the regular army and navy who are passing through or are detained in our city.

Fourth—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to carry out the foregoing resolutions.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, August 30, 1898, at 3 o'clock, Chairman Conry presiding. Absent, Aldermen Charles and Dyar.

Appointment by the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City Hall, August 30, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, John Drohan, to be Superintendent of Public Buildings, for the term ending April 30, 1899, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Colonel Fred. B. Bogan.

In making this nomination, I think it proper to state that I shall later recommend that the Repairs Division of the Public Buildings Department be made an independent department by itself, and when such change has been made it may be proper to fix the salary of the Superintendent of Public Buildings at a somewhat lower sum than it now stands at.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

The following messages were received:

Provision for Sick and Wounded Soldiers.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City Hall, August 27, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have felt entirely warranted in proceeding, without an express vote of the City Council, which could not very well be obtained in the summer vacation, to authorize the City Hospital and other departments to make the necessary arrangements for caring for such sick and wounded soldiers as might require hospital treatment in this city. The City Hospital has already received sixty-eight cases, and in view of the expected arrival here of the hospital ship "Bay State," and perhaps of other vessels, bringing sick and wounded soldiers, I have authorized the City Hospital Trustees to make certain expenditures which have enlarged the temporary accommodations which could be provided, by about 135 beds. The Trustees for Paupers have arranged to take care of over 100 additional patients at the Long Island Hospital, and a considerable additional number can be accommodated at Deer Island, if necessary.

I now desire to ask the City Council to pass the accompanying order, so that all

expenditures necessary on this account may be specifically authorized. There does not seem to be any proper account to charge these expenses to, as many of the soldiers are not citizens of Boston, except to the incidental expenses of the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to incur such expenses as may be necessary to provide for the temporary care of sick and wounded soldiers by the hospitals or departments of the city, and that the expense of the same be charged to City Council, incidental expenses.

The message was sent up, and the order was passed.

Location of Tracks on Atlantic Avenue.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 30, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith, in order that they may be placed on file and become a matter of record, a set of plans showing the location granted by me to the West End Street Railway Company for double tracks and curves of the said company on Atlantic avenue, from north of Summer street to Kneeland street, and on Summer street, from Federal street to east of Atlantic avenue; the said location being granted under authority of Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1896.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Special Loan Appropriation for Baths Department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 27, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I am obliged again to ask for certain special loan appropriations to reimburse the Baths Department for expenditures made, on construction account, in placing the various bathing establishments in proper condition to meet the wants, and serve the convenience of the public, and for furnishing and equipping the same. While the growth of the work of this new Department has been rapid, necessarily involving considerable expenditures, yet the facilities furnished have been carefully increased, and have constantly been behind the actually demonstrated requirements of the public, rather than in advance of them. The new policy of the city in respect to baths, while it has been a liberal one compared with what has been done in the past, has been adopted cautiously, and it has only been, as a large public patronage of the various baths has been assured, that the expenditures necessary to continue to provide prop-

erly for it have been made. The attendance at every new bath-house which has been opened has fully justified its establishment.

In view of the nearly unanimous approval which was given by the Common Council at its meeting on July 14 to the loan order appropriating \$11,000 additional to the Baths Department, I felt justified, in spite of the fact that the attendance at this meeting was not sufficient to enable the necessary two-thirds vote to be obtained, in directing the Bath Commission to continue its work—a \$5,000 transfer from the reserved fund being later authorized by the Finance Committee to enable it to do so, rather than curtail, in the middle of the season, privileges which were so largely used, and so highly appreciated, by so many people.

I now earnestly recommend the immediate passage of the accompanying loan order for the sum of \$13,700 in place of the order above referred to, which is still pending, to provide for special expenditures which have been made. The first five items specified in the order have not heretofore been provided for by special appropriations, as they should have been; the last three items represent deficiencies necessarily incurred in properly completing the work for which some special appropriation had been made, but which had proved insufficient to meet the public demands.

I further find it necessary to recommend the passage of another order providing the additional sum of \$15,000, to provide for further general expenditures made or incurred in connection with additions to, improvements upon, and the furnishing and equipment of, various bathing establishments. These charges do not properly fall under the head of annual maintenance, though they have been temporarily met out of the regular appropriation, and if the baths are to be kept open any longer, it is necessary that the whole maintenance appropriation of \$35,000 should be available for pay-rolls and other strictly current expenditures, which can only be effected by making this provision for all expenditures of a different nature.

A transfer of \$12,000 from the reserved fund, in addition to the transfer of \$5,000 from the same fund above mentioned, has just been authorized by the Finance Committee, to enable the Baths Department to meet pressing financial demands, so that the sum of \$17,000 in all must be returned to the reserved fund, and it is important that this should be done at once, as the fund is now very low.

It should be remembered that a very large proportion of the expenditure made this year will not be necessary another year, and that the expense of maintaining during the next season the full number of bathing establish-

ments now open can probably be met out of an appropriation no greater than that of this year, namely, \$35,000, if it is not thought best to increase it. If the cost of the baths given is measured by the pay-rolls for attendants it is very low—not more than a cent and a half for each bather. It is estimated that over 2,000,000 baths had been taken up to August 21.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Board in charge of the Department of Baths be authorized to expend the additional sum of \$13,700 for additions to, and improvements upon, the bath-houses and bathing establishments under its charge, and for completion of new floating bath-house, according to the following items, namely:

Men's bath-house, L street, South Boston	\$3,400
Women's bath-house, K street, South Boston	2,000
Commercial Point bath-house, Dorchester	1,200
Malden bridge, floating-bath	1,400
Harvard bridge, floating-bath	600
Orchard park swimming-pool, additional	1,700
Spring-street bath, West Roxbury, additional	900
Cabot-street bath-house, additional	1,200
New floating bath-house	1,300
Total	\$13,700

and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount.

Ordered, That the Board in charge of the Department of Baths be authorized to expend the additional sum of \$15,000 to meet the expense of additions to, and improvements upon, the bath-houses and bathing establishments under its charge, and of equipment and furnishings for the same, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to the said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Return of Advances to Reserved Fund.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 27, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

At the suggestion of the Auditor, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order providing for the return to the reserved fund of amounts temporarily advanced from such fund to any department. There is no general provision at present authorizing the return of money to the reserved fund, and specific authority is therefore required in order to enable the Baths Department to return the amount which it has already received from this fund, and as similar cases may arise in future, the authority is asked for in a general form.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to re-transfer from the appropriation for any department, to the general treasury, any amount which may have been previously credited from the said treasury within the financial year, and to credit the same to the appropriation for the reserved fund.

The message was sent down and the order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Public Lighting Contract.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 29, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith, for your information, and for the purpose of placing the same upon record (1) a letter addressed to me under date of July 1 of this year by the President of the Boston Electric Light Company; (2) a report on the comparative cost of public lighting in Boston and certain other cities, made to this company by ex-Mayor Matthews, as its special counsel, and furnished to me by the company, and (3) a copy of an agreement for the extension of the existing contract between this company and the city which has been this day executed. In view of the importance of the subject of electric lighting, and the desirability of having the facts collected by Mr. Matthews in an accessible form, I suggest that his report be published as a City Document, together with the new agreement.

While I was reluctant to take up the matter of renewing the contract between the city and the Boston Electric Light Company so many months in advance of its expiration, I recognized the importance of having the equipment of the new electric light station at South Boston designed with reference to the kind of lights to be furnished after the expiration of the present contract. I took up the subject of the electric lighting of our streets and parks and its reasonable cost with an open mind, and with no fixed views as to the relative economy and advantage of having such lights furnished by the city itself, from a municipal plant, or by a private company. My attitude upon the general question of the extension of municipal functions and public ownership is such that I have at least had no prejudice whatever against the proposition, which has been somewhat doubtfully advanced from time to time, that the city should avail itself of the authority given it by law, under certain conditions, to do its own public lighting.

It has seemed to me that the question was purely one of relative economy, quality of service of course being taken into account, and that the city should not, on the one hand, be afraid to undertake its own electric lighting, if there seemed to be a decided

pecuniary advantage in doing so, nor should it, on the other hand, be led to abandon contract arrangements for lighting upon any merely sentimental or theoretical grounds in favor of the direct municipal administration of this important branch of public service. I have not, indeed, felt that there was much likelihood under the present law that two successive City Councils would commit the city to the ownership of its own electric light plant by the required two-thirds vote, and that such action would then be ratified by the people, unless after a very clear demonstration of a decided pecuniary gain—particularly in view of the very large and somewhat uncertain financial liability, amounting to at least eight or ten millions of dollars, which would be incurred by the city in respect to the compulsory purchase of existing electric light plants; but I still desired to secure all pertinent information, and to give all due weight to evidence in favor of the policy of direct municipal lighting, particularly in view of its adoption by one or two large cities. I had also decided that whether there was any available alternative or not, and under the present laws and the decisions of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners competition by a new company is practically out of the question, I would not take the responsibility of renewing the contract with the Boston Electric Light Company unless satisfied that the rates to be charged were fair and reasonable, as the contract could be allowed to run along without renewal for any definite period.

The collection of comparative information as to the cost of electric light in other cities was undertaken by the Boston Electric Light Company at my suggestion, and ex-Mayor Matthews was selected, with my approval, as a thoroughly competent person to make such investigation; while his work was performed as special counsel for the company, I believe that it has been done carefully and conscientiously, as well as ably, and the facts and figures presented by him in his report speak for themselves.

After carefully considering its contents myself, the City Engineer went through it at my request, and reported to me that from independent investigations of his own he saw no reason to doubt the correctness of the facts stated, or to question the conclusions.

The claim made by the company that it was doing, and was willing to continue to do, the electric lighting of the city upon terms which yielded no more than a reasonable return upon capital actually invested, led me to endeavor to embody in the extension of the contract certain new provisions and conditions, with the view of establishing somewhat novel working relations

between the city and the company. Under the old contract the two parties in interest dealt with each other at arm's length, and there was no relation between them except the ordinary one between the two parties to such a contract,—a defined service to be rendered at a fixed price, regardless of the profits which such price might yield to the contractor; under the new agreement the company accepts the position, so far as its public lighting business goes, of an agency through which the city secures the electric lighting of its streets and parks. While the present price is left as a fair one to start with for the present number of lights, not only is a material reduction in the cost of lights provided for on a sliding scale, as the number increases, but there is a further provision enabling the city to have the price revised by arbitration every two and a half years, so that it shall not yield to the company, after it has met that portion of its operating expenses and depreciation account properly chargeable to its public lighting business, more than the actual return, not exceeding 6 per cent. in any event, which it pays upon the capital invested in its business, whether raised from the sale of capital stock or of bonds; if the company pays a larger dividend than 6 per cent. during the term of this agreement it will therefore have to come entirely from its profits on private lighting.

It seemed to me proper that a contract upon this basis should run for a considerable term, in order that the city might realize the benefits of a definite settlement of policy for a reasonable period of time, and of the fullest improvement in the service to be rendered, which can only be secured upon such a basis. The extension, therefore, is made for the period of ten years, from February 20 next, subject, of course, to the making of the necessary appropriations each year, and subject to the further important condition that the price shall be fixed by arbitration, on the basis above stated, at the end of five years, and that it may be so re-adjusted at the end of two and a half years, and again at the end of seven and a half years. Any City Council has the legal power to annul the contract, if future conditions should seem to call for such a step, by declining to make the necessary appropriation for paying for the electric lighting to be furnished, but I have no apprehension that any grounds will be found during the term for taking such a step. It will be noticed that, while the result of the arbitration may be to reduce the price, it cannot in any event increase the price as last fixed.

The arbitration provided for in this agreement is of a somewhat unusual character, in that the matters to be inquired into are definitely specified, and are capable of being

exactly ascertained, thus making the work of the arbitrators largely that of auditing accounts. The chief difficulty that presented itself in connection with such arbitration was that of fairly apportioning the expenses of the company between its public and private business. This object has been accomplished in the simplest possible manner by providing for the measurement, under the supervision of the City Engineer, of the amount of the electrical output for private and public business respectively; while such measurement is not now made by the company, and is as yet somewhat unusual, it is now perfectly practicable with modern methods to make it with exactness, and this affords not only the simplest, but, on the whole, the fairest method of determining the proportion of capital invested, operating expenses and depreciation which should be charged to the public lighting account.

This basis, to be sure, assumes that the expense of distributing electricity, maintaining lamps, etc., as between public and private lighting, is proportionally the same as for manufacturing it; while this may not be exactly correct, it seems nearly enough so for practical purposes, and it is at least reasonably fair to the city, as the expense of distributing electricity for public lights, owing to the wide territory over which they are extended, must be greater than that of distributing it for commercial and domestic lighting, which is relatively much more concentrated.

In respect to depreciation, the agreement provides for allowing the company to charge off, as against the city, such depreciation as it actually provides for, but not exceeding 7 per cent. on its total investment, exclusive of land. This limit was fixed after careful consideration, and in the opinion of the City Engineer it represents no more than a proper allowance for this purpose. The company has not in fact been able in the past to set aside as large a percentage as this to cover depreciation of its plant, and may not be able to do so in the future; but the principle of providing for the depreciation of a plant which deteriorates or becomes obsolete as rapidly as an electric light plant does is the only proper one, and it seemed to me that sound public policy required the city to provide for a sufficient allowance for depreciation, rather than to ignore this necessary element of cost, as is too often done, with the result of compelling an unnecessary and unwarrantable increase in capitalization, tending to prevent the reductions in price which should naturally occur with the increase of business.

Article 4 of the new agreement contains a provision which seems to me of such importance for the protection of the city that I should have been unwilling to make

the extension without it. It practically compels the company to adopt such improved methods and apparatus as may in future be anywhere put into successful use, as the arbitrators are, in fixing the price, to allow, in favor of the city, for any saving which could be effected by the use of such method or apparatus if it were adopted. The city, therefore, should be able to obtain every two and a half years the benefit of any cheapening which may occur in the cost of electric lighting.

An additional inducement for the making of this agreement with the Boston Electric Light Company, and by no means an unimportant one to the city, is the provision which it contains for the substitution throughout the city of the new enclosed arc lamp for the present open arcs, and for the substitution of properly insulated wooden poles, from which the lamp is suspended by a goose-neck, for the present iron poles having the lamp on top. The decided advantages of the enclosed arc lamp over the open arc have now been fully demonstrated in practice, and are recognized by the highest authorities. The light is distributed to a greater distance and is free from the conditions which cause interruption in the service of open arcs, particularly in severe storms, and which require frequent inspection and renewal of carbons.

The perfecting of this lamp marks a decided advance in the art of electric lighting, and Boston will be the first city to be equipped with it, thus affording our citizens a service which will be superior to any in the world, allowing for the limited number of lights which we maintain. The assumption by the company of the burden of removing the present iron poles and substituting for them wooden ones of modern construction, relieves the city of what has been for some time a serious embarrassment, if not a dangerous liability, arising from its failure to carry out the provisions of Chapter 228 of the Acts of 1895, requiring the use of properly insulated poles. A number of fatal accidents have occurred solely through the use of these iron poles, and the adoption of the new poles will at least very greatly diminish their possibility.

The modern development of outdoor electric lighting has had a great influence upon large cities, and if only from the standpoint of the increased security of life and property and better assurance of public order which it affords, it is now entitled to rank as a very important agency in the progress of municipal civilization. I believe that the citizens of Boston fully appreciate the importance of a first-class electric lighting service, and are willing to pay a reasonable price in order to secure it. I have every confidence that the workings of the present

agreement will be found satisfactory, that the stability which it gives to the relations between the company and the city will prove beneficial to both, and that under it our public electric lighting will be furnished at least as cheaply as it could be through any other arrangement.

The agreement was carefully examined and approved as to form by the City Solicitor before its execution, and he also advised me that I had full power to enter into it on behalf of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(1.)

BOSTON ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY.

Boston, Mass., July 1, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor of the City of Boston.

DEAR SIR: I beg to call your attention to the following facts in relation to the public electric lighting:

The Boston Electric Light Company is building a new and very much enlarged power station in South Boston, from which it intends to do all of its business, abandoning the present stations, except in East Boston. This new station will be equipped with entirely new machinery of the latest pattern. If the present type of lamps used for public lighting is to be retained for the city lighting, new dynamos, wound for the production of such lights, must at once be ordered. If, on the contrary, the new enclosed arc lamps of the company, such as are now in use on Arlington street are to be used for the city lighting, dynamos of a different type must be ordered immediately. In either event, the time for manufacturing this new machinery, so that it may be put in use when the new station is ready, is very short, and orders for one type or the other ought to be given forthwith.

This company has also perfected and is prepared to furnish new wooden lamp-posts, in place of the iron lamp-posts now in use by the city. The use of iron posts is dangerous and objectionable, and is practically in violation of the existing law upon that subject. If the city desires the substitution of wooden for iron lamp-posts, it will take some time to get them ready, although the new lamps could be used on the old posts, if necessary.

The new lamp has been thoroughly tested, and is far superior to any now in use in illuminating qualities for street purposes, and the general appearance of the new pole and lamp can be observed any evening on Arlington street, where a few of them are now in use.

I, therefore, beg leave to submit the following proposition for your immediate consideration: That this company shall, without expense to the city, replace the present iron electric light poles with new wooden electric light poles, with ornamental iron tops, substantially like those now in use on Arlington street; and replace all of the present 2,365 open arc, nominal 2,000 candle power lights furnished to the city with the company's new enclosed arc lamp, with porcelain-lined

reflectors, substantially like those now in use on Arlington street, in consideration of an extension for a term of years of the existing contract between the company and the city, dated February 20, 1894.

As it will not be economical for the company to continue to use its old stations after the new station is ready, and as new machinery will be ordered for either type of lamp which the city decides to use, you will readily see that the company must have very early notice of the position of the city as to whether it desires to continue the use of the present iron posts and open arc lamps, or desires to substitute therefor the company's new wooden poles and enclosed arc lamps.

It is perhaps unnecessary to add that if it is decided now that the old lamps shall be used until the end of the present contract, the company would not be willing to substitute new machinery necessary for the new lamps, for the new machinery which would already have been ordered and put into use for the old lamps.

Requesting an early reply, I remain

Yours respectfully,

F. A. GILBERT, President.

(2.)

[For a brief abstract of the report of ex-Mayor Matthews, alluded to by Mayor Quincy in the first paragraph of his message, see THE CITY RECORD, page 501.]

(3.)

AGREEMENT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOSTON ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY AND THE CITY OF BOSTON.

It is hereby agreed, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, that the contract now existing between the Boston Electric Light Company and the City of Boston, dated February 20, 1894, shall be and hereby is extended, subject to appropriations from year to year, for the term of ten years from and after February 20, 1899, and thereafter until a new agreement is made or until the expiration of six months after notice in writing by either party of its election to terminate the contract, which notice may be given at any time after nine (9) years and six (6) months from February 20, 1899, upon the following terms and conditions, namely:

First—Said company shall, immediately upon the execution of this instrument, apply to the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston and the Board of Park Commissioners of said city for the grant to said company of the necessary locations, and, upon receiving such grant, shall forthwith set and connect in the streets and parks of the city, without any charge or expense to the city, two thousand three hundred and sixty-five (2,365) wooden lamp-poles belonging to the company, with ornamental iron tops and porcelain-lined reflectors, substantially of the same size, style, and kind as those now erected and in use on Arlington street, and to be shown on plans and specifications to be signed by the parties hereto and then attached to this instrument. Said new poles shall be set substantially in the same locations in the public streets and parks as those

now occupied by the iron lamp-posts belonging to the city, which latter posts shall, when the new posts are ready for setting, be removed by the company, which shall keep an account of the expense of the removal and handling of said posts, and shall, if practicable, sell the same, at the best price obtainable, accounting to the city for any surplus realized over and above such expense; but said locations may be varied so far as may be necessary to secure a better and more uniform distribution of the light in any given locality. All locations in the public streets shall be approved by the Superintendent of Lamps before application for such locations is made to the Board of Aldermen; and all locations in the public parks shall be approved by the Board of Park Commissioners; but the company shall, from time to time, apply to the Board of Aldermen for such locations (less than all) in the public streets as shall then have been approved by said Superintendent.

The company further agrees to set and connect, without charge or expense to the city, similar wooden lamp-poles with ornamental iron tops and porcelain-lined reflectors for all city arc lamps in addition to the present number of two thousand three hundred and sixty-five (2,365) which may be ordered by the city during the term of this agreement, and to place the same in such locations in the streets, ways, squares and public places in any part of the city as may be required by the Superintendent of Lamps and authorized by the Board of Aldermen, and in such locations in the public parks as may be agreed upon between the company and said Board of Park Commissioners, and in such other places as may be required by the Mayor of said city.

But it is expressly understood and agreed that the foregoing provisions of this agreement as to the substitution of new wooden poles for the present iron lamp-posts shall not be operative unless and until the necessary locations shall be granted by the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Park Commissioners as aforesaid; and, further, that the operation of the remaining provisions of this instrument shall not in any way be affected by the foregoing provisions as to the poles, but said remaining provisions shall become operative upon the signing hereof, whether said new locations are granted by the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Park Commissioners and said poles are substituted for the present poles, or not.

All the poles, lines, and lamps of the company used for the city's business shall be kept and maintained by the company in good order and condition.

Second—The company shall replace all of its present open arc nominal 2,000 candle power city lamps with its new enclosed arc lamps as fast as practicable after the starting up of the company's new station in South Boston, as many new lamps as possible to be put into use before the ground freezes in 1898, and all of said lamps to be put into use before July 1, 1899. Said new enclosed arc lamps shall be of substantially the same kind and style as those now in use on Arlington street, and shall be of a manufacture substantially like that described in United States Letters Patent No. 603,630, dated May 10, 1898, and shall require an electrical energy of not less than five hundred (500) watts on the average, and not less than four hundred

and eighty (80) watts in any case. The price to be charged by said company and paid by said city for said new enclosed arc lamps shall be as follows:

Number of Lights.	Price per Night.	Price per Year.
Not less than 2,365 nor more than 2,749	35 cents	\$127 75
" " 2,750 " " 2,999	34 1/2	125 92
" " 3,000 " " 3,249	34	124 10
" " 3,250 " " 3,499	33 1/2	122 27
" " 3,500 " " 3,749	33	120 45
" " 3,750 " " 3,999	32 1/2	118 62
" " 4,000 " " 4,249	32	116 80
" " 4,250 " " 4,499	31 1/2	114 97
" " 4,500 " " 4,749	31	113 15
" " 4,750 " " 4,999	30 1/2	111 32
" " 5,000	30	109 50

In estimating the number of lights for the purpose of fixing the price, as aforesaid, all arc lights furnished by the company for the city shall be counted.

For all lamps connected to underground wires belonging to the city in the public parks, Common and Public Garden, the price shall be one cent per lamp per night less than the prices hereinbefore provided.

Third—At any time within ninety days prior to the expiration of the periods of two years and six months and seven years and six months, respectively, after February 20, 1899, if the Mayor of said city shall so elect and notify said company in writing, and in any event at the expiration of the period of five years after February 20, 1899, an arbitration shall be had as follows: Said Mayor and said company shall each appoint one arbitrator within thirty days after the notice aforesaid and within thirty days after the expiration of said period of five years, and the two arbitrators so chosen shall appoint a third disinterested arbitrator. If either party fails to appoint an arbitrator within said thirty days, the other party may appoint both arbitrators, and these shall appoint a third disinterested arbitrator. Said arbitrators shall thereupon hear and consider the evidence and arguments of the parties and shall determine the following matters:

(1.) The proportion of the actual output of electricity or electrical energy generated at the station or stations of the company for the public lights provided for in this contract, as compared with the company's entire output, both to be measured in kilowatt hours, it being agreed by the company that it will measure and record its electrical output on behalf of the said public lights, and also, but separately, its electrical output on behalf of its other business, and that such measurements and records shall be subject to the inspection, at all reasonable times, of the City Engineer of said city. Such inspection, however, shall be regarded as confidential, and the results thereof shall not be exhibited or made known to anybody except the Mayor of said city.

(2.) The total investment of the company, computed by taking the total cost of the land, buildings, plant, poles, lines, conduits, cables, meters, machinery, apparatus and other appliances owned and used by the company for the manufacture and distribution of electricity.

(3.) The investment of the company on account of its public business, computed by taking the proportion of the company's total investment, determined as provided in the second clause of this article, that the company's electrical output on behalf of the public lights bears to its total output, measured as provided in the first clause of this article. The foregoing method of computing the in-

vestment of the company on account of its public business is adopted by the parties as the fairest and most equitable method now known to them; but it is agreed that if, at the time of any arbitration, the three arbitrators shall unanimously be of the opinion that some other method of computing the investment of the company on account of its public business would be more fair and equitable, such other method may be used by them.

(4.) The total operating expenses of the company, meaning the annual outlay for fuel, water, supplies, wages, salaries, insurance, accidents, rents, taxes, and all other expenditures incurred in the manufacture and distribution of electricity and the general conduct of the company's business, except expenditures on account of depreciation in excess of ordinary repairs.

(5.) The operating expenses of the company on account of the public lights, computed by taking the proportion of the total operating expenses of the company, determined as provided in the fourth clause of this article, that the company's electrical output on behalf of the public lights bears to its total output measured as provided in the first clause of this article.

(6.) The undivided or surplus earnings of the company, being its gross annual income derived from the sale of electricity, less operating expenses, determined as provided in the fourth clause of this article, and the amounts paid out for interest and dividends; and the percentage which the company's annual surplus thus determined bears to the total investment of the company, determined as provided in the second clause of this article, exclusive of the land.

(7.) An allowance for depreciation in excess of ordinary repairs of the company's investment in plant and property used in its public business, computed by taking the same percentage of the value of the company's investment on account of its public business, determined as provided in the third clause of this article, but excluding the land, as the total amount of the undivided earnings of the company, found as provided in the sixth clause of this article, is of the company's total investment, determined as provided in the second clause of this article, but exclusive of land; but such allowance shall not exceed 7 per cent. of the company's said investment on account of its public business, exclusive of the land.

(8.) An allowance for interest or profits, computed at 6 per cent. per annum on the company's investment on account of its public business, determined as provided in the third clause of this article; but in case the cost of any part of the company's investment shall have been met by the issue of bonds bearing interest at a lower rate than 6 per cent. per annum, and any of such bonds are still outstanding, the amount thereof shall be apportioned between the company's total investment and its investment on account of its public business, in the proportion to electrical output measured as provided in the first clause of this article; and the allowance provided for in this clause shall be computed on so much of the company's investment on account of its public business as is represented by said bonds at the rate actually paid thereon, and on the remainder of its said investment at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

If the cost of manufacturing and distributing the public lights furnished by the company, and the allowances for depreciation and profit determined as provided in the fifth, seventh and eighth clauses of this article, amount in the aggregate to a sum less than the price then being paid by the city, the price of said lights shall be reduced, for the remainder of the term of this contract or until again reduced by arbitration as herein provided, to a sum equal to the said cost of manufacturing and distributing said lights, plus said allowances for depreciation and profit as aforesaid.

The decision of a majority of said arbitrators in any of the foregoing matters shall be binding on both parties to this agreement.

Fourth—If, in case of arbitration as aforesaid, the city shall claim and shall give the company not less than sixty days' notice of such claim, that a discovery, invention, or method of producing, distributing or converting electricity for lights has been made and put into successful commercial use, by the adoption and use of which the cost of producing, distributing or converting electricity for street lights, including interest and depreciation, could be substantially reduced below the cost, including interest and depreciation, at the time of such arbitration said city shall, unless said company shall agree to adopt the discovery, invention or method in question as soon as practicable, have a right to submit its said claim to said arbitrators, who shall, after hearing and considering the evidence and arguments of the parties thereon, make a finding upon the claim aforesaid. And if such arbitrators shall sustain such claim, they may make a reduction in the price to be charged and paid for lights hereunder by such an amount as they shall deem to be fair and reasonable in view of the facts so found.

And if the company shall adopt or agree to adopt as soon as practicable the discovery, invention, or method named in said notice given by the city to the company, the arbitrators shall take said fact into consideration in determining the total operating expenses of the company and the operating expenses of the company on account of the public lights, as provided in clauses (4) and (5) of Article 3 of this indenture, and shall be governed in fixing said items of operating expenses by the expense involved in or the saving to come from the future use of the new discovery, invention, or method in question, and not by the expense incident to the past use of the invention or method supplanted.

Fifth—The provisions of the contract of February 20, 1894, requiring that all globes are to be thoroughly brushed inside and outside at least three times a week and that the lamps are to be examined at least three times during each night, are hereby annulled. Said globes shall be brushed and kept clean to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Lamps.

Sixth—All the terms, conditions and provisions of the contract of February 20, 1894, not affected by this extension and modification thereof, shall remain in full force and effect till the termination of the contract as hereby extended.

In witness whereof, said company by its proper officers, and said city by its Superintendent of Lamps, both thereto duly authorized, have hereunto caused their corporate

seals to be set and their corporate names to be signed on the twenty-ninth day of August, A.D. 1898.

BOSTON ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY,
By F. A. GILBERT, President.
Per SAMUEL S. SIAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON,
By JAMES DONOVAN,
Superintendent of Lamps.

Approved as to form:

THOMAS W. BABSON,
City Solicitor.

Approved:

JOSIAH QUINCY, MAYOR.

Referred to Committee on Public Improvements.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 9 A.M., on Monday, August 29, 1898, Chairman Conry in the chair, and a quorum present.

The meeting was held pursuant to the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, Boston, August 27, 1898.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are requested to assemble in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Boston, on Monday, August 29, at 9 o'clock A.M., to take such action as you may deem proper in respect to the representation of the city at the funerals of the late Major Grady, Major O'Connor, Corporal Lane and Private Carey, of the Ninth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, which are to occur on the morning of that day, and to transact such other business as may properly come before your body.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The call was placed on file.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, August 30, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The Clerk read the call for the meeting, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 30, 1898.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, August 30, 1898, at 3 o'clock P.M., to act upon the matter of making additional financial provision for the Baths Depart-

ment, and to transact such other business as may properly come before your body.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

The following messages were received:

Playground, Roger Clap School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 30, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee stating that, in accordance with your request, the yard of the Roger Clap School-house, Harvest street, has been opened as a playground for children.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

August 19, 1898.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, July 19, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to open the yard of the Roger Clap School, Harvest street, as a playground for the children during the present vacation, report that the matter has received attention, and your committee recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the yard of the Roger Clap School has been opened for use as a playground as suggested in the communication referred to.

For the Committee,

A. L. LOWELL.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

Repair of Phillips School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 30, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order, asking them to include in their next appropriation a sum sufficient to place the Phillips School-house in thorough repair, and to make such additions to said school-house as are necessary.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

August 19, 1898.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, July 19, a communication from the Common Council, through

His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to include in their next appropriation a sum sufficient to place the Phillips School-house, corner Phillips and Anderson streets, Ward 11, in thorough repair, and to make such additions to said school-house as are necessary, according to the plans held by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, report that they have duly considered the matter and propose to recommend an item to cover the cost of the work suggested in the appropriation for school repairs to be made next year.

For the Committee,

A. L. LOWELL.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

Norfolk Avenue Paving—Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 11, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I regret very much to feel obliged to return without my approval the order appropriating \$25,000 for the paving of Norfolk avenue. The Superintendent of Streets and myself both recognize the merits of this appropriation and the importance of improving this street; but the prior demands upon the borrowing capacity of the city (now amounting only to the sum of \$271,000 for all purposes for the balance of the calendar year) are such that I cannot possibly find room for this appropriation, if the sum of \$125,000 is to be set aside for general street improvements, as heretofore recommended. This sum is urgently required in order to provide for the very pressing necessities of the wards for which no appropriation has yet been made for street improvements; the appropriation for Norfolk avenue, if approved, would have to be deducted from this sum of \$125,000, and I do not feel that this can be done at the present time with any sort of justice to other necessities of the same character, as the appropriation of so large a sum of money for any one street would make a large hole in the total amount available. The Superintendent of Streets informs me, however, that he hopes to be able, out of the above-named appropriation of \$125,000, if made, to make some beginning this season of doing this important work upon Norfolk avenue, the necessity of which is fully recognized, and in any event, the work can certainly be provided for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Assigned to the next meeting.

ACCOMMODATION FOR SICK SOLDIERS.

The following correspondence concerning returning sick soldiers has passed between the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital and the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association:

BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL.

August 25, 1898.

ELIHU B. HAYES, Esq., Secretary Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your inquiry as to what accommodations the Boston City Hospital may be able to furnish for the sick soldiers now on their way to this city, I beg to say, in behalf of the Trustees, that, in addition to the sixty-five sick soldiers now in the hospital, we have made further arrangements to increase the capacity of the hospital, and on Monday next will be prepared to provide at least 150 more beds for the soldiers who may arrive on the "Bay State."

A camp of tents, with the usual auxiliaries for carrying on a field hospital, is being erected by Dr. Rowe, Superintendent of the Hospital, and these, and additional auxiliary wards, have been temporarily equipped for the benefit of the soldiers.

Arrangements are being made for augmenting the medical staff, both visiting physicians and house doctors, to the extent that we may be able to give them full and complete medical attendance. There will be an increase in the nurses' staff, and the usual assistants, necessary for making as perfect as possible a camp of this sort, will be provided.

For the purpose of still further assisting the government in the care of its sick soldiers who may return to us, we hope to be able to increase our accommodations in addition to the sixty-five already in the hospital and the 150 beds that will be ready at the beginning of next week.

Should it be necessary, the Trustees are willing to divert the Convalescent Home from its usual service for the benefit of the soldiers, and, if required, to establish a small camp hospital on the grounds of the Convalescent Home.

The Trustees recognize the emergency that the citizens of Boston are asked to meet, and, as representing that branch of the city departments who have to care for the sick and needy, the Trustees are not only willing but desire that the sick soldiers may have the fullest benefit of the hospital equipment, just so far as our accommodations will provide, in addition to that which is necessary for the emergency work of our own citizens.

The Trustees appreciate the work that the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association is doing, and most cordially desire to co-operate with them in the matter of the care of the returning sick soldiers.

Awaiting further information, as well as the acknowledgment of this letter immediately upon its receipt, so that the Trustees may be guided for future action, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

A. SHUMAN,
President Board of Trustees.

The reply is as follows:

MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEER AID ASSOCIATION.

Boston, August 26, 1898.

MR. A. SHUMAN, President Board of Trustees, Boston City Hospital, Boston.

DEAR SIR: Permit me, in behalf of the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association, to thank you, and through you, the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for their prompt and generous offer to further assist the association in caring for the sick and wounded soldiers who may come to Boston. Be sure that we appreciate what you have done, and what you promise to do.

Your public spirit and co-operation will enable us to carry out the work begun, and to do more effective work in caring for the returning sick soldiers.

Yours respectfully,

ELIHU B. HAYES, Secretary.

LOCATION OF ENGINE-HOUSE 22.

The following correspondence, with regard to the location of Engine-House 22, has passed between the Fire Commissioner and Alderman Dyar:

OFFICE OF FIRE COMMISSIONER.

Bristol Street, August 26, 1898.

ALDERMAN PERLIE A. DYAR, City Hall, Boston.

DEAR SIR: Inasmuch as I have received no reply to my communication of June 7, a copy of which I beg to enclose herewith, I venture again to impress on yourself the importance of favorable action in regard to the site on Yarmouth street selected by myself several months ago and approved by His Honor, Mayor Quincy, for Engine Company 22, now located on Dartmouth street. I feel that the people of that district will justly have cause for serious complaint if they find themselves without the accustomed protection of this Department, which certainly must be the case unless speedy steps are taken to provide the company on which they depend with a house before the present one is demolished.

Yours truly,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

OFFICE OF FIRE COMMISSIONER.

Bristol Street, June 7, 1898.

MAJOR PERLIE A. DYAR, Fort Warren, Boston.

MY DEAR SIR: Referring to your favor without date but received during the first week of May, I beg to express as forcibly as I can the importance of having some territory on which to locate Engine Company 22, as I greatly fear that part of our city may be left without proper fire protection, unless steps are soon taken to afford the company other quarters than those now occupied by it. You say you have no site to suggest, but do not think the Yarmouth street a proper one; but while it is none of my business to argue that point with you, I do believe, from a fireman's point of view, it is in a favorable location for covering the territory confided to the care of Engine 22;

and, inasmuch as there are no dwellings between Columbus avenue and the proposed site, I cannot see how our presence will be dangerous to children playing on that street. The Fire Department must necessarily be a nuisance, but it is one of those objections tolerated by our citizens, especially when they need our aid; and in behalf of all concerned, our fellow-citizens as well as the efficiency of this Department, I beg that you will withdraw your objection to the proposed location, or furnish some other equally as good, in order that the locality may be saved from extreme anxiety by the delay which may for some time deprive them of protection.

Yours very truly,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order concerning certificates for drivers engaged in delivering and distributing intoxicating liquors has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

TO THE HOLDERS OF LIQUOR LICENSES OF THE FOURTH AND FIFTH CLASS:

Notice is hereby given that on and after September 1, 1898, all drivers engaged in delivering and distributing intoxicating liquors are required to procure from the Manufacturers' and Bottlers' Collecting and Distributing Company of Massachusetts a certificate showing that such drivers are regularly employed by you; said company will furnish such certificates to all such drivers free of cost, whether employed by members of said company or not.

Said company is hereby prohibited from issuing such certificates to any and all commission drivers or to men engaged in peddling on their own account intoxicating liquors in violation of law.

The police officers will be instructed to report any person hereafter engaged in delivering and distributing said intoxicating liquors without having said certificate.

The practice in vogue among some bottlers and licensed dealers of farming out privileges under their licenses, and permitting persons to act ostensibly as their agents or servants when they are not so employed, is an improper use of their license, and will be so regarded by the Board of Police.

By order of the Board of Police,

THOMAS RYAN, Clerk.

HOUSES ORDERED VACATED DURING AUGUST.

The following is a list of houses ordered vacated by the Boston Board of Health during August, 1898:

Rear 605 and rear 607 East Second street; Arthur street, first left from Weld street; Mt. Vernon-street extension, third left from La Grange street; 40 Clark street; first rear 118 Dorchester avenue; 7 Norwich street; Spring street, first left from Gardner street; 1359 Washington street; 48 Shawmut avenue; 18 and 20 Rochester street; 19 South Margin street.

Awards of Contracts.

Metropolitan Water Board.

Proposals for building low service pumping station at Chestnut Hill Reservoir were received at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on August 25, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Norcross Brothers, Boston . . .	\$182,659 50
Woodbury & Leighton, Boston . .	193,050 00
McNeil Brothers, Boston . . .	193,238 00
C. A. Dodge & Co., Boston . . .	195,077 22
Connery & Wentworth, Boston . .	199,191 00
L. P. Soule & Son, Boston . . .	201,644 10
C. Everett Clark & Co., Boston . .	202,911 50
L. D. Willcutt & Son, Boston . . .	207,200 00
Whidden & Co., Boston . . .	232,449 00

NOTE.—The contract called for the following items and quantities: Cubic yards of excavation, 15,000; cubic yards of cement concrete masonry, in foundations, made with natural cement, 1,300; cubic yards of cement concrete masonry, in foundations, made with Portland cement, 2,800; square yards of concrete floor, 1,600; cubic yards of rubble stone masonry, in foundations, 28; cubic yards of brick masonry, in foundations, 30; cubic yards of cut granite stone, in foundations, 150; the superstructure complete with all appurtenances.

The contract was awarded to Norcross Brothers.

Proposals were also opened on August 25, for water valves, as follows:

Camden Iron Works, Camden, N. J. . .	\$2,512
Coffin Valve Company, Neponset . . .	2,724
Atlantic Works, Boston . . .	4,684

NOTE.—The contract called for the following items and quantities: 6 20-inch; 8 16-inch; 8 12-inch.

The contract was awarded to Camden Iron Works.

JOHN N. FERGUSON,
Assistant-Engineer.

Street Department.

Proposals for building sewers in the following-named streets were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, viz.:

Harrison street; bids opened August 22, 1898.

Bidders.	Bids.
McDowell & Son	\$359 25
T. F. Minton	382 75

The contract was awarded to McDowell & Son.

Columbia road, Section 3; bids opened August 23, 1898:

J. C. Coleman & Son	\$12,592 50
J. P. O'Connell	12,685 50
D. E. Lynch	14,285 05
Jones & Meehan	15,927 50
Collins & Ham	16,883 45
T. H. & G. M. Bryne. Informal.	

The contract was awarded to J. C. Coleman & Son.

Idaho street; bids opened August 23, 1898:

D. E. Lynch	\$2,783 15
D. M. Dwyer	3,091 00
McDowell & Son	3,370 50
Collins & Ham	4,099 00

The contract was awarded to D. E. Lynch.

Peterborough street; bids opened August 24, 1898:

Quimby & Ferguson	\$2,250 36
McDowell & Son	2,267 82
J. P. O'Connell	2,484 40
J. J. Falvey	2,592 22
Collins & Ham	2,603 80
J. Dolan	2,640 22
M. J. O'Hearn	3,170 00
D. E. Lynch	3,301 18

The contract was awarded to Quimby & Ferguson.

Temple and Perham streets and outlet; bids opened August 26, 1898:

T. H. & G. M. Bryne	\$14,780 00
Dorchester Construction Company, .	19,085 00
James Dolan	20,433 00
Collins & Ham	20,701 50
J. P. O'Connell	22,135 00
T. F. Minton	23,475 00
D. E. Lynch	29,495 00

The contract was awarded to T. H. & G. M. Bryne.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of importations and exportations, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the port of Boston during the month of July, 1898, as compared with the corresponding month of 1897:

	Importations.		Exportations.	
	July, 1898	July, 1897	July, 1898	July, 1897
	\$3,755,978	\$6,424,870	\$7,744,234	\$8,760,459
Vessels.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
July, 1898 . . .	182	175,967	245	180,057
July, 1897 . . .	188	155,472	234	167,870
Arrival of passengers, July, 1898 . .			1,520	
Arrival of passengers, July, 1897 . .			1,131	

STREET-CLEANING IN INDIAN-APOLIS.

The Board of Public Works of Indianapolis commends the character of the work performed by the pneumatic street-cleaning machines, which have been in use in that city for several years. Experience has shown that one machine—which requires a driver and an operator—with the aid of one or two two-horse wagons to carry the sweepings away, can clean six miles of forty-foot paved street in ten hours. The machines render efficient service even in cold weather when sprinkling is impracticable.

NEXT MEETING OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held on Tuesday afternoon, September 6, at 3 o'clock.

Board Meetings.

Children's Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, August 29, 1898.

Following are the extracts from the records of the meetings of the Trustees:

July 5, 1898.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to write to the Superintendent of the Marcella-street Home that it is desirable to allow the children as much freedom as is practicable, that the Trustees are ready to assume all legal responsibility connected with the escape of children, but expect him to show judgment in allowing children to go out who seem likely to return.

July 11, 1898.

Voted, That the Chairman and Mr. O'Hare be a committee on the question of removing the graveyard at Rainsford's Island.

Voted, That the School Committee be authorized to order daily and weekly papers for the House of Reformation, at their discretion.

July 15, 1898.

The Committee on Schools reported that it had selected the following papers and magazines for the House of Reformation: Daily Transcript, Daily Advertiser, Harper's Weekly, McClure's Magazine, The Great Round World, two copies each.

July 21, 1898.

Voted, That Mr. Dasey be authorized to act as Chairman pro tempore in the absence of the Chairman, and that he be authorized to perform all the duties pertaining to that office.

Voted, That the Law Department of the city be consulted with regard to the rights of Florence and Mary Artman.

Voted, That the Secretary be authorized to secure a dentist for the House of Reformation and the Marcella-street Home for this summer.

July 25, 1898.

Voted, That the Superintendent of the House of Reformation be authorized to appoint Mrs. Everett principal of the schools at the institution for the ensuing year.

July 26, 1898.

Voted, That the regular staff of teachers at the House of Reformation shall be a principal and four assistant teachers.

Voted, To authorize the construction of a grease-trap and drain-pipe under the floor of the wash-room at the House of Reformation.

Voted, That the principles of civil service reform be applied to and carried out in the several departments under control of the Board of Trustees for Children.

Voted, That the Superintendent of the House of Reformation shall engage a competent teacher, as teacher and principal of the schools at the institution, and shall require said principal (1) to lay out all courses of study, to grade the classes and have general supervision of all school work; (2) to give written examinations to each school grade three times a year and to present the marked papers to the Superintendent, who

shall forward the same to the Board of Trustees; (3) to report in writing all proposed changes in subjects for study, said changes to be approved by the Committee on Schools before going into effect; (4) to hold weekly teachers' meetings (arranging the same at such hours as to make it convenient for the Trustees, should they desire to be present at such meetings); (5) to take charge of the Circulating Library and to appoint officers for the same from among the boys, using the Boston Public Library card-system, and to report monthly to the Superintendent on the circulation of books; (6) to have charge of all school supplies and to report monthly in writing.

August 8, 1898.

Voted, That the Secretary be authorized to engage a medical officer for the House of Reformation for the ensuing year.

Mr. O'Hare reported a plan of a three-room school-house at the House of Reformation, designed by the Architectural Division.

Voted, To adopt this plan.

August 22, 1898.

Voted, That 650 copies of the annual report be printed.

Voted, That the School Committee have authority to buy books for the House of Reformation, to an amount not exceeding \$200.

Voted, That Mr. O'Hare be a committee to have put up a locker for each boy at the House of Reformation, at about \$2 each.

Voted, That Mr. O'Hare be a committee to have the drains at Rainsford's Island put in order in accordance with the advice of the Board of Health.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

32 Tremont Street, August 11, 1898.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street, August 11, 1898.

Present: Messrs. Connelly and Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The records of the Institutions Conference were read.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$2,384.87 for Pierce Farm, and \$2,197.24 for Austin Farm, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for the amount. The pay-rolls, amounting to \$2,156.34 at Austin Farm, and \$1,546.56 at Pierce Farm, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for the amount.

The Superintendents presented their reports, which were accepted and placed on file.

The bills for the insane in other hospitals, amounting to \$5,534.43, were referred to the Committee on Insane in other hospitals for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for the amount.

The Superintendent was authorized to employ an extra night attendant.

The question of the purchase of blankets, table furniture and other furniture, was referred to the Committee on Supplies, with full powers.

It was voted that the board bill for the late Jane Flynn be cancelled, and the money left by her be permitted to go to her sister.

It was voted to abate the bill against Helen Moriarty, and to give the Superintendent power to claim the money left by Elizabeth Foy.

The Secretary was instructed to ask the Registration Department for a complete list of Boston patients in other hospitals; also to request the Superintendents of State Hospitals to send notice of any changes among the Boston patients.

The Visiting Committee made their report, which was accepted and placed on file.

Visiting Committees were appointed as follows:

August, Dr. Baldwin and Mr. Sanderson; September, Mr. Sanderson and Mrs. Howard.

Patients in Hospital August 10, 1898:

AUSTIN FARM.			
	Males.	Females.	
In house	106	248	354
On visit	2	7	9
Total	108	255	363

PIERCE FARM.			
	Males.		
In house	195		
On visit	6		
Total	201		

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, August 8, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held August 8, 1898:

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to expend \$50 to drain the stagnant pool in Franklin Field, referred to in the communication of the Board of Health.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to procure uniforms for men employed in maintenance on the roads, paths and lawns, from A. Shuman & Co., at their offer of \$3, the cost of the same to be deducted from the pay of the men, at the rate of \$1 a week, until paid for.

A communication from Albert H. Eichorn, requesting a modification of the specifications of the contract for furnishing loam at Marine Park, was received, and it was

Voted, That the vote of this Board of June 27, 1898, in relation to said contract and specifications, be amended by inserting before the words "the expense," the words "one-half," and by adding at the end thereof the words "and that in lieu of the clause providing payments of 85 per centum of monthly estimates, payments be made for the full value of the work done, less the sum of \$500 first due under said contract, which amount shall be retained as part security for the fulfilment of the contract."

Voted, That a further expenditure of \$1,000 be authorized for the extension of the bath-houses at Wood Island Park, by the Repairs Division of the Public Buildings Department, under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, August 8.

Awards of \$700 and \$900 were made to John C. Clapp and David C. Clapp, respectively, for damages occasioned their estates by the laying out of Peverell street; and of \$200 to Gottlieb Gehring for damages occasioned his estate by the laying out of Belmore terrace, the Mayor having approved the agreements of the owners to accept said sums.

The Board issued an order of notice of its intention to build a sewer in Ceylon-street extension.

A petition was received for changes in locations, etc., of proposed streets in S 24 of the Board of Survey plans, in Plat 13.

Petitions were received for sewers in Gately, Samoset and South streets, and in a proposed private way from Romsey street.

Wednesday, August 10.

It was voted to give a hearing in the matter of changes in locations, etc., of proposed highways in S 24, Plat 13.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out certain passageways in the Back Bay as public alleys; to lay out Sears street, and to relocate Tenean creek from Park street to the main channel of said stream.

Orders were passed laying out South-street footway, relocating Canal street and Forest Hills street, and building sewers in Faxon and Trescott streets, Oakridge, Bray, Peters and Morton streets, and a catch-basin in Devon street.

Petitions were received for sewers in a private street, from A street to Sleeper street; in Fox avenue, in Linden Park street; for catch-basins in Frankfort street, Harrison avenue, corner of Hunneman street, and in Norfolk avenue, corner of Gerard street; and a petition was also received for the laying out of Nottingham street.

Thursday, August 11.

A public hearing was given in the matter of widening and relocating Charlestown street.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Kenwood road and Vila street.

Wednesday, August 17.

Public hearings were given in the matters of the laying out and construction of Chapman avenue, with the name of Callendar street; of the laying out and constructing Stuart street; of the laying out and constructing Nelson street, with the name of Dresden street; and the construction of a main sewer in private lands, at Dorchester, between Sydney and Endleigh streets.

Petitions were received for sewers in Empire street and Magnolia street; and for catch-basins in Vernon street and in Fayette street.

Orders were passed laying out Homes avenue and Devon street; for the building of a catch-basin in Train street, and a main sewer between Sydney and Endleigh streets.

It was voted to pay the heirs of James T. Maher \$11,570.95 as payment for land taken for a school-house at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets.

Thursday, August 18.

A public hearing was given in the matter of the laying out of an extension of Chester street, at Brighton.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Rockford street and Nottingham street.

An order was passed laying out Shirley-street extension.

Sewers were ordered to be built in Walter street, Newark street, Ditson street and Marginal-street extension.

Petitions were received for sewers in Magnolia square and Claymont terrace; and for catch-basins in Chickatawbut street, Fellows, Thorndike and Hunneman streets.

Friday, August 19.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Knoll street, and for a catch-basin in Walnut avenue.

Orders were passed for sewers to be built in South street, Kinross road, Lanark road, Norfolk and Walk Hill streets, and for catch-basins in Willard, Van Winkle, Park streets, Sutherland road and Chestnut Hill avenue.

A public hearing was given in the matter of changes in the locations, etc., for highways shown on plan S 24, in Plat 13.

Tuesday, August 23.

A public hearing was given in the matter of the construction of a sewer and storm sewer in Ceylon-street extension.

Orders were passed that sewers be constructed in Ceylon-street extension, Malvern street, a passageway from Ipswich street, La Grange, Glenham, Harwood, Lasell, Keith, Alder, Mt. Vernon, Dent, Winslow, Perham, Ivory, and Temple streets; that Atherstone street and Belvidere street be laid out; and an order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to relocate Franklin Park Brook.

It was voted to approve the location, direction, width and grade of the private way, at Roxbury, designated as an extension of Iroquois street, leading from Hillside street; and same was sent to the Mayor for his approval.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Fisher avenue; and for the lowering and acceptance of a sewer in Round Hill street.

Wednesday, August 24.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out as public alleys, passageways between Beacon street and Marlboro' street, from Arlington street to Massachusetts avenue; between Huntington avenue and St. Botolph street, from Irvington street to rear of estate on Massachusetts avenue; and from Huntington avenue to St. Botolph street, in rear of estate on northeast side of Massachusetts avenue; in the matter of laying out Sears street, and in the matter of relocating Tenean Creek.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Power street; and for catch-basins in B street, Columbus avenue at its junction with Centre street, and in Scotia and Belvidere streets.

Thursday, August 25.

An order was passed relocating Mattapan Brook, from West Selden street to Blue Hill avenue.

A petition was received from Edmund Russell that a catch-basin may be built in Leyden street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, August 15, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the two weeks ending August 13, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	11	
2...	-	2	1	1	-	-	4	-	4	5	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	5	2	
5...	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	
6...	-	13	-	-	-	-	9	-	7	38	
7...	1	10	-	3	-	-	12	2	13	45	
8...	1	5	1	2	-	-	3	-	9	17	
9...	1	6	1	1	-	-	7	4	8	16	
10...	-	4	-	2	-	-	9	4	-	13	
11...	-	5	1	1	-	-	10	7	7	24	
12...	1	1	1	-	-	-	3	2	5	13	
13...	3	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	6	5	
14...	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	6	17	
15...	-	3	1	-	-	-	5	-	5	9	
16...	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	8	
17...	1	2	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	10	
18...	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	-	9	22	
19...	1	3	1	-	-	-	6	-	8	11	
20...	5	3	1	-	-	-	4	9	21	42	
21...	2	1	1	-	-	-	4	3	8	17	
22...	2	3	1	-	-	-	3	1	5	12	
23...	5	1	2	-	-	-	1	2	14	12	
24...	3	2	1	-	-	-	4	4	11	23	
25...	2	1	4	-	-	-	5	3	8	20	
T'ls..	32	75	17	11	-	-	107	43	170	396	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, August 22, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending August 20, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	110
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	16
Number of assignments of mortgages . .	6
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of wages	18
Number of married women's certificates.	10
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgage	3

City Hall, August 29, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending August 27, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	110
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	25
Number of assignments of mortgages . .	7
Number of assignments of wages	35
Number of married women's certificates .	6
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of bills of sale	6
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, August 29, 1898.

Official action was taken by the Fire Commissioner during the three weeks ending August 27, as follows:

H. H. Jones, call man of Ladder Company 11, has been retired from active service, having been a member of this Department for twenty-four years, and his name placed on the pension roll.

L. D. Merrill, assistant-engineer of Engine Company 8, has been promoted to engineer of same company.

George J. Baumeister has been promoted from hoseman of Engine 43 to assistant-engineer, Engine 8.

Four horses have been purchased of Messrs. Welch & Hall, at \$137.50 each.

D. F. O'Brien has been employed as assistant to the veterinary surgeon, in place of Thomas Crowley, discharged.

On account of charges preferred against him, Thomas J. Keenan, of Engine 15, has been sentenced to forfeit two weeks' pay and days off for two months.

J. J. O'Brien, of Engine 36, has been granted a veteran's certificate for seven consecutive years' service in the Department.

Special drafts have been drawn in favor of John A. Fox for \$500 in part payment for services as architect of new veterinary hospital, and for \$300 to Perkins & Betton in part payment for services as architects of new engine-house at Grove Hall.

Orders have been drawn on H. O'Donnell, plumbing of Engine-House 38-39, \$319; T. F. Welch, making driveway at Engine-House 30, \$175, and G. W. Morrison for rebuilding smoking-room of Chemical-House 2, \$470.

Ordered, That Ladderman Joseph T. Smith, of Combination Company 4, be given a day off for his action in stopping a runaway horse August 15.

Ordered, That Ladderman Eugene Rogers, of Ladder Company 1, be commended in General Orders and given a day off for his meritorious conduct in protecting a helpless comrade, and preventing disaster by the runaway horses of his company on August 24, and that his name be placed on the roll of merit.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, August 20, 1898.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Albert E. Leon, 37 Wales street, Ward 20, two horses; hearing September 1, at 11

o'clock. B. Higgins, 136 West Eighth street, Ward 15, one cow; hearing August 25, at 11 o'clock. L. E. H. Jones, rear 449 Dorchester avenue, Ward 15, twenty horses; hearing August 25, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Freedom V. Joy, Orange street, Ward 23, two horses; Francis Packard, Payne street, Ward 24, two horses.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending August 20, 1898:

One hundred and fifty-one pounds of immature veal, one hundred and fifty pounds of tainted pork, one hundred and thirty-two pounds of tainted poultry, forty-one baskets of pears, thirteen crates of melons, twenty-five quarts of blackberries, two barrels of apples.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending August 20, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	6	7	13
Negative	6	9	15
No growth	1	1	2
Totals	13	17	30

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, August 15, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending August 13, 1898:

Cases pending	3	
Number of applications	93	
	—	96
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	38	
Long Island Almshouse	25	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	7	
Boston Insane Hospital	6	
Foxboro' Asylum	2	
Westboro' Insane Hospital, Danvers Insane Hospital	1	
Taunton Insane Hospital	2	
	—	82
Number of applications refused	3	
Number of applications withdrawn	10	
Cases pending	1	
	—	96

28 Court Square, August 22, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending August 20:

Cases pending	1	
Number of applications	77	
	—	78
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	32	
Long Island Almshouse	11	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	7	
Boston Insane Asylum	8	
Foxboro' Asylum	2	
Westboro' Asylum	2	
Taunton Insane Asylum	7	
Bridgewater Insane Asylum	1	
	—	70
Number of applications refused	3	
Number of applications withdrawn	4	
Cases pending	1	
	—	78
Legal settlements investigated		93

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, August 15, 1898.

Statistics for week ending August 13, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	132	18
Females	25	1
Totals	157	19
Offences:		
Against the person	11	6
Against property	11	13
Against public order and decency	141	3
Totals	* 163	† 22
Discharges:		
Males	190	16
Females	17	2
Totals	207	18
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	133	18
Permit of Commissioner	50	—
Payment of fine	24	—
Totals	207	18
Population:		
August 8, 1898	1,578	543
Committed since August 8, 1898	157	19
Totals	1,735	562
Discharged since August 8, 1898	207	18
August 13, 1898	1,528	544

* Six men committed on two charges each.

† One man committed on two charges, and one man committed on three charges.

The following appointment has been made:

John H. Wilson, appointed night officer at House of Correction, South Boston, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Edward H. Gardner.

32 Tremont Street, August 22, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending August 20, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	220	5
Females	43	0
Totals	263	5
Offences:		
Against the person	12	2
Against property	18	3
Against public order and decency	236	0
Totals	* 266	5
Discharges:		
Males	199	10
Females	33	4
Totals	232	14
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	133	13
Permit of Commissioner	64	0
Payment of fine	35	0
Transferred to State Prison	0	1
Totals	232	14

Population:		
August 15, 1898	1,528	544
Committed since August 15	263	5
Totals	1,791	549
Discharged since August 15	232	14
August 20, 1898	1,559	535

* Three men committed on two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, August 15, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending August 13:

OVERHEAD, DEAD WIRE AND INTERIOR DIVISIONS.	
Inspections made	749
Defects reported	49
Defects found corrected	66
Notices of new work received	134
Dead wire removed (feet)	7,900
Fixtures removed	3

Temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected.

Investigations have been made as follows:

August 8, car fire, Adams square, which occurred August 6.

August 9, live wires in way of workmen, No. 19 School street.

August 9, fire at Boston Electric Light Company station, Ferdinand street, due to burn-out in lead cables. Alarm from box 96.

August 10, second-alarm fire at Nos. 24-34 Merchants row. Alarm from box 16.

August 11, second-alarm fire at No. 771 Centre street, West Roxbury. Alarm from box 545.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	3
Building connections	20
Pole connections	12
Repairs	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	19
Building connections	16
Repairs	6
Cable drawings	24
Installation of underground transformer	1

Old Court House, August 22, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending August 20:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISION.	
Inspections made	303
Defects reported	20
Defects found corrected	105
Dead wire removed (feet)	6,800
Pole inspections	221
Notices of new work received	9
Fixtures removed	11

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	171
Notices of new work received	110

Two slight fires in building Nos. 54-56 Lincoln street, August 17, were investigated and were found to be due to lightning entering building over incandescent light wires and grounding same at combination ceiling fixtures.

Electrical trouble August 19 at the corner of Dorchester avenue and Division street was due to overheating of arc-lamp rheostat.

Wiring of four buildings has been tested.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	3
Building connections	13
Pole connections	3
Repairs	6

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	14
Lamp connections	3
Building connections	11
Pole connections	5
Repairs	7
Cable drawings	11
Installation of underground transformers,	2

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	3,476
Feet of duct laid	41,953
Manholes built	10
Service connections made	35
Feet of cable drawn in	19,147

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

STEAM AND ELECTRIC RAILROADS.

In the ten years up to and including 1893, the number of passengers carried on the steam railroads in Massachusetts increased at the rate of 5,825,000 a year. The next four years they decreased at the rate of 4,766,000 a year. The decrease in passenger journeys from 1893 to 1897 was more than 19,000,000, or 15.65 per cent. While the number of journeys fell off 15.65 per cent., the passenger-miles fell off only 6.66 per cent., showing that the average journey grew in length nearly 12 per cent. There are six steam railways entering Boston. These lost 12.2 per cent. of their passengers into and out of Boston, from 1893 to 1897. There are five electric street railroads that enter Boston, and these gained in the same four years 31.2 per cent. in the number of passengers carried.—[The Western Electrician.]

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending August 27, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	27.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897,	24.5
Number of deaths:	
Males	129
Females	149
Total	278
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	244
Increase	34

Of the 278 decedents, 273 were white and 5 colored; 207 were born in the United States, 70 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 61 were of American parentage, 191 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 26 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	27	2
Scarlatina	9	0
Typhoid fever	19	7
Measles	6	0
Totals	61	9

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	26
Pneumonia	13
Whooping cough	4
Heart disease	18
Bronchitis	3
Marasmus	8
Violent causes	8

Total from principal causes	80
Total from infectious diseases	9
Total from other causes	189

Total from all causes	278
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Deaths of children under 1 year	83
Deaths of children under 5 years	114
Deaths of persons over 60 years	39
Deaths in public institutions	69

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 30, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam roadway in Merlin street, between Athelwold and Park streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$700 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Wednesday, September 7, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for erecting a primary school-building in South Boston; also for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating apparatus in said building; also for furnishing and installing a plumbing system in said building, according to the office copy of the contracts and plans, which may be seen and proposals obtained at the office of William H. Besarick, 13 School street, Boston, Mass. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$7,000 for faithfully doing the work under the first contract, \$2,000 for the second contract, and \$1,000 for the third contract will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal for each contract to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of September 6, 1898, with a certified check accompanying the proposal for \$800 under the first contract, \$300 under the second contract, and \$300 under the third contract, payable to the City of Boston. These checks are to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. If the contractor desires to furnish a hot-air plant in place of the steam-heating plant described in the specifications, he may make proposals to that effect, furnishing full plans and specifications of the plant.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems for the best interest of the city.

WILLIAM T. EATON,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 30, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam roadway in Hewins street, between Columbia road and Eric street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond of \$500 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Wednesday, September 7, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 26, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the passageways between Marlboro street and Commonwealth avenue, from Arlington street to Massachusetts avenue, be laid out as public alleys, designated as Nos. 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, in District No. 5, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said public alleys in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the ninth day of September, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 26, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the passageway between Newbury street and Boylston street, from Arlington street to Berkeley street, be laid out as a public alley, designated as No. 438, in District No. 5, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on plan of said public alley in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the ninth day of September, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for erecting a primary school-building at Forest Hills; also for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating apparatus in said building; also for furnishing and installing a plumbing system in said building, according to the office copy of the contracts and plans, which may be seen and proposals obtained at the office of Perkins & Betton, 13 School street, Boston, Mass. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$6,000 for faithfully doing the work under the first contract, \$2,000 for the second contract, and \$1,000 for the third contract will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal for each contract to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of September 6, 1898, with a certified check accompanying the proposal for \$600 under the first contract, \$300 under the second contract, and \$300 under the third contract, payable to the City of Boston. These checks are to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. If the contractor desires to furnish a hot-air plant in place of the steam-heating plant described in the specifications, he may make proposals to that effect, furnishing full plans and specifications of the plant.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems for the best interest of the city.

WILLIAM T. EATON,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 4, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 25 and 27 Maverick street, Ward 2, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second story over Maverick street. Dimensions: Twelve feet high, 9 feet wide, and 3 feet over line of street.

MICHAEL KILLION,
49 Border street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 30, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twelfth day of September, at 3 o'clock P. M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the East Boston Free Press and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 26, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the passageways, between Newbury street and Boylston street, from Clarendon street to Massachusetts avenue, be laid out as public alleys, designated as Nos. 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, in District No. 5, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on plan of said public alleys in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A. M., of the ninth day of September, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 26, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the passageways between Commonwealth avenue and Newbury street, from Massachusetts avenue to Arlington street, be laid out as public alleys, designated as Nos. 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, in District No. 5, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said public alleys in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A. M., of the ninth day of September, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 30, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam roadway in Mellen street, between Ocean and Montague streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$700 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Wednesday, September 7, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 26, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 204 Main street, corner Chapman street, Ward 5, one bay-window of iron and copper, of the following description: To project from second story over Chapman street. Dimensions: Twelve feet high, 10 feet 6 inches wide, and 3 feet over line of street.

JOHN J. KEELEY,
204 Main street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 30, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twelfth day of September, at 3 o'clock P. M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 10, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from nine buildings, Nos. 2444 to 2484 (inclusive) Washington street, Ward 21, nine bay-windows of iron, of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Washington street; also cornice projecting two feet over said street. Dimensions: Twelve feet above grade, 22 feet high, 14 feet wide, and project 3 feet over line of street.

FREDERICK AYER,
By F. W. KITTREDGE,
23 Court street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 30, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twelfth day of September, at 3 o'clock P. M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 27, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,165 linear feet of sewer work in Park street, between Centre and Montview streets, West Roxbury District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, September 2, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK:

Your petitioner respectfully represents that it requires additional land without the limits of the route fixed in said City of Boston for the purpose of making and securing its road and for depot and station purposes, to wit, a certain parcel of land bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the dividing line between land of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company and land of the estate of the late Eben D. Jordan, with the dividing line between land of the City of Boston and land belonging to the said estate of said Jordan; thence running southwesterly by land of said City of Boston thirty-seven and seventy-three one-hundredths feet to a point distant three hundred and twenty-three and fifty-nine one-hundredths feet northeasterly from the northeasterly line of Irvington street measured on said dividing line between land of said City of Boston and land of said estate of said Jordan; thence running westerly by a line parallel with and distant eighty-two and ninety-one one-hundredths feet southerly from the base line of the location of the Boston and Albany Railroad two hundred and thirty-two and twenty-one one-hundredths feet; thence turning at a right angle and running northerly twenty-eight feet to land of the said railroad company; thence running easterly by land of said railroad company two hundred and fifty-seven and forty-nine one-hundredths feet to the place of beginning, containing six thousand eight hundred and fifty-six square feet, more or less. Reference is made to the plan entitled "Additional land required for railroad purposes in the City of Boston," dated August, 1898, and signed by William Parker, Division Engineer, filed herewith.

It further represents that it is unable to obtain the same by agreement with the owners, and that said owners are supposed to be the trustees under the will of Eben D. Jordan, late of said Boston.

Wherefore it prays your honorable Board to prescribe the limits within which the same may be taken without the permission of the owners, after due proceedings had in the premises.

The Boston and Albany Railroad Company,
By SAMUEL HOAR, its Attorney.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

August 30, 1898.

On the foregoing petition it is

Ordered, That the petitioner give notice to the owners of the land herein described to appear at a meeting of said Board, to be held at the City Hall, Boston, on Monday, the twelfth day of September next, at 3 o'clock P. M., by causing an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon Eben D. Jordan, Charles H. Taylor, and Henry G. Nichols, trustees under the will of Eben D. Jordan, and also by causing a like copy to be published in the Boston Daily Advertiser and THE CITY RECORD, that all persons interested may then and there appear and show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Police for the City of Boston will, upon petition, license suitable persons to make loans secured by mortgage or pledge of household furniture or other personal property exempt from attachment, or by assignment of wages for personal service, for less than \$200, and at a rate of interest greater than 12 per cent., pursuant to Statutes of 1898, Chapter 577.

All applications for such licenses shall be made in the first instance to the chief clerk, 37 Pemberton square, who will furnish applicants with suitable blanks, etc.

Notice of all such applications shall be published at the expense of the applicant, to be paid in advance, by the said Board of Police in two or more daily newspapers published therein, and shall be published at least ten days before the said Board acts thereon.

All persons having any reason to object to the granting of any such license to any such applicant are respectfully requested to file a statement in writing with said Board of Police, setting forth briefly the grounds of their objection, and stating the name and address of the objecting party, within ten days of the publication of such notice.

By order of the Board of Police,
THOMAS RYAN, Clerk.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

At its meeting held on Tuesday, September 6, the Board of Aldermen confirmed the appointment, by His Honor the Mayor, of John Drohan, to be Superintendent of Public Buildings for the term ending April 30, 1899, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Colonel Fred. B. Bogan.

PLAYGROUNDS, BATHS AND GYMNASIA.

The following paper was read before the American Social Science Association, at its meeting held at Saratoga, August 31, 1898, by His Honor Mayor Quincy:

The subjects of bathing and of indoor and outdoor exercise are so closely related to each other that they may well be considered together; they both fall within the same lines of municipal policy, both have a special relation to the children and young people of a community, and both have for their object the social elevation of the people through the promotion of cleanliness, physical development and reasonable recreation.

It is but a step from the open-air playground to the indoor gymnasium, and the same considerations which warrant the expenditure of public money for the former, justify it for the latter purpose. There is no stopping place, either legally or logically, between the open piece of ground for the children of a neighborhood to play upon in summer, and the indoor gymnasium for the same children to exercise in during the winter. It is equally impossible to draw any line between the maintenance of an outdoor bathing place in summer and an indoor bath in winter, or between a shower bath and tub bath, serving only the purpose of promoting cleanliness, and the swimming-pool, which answers the further purpose of affording facilities for exercise and recreation.

The City of Boston has maintained during the present summer five beach baths, thirteen floating baths, two river baths and two swimming-pools, which will have furnished before the end of the summer season between two and three million free baths, at an expense for maintenance, including the furnishing of free bathing suits for children, of about \$35,000; this summer work will be followed by the opening of a number of winter baths and swimming-pools, and of at least two or three large public gymnasia.

On account of its combined advantages in promoting at once healthy physical development and wholesome recreation, the all-the-year-round swimming-pool should, in my opinion, rank as one of the most important municipal agencies for the improvement of the condition of the people.

The proposition of the first importance in connection with these subjects is that facilities of this nature should in a large city be furnished through a considerable number of establishments designed for local use, rather than concentrated on a larger scale at one or very few, central points. Each local group of 20,000 or 25,000 people, divided upon lines which are carefully drawn in reference to social conditions and affiliations, should have its own local bathing establishment, gymnasium and playground. This figure is taken with reference to such a distribution of population as exists in most large cities; where the population is abnormally crowded it may of course be possible to make a single establishment serve the wants of a considerably larger number of persons.

The important thing is that the people of a given neighborhood should not have to go too far in order to avail themselves of such facilities. If the bath, gymnasium or playground is within half a mile to a mile of the home it will be readily and extensively used; if it is two or three miles away its use will be very greatly restricted. The difference

between the use of the park and the playground brings out this fact in a striking manner; the great park is indeed of much use and valued, and is worth to the community all it costs; but it no more takes the place of the local playground than the university takes the place of the common school. Indeed, a comparatively small portion of the people of a city can use its parks except very rarely; a much larger proportion, if children are included, as they should be, use local playgrounds where these are afforded. Without in the least deprecating the expenditures for great public parks, I have no hesitation in saying that we should do more to promote the social welfare of the people of great cities—which should certainly be considered by their municipal governments as an object of prime importance—if we expended far more money in providing and equipping local playgrounds, even if we were obliged to economize somewhat upon park expenditures in order to do so.

I am glad to be able to state that the importance of providing playgrounds has now been quite fully recognized by the City of Boston. Within the last three years the city has acquired parcels of land in different sections of the city for playground purposes, and has partially improved them, and by an act passed during the present year our Park Commissioners are authorized to spend not exceeding \$200,000 a year, and not over \$500,000 in all, "for the purpose of establishing a comprehensive system of playgrounds, not exceeding twenty in number, to meet the wants of the different sections of the city." While there is no money available for use under this act during the current year, it will go into effect at the beginning of next year, and within the next two or three years Boston should be very fairly well provided with local playgrounds. The importance of having the sites for playgrounds selected according to a well-considered and comprehensive plan, instead of being picked out at haphazard, can hardly be overestimated, and we are planning to provide for the needs of the future as well as the present by purchasing land in not yet fully built-up districts, while it can be bought at a comparatively low price.

Perhaps the strongest legal and moral ground upon which to place municipal expenditures for these purposes is that of their important connection with the education of the young. Very few Americans object to anything which falls within the scope of public education, though some object to expenditures for the promotion of the well-being of the adult population upon the ground that they are socialistic. While this

objection is hardly to be treated very seriously in the present stage of our civilization, it is always better to move along the lines of least resistance, and therefore we may well bring baths, gymnasia and playgrounds within the limits of a well-rounded system of public education; for the time has gone by when the education of the young can be confined within the narrow limits of the school-room or to the acquisition of knowledge from books. The things which affect the child outside of the school are, as a rule, more potent than the forces which operate only in the class-room. The healthful development of the body is of no less importance than the development of the mind. It is not too much to say, as by far the larger number of persons must earn their livelihood by some form of manual labor, that a sound body is of even greater practical importance to the average individual than a well-instructed mind. The relation of cleanliness not only to physical health, but to moral health as well, is too elementary to need dwelling upon.

If the city provides convenient bathing facilities for children, it can exact cleanliness of every pupil in its public schools, and can educate their respective minds, however poor may be their homes, to the great importance of frequent baths.

The advance of civilization is largely measured by the victories of mankind over its greatest enemy—dirt; one of the chief and most fundamental differences between the savage and the civilized man is that the former is dirty while the latter is relatively clean, and the advance of medical knowledge constantly emphasizes the truth that by far the greater portion of all the disease which affects humanity can be traced back to uncleanness of one sort or another. Cleanliness of the body leads to self-respect and to an appreciation of the importance of cleanliness in the household; and when physical dirt has been banished, a long step has been taken toward the elimination of moral dirt. If, therefore, we take any reasonable and comprehensive view of what the education of the young consists of, we shall insist upon the provision by the municipality, as a part of it, of facilities for cleanliness and exercise.

The swimming-pool seems to me to possess important advantages over any other form of bathing, particularly for the young. When we make something which is useful, also interesting and attractive, we accomplish a great deal. The child who has to be driven into the bathtub or under the shower, goes voluntarily and eagerly to the swimming-pool. When these are provided by the city, every child can readily be required, as a part of the course of public instruction, to learn how to swim. The number who will be saved from drowning by such knowledge may, perhaps, be very small, but the number who will be permanently benefited by becoming accustomed to this most admirable form of exercise, with the bodily cleanliness which is necessarily incidental to it, will be legion. This does not rest upon theory, but upon demonstrable fact; the mere offer of free instruction in swimming at our summer baths in Boston has resulted in between three and four thousand school-children who did not know how to swim presenting themselves for such instruction

during the present summer and learning the art. I do not hesitate to say that if Boston had six or eight indoor swimming-pools for her 525,000 people—and we shall certainly have half this number in operation during the coming winter—there would be no great difficulty in seeing that every one of her 85,000 school-children learned to swim.

No student of social science will fail to recognize the important consequences which would follow from the successful accomplishment of such an undertaking, particularly if it were accompanied by a great increase in the number of indoor gymnasia for use in winter and of outdoor playgrounds for exercise in summer.

Nor need the expense of building and maintaining swimming-pools and gymnasia deter any city from establishing them. Land, of course, is expensive in some places; but we have found in Boston that an excellent concrete swimming pool, eighty feet in length by thirty feet in width, and four to six feet in depth, capable of accommodating between one and two hundred bathers at a time, can be built, exclusive of the building to enclose it, for about \$2,500. Outside of the cost of land, a two-story building, with swimming-pool, shower baths, and gymnasium, sufficient in size for an average city ward, can be built, if necessary, at as low a cost as \$25,000, and can be well administered for a few thousand dollars a year. If this is compared with other municipal expenditures, many of them for purposes of far less consequence, it surely cannot be said that the expense is prohibitory.

Boston now has two such swimming-pools in operation, and in spite of the counter attractions of the salt water baths, each of them has been used during the summer season by an average of over 1,000 bathers a day, a large majority of whom have been school-children. Our experience has demonstrated in a striking manner the local use of such facilities from the fact that, although the swimming-pool last built was only about a mile away from the first one, the attendance of the latter did not appreciably fall off, and the new pool created at once its own local patronage.

We may well, therefore, regard the local bath, gymnasium or playground as a part of the system of public instruction for the young, treating the use of such facilities by adults as incidental, and not as the primary object for which they are established. I have emphasized the argument of mere utility, but we must not lose sight of the advantages of such municipal policy from the standpoint of recreation. Both the child and the adult must recreate his forces and faculties by a change from work to some form of amusement, if he is to do his best work. We are only beginning in this country to recognize the vital importance of wholesome recreation as a factor in social development, and the propriety of furnishing to all, at the public expense, some facilities in this direction; for a large portion of the people must practically be without them unless they are so supplied.

The new policy which the City of Boston is adopting in creating a department of public music, and in arranging not only for an extension of the public band concerts which have been given in summer, but for free

concerts indoors during the winter, affords a striking example of public action for improving social conditions in this direction; and while the swimming-pool and the gymnasium are not intended purely for amusement, the recreation which accompanies their use, and the pleasant occupation which they provide are by no means to be overlooked. The work of providing facilities for their children to play in a manner which shall be safe and free from opportunities of mischief is no easy one for parents; the social importance of a municipal agency which supplies to the children of the community a frequent occupation, under proper supervision, is by no means small.

The great problem of social science is that of securing some general distribution among all the people of the advantages and facilities which the progress of human knowledge and the advance of civilization have developed in such rich measure.

A sound society must be well developed throughout its membership; in my opinion, one of the most important functions of municipal government is that of promoting the feeling of community, to secure in some measure the enjoyment by all, not, indeed, of an impossible equality of social opportunity, but of a certain minimum of elementary social advantages. It is not within the power of that concentration of forces for co-operative purposes which we designate as a municipality, to make all of its citizens well educated or prosperous; but I believe that it can readily secure them sufficient facilities for cleanliness, for exercise and for recreation, to raise materially the average social standard of the community, and to promote in some measure the general well-being and contentment. No one acquainted with the rudiments of social science will, I think, question the advantages of including such objects within the scope of municipal government, and within the purposes for which it is maintained. The bath, gymnasium and playground are no unimportant agencies in promoting the civilization of great cities—a civilization which even now includes too much of barbarism, of squalor, of utter ignorance, for us to contemplate it with equanimity.

These agencies are, to be sure, of the simplest description, but the simple is often the least obvious and the most easily overlooked. Soap and water are, after all, the most potent agencies of civilization. Let us, then, see to their more universal application. It is doubtless true that the great mass of the unwashed will not lead in the movement for the general establishment of public baths; but they will surely follow in the movement if some of those who are already washed will lead in it, and they; and more particularly their children, will flock to the baths as soon as they are opened. If social reforms must generally be started by those who are so well situated that they will not themselves be directly benefited, let us appeal to some of those who have fine bath-rooms in their own homes, and who are able to move to the seashore in summer, with whom personal cleanliness is the most cardinal of virtues, to contribute something of their means and of their efforts toward a crusade for the cleanliness of the whole community, through the provision of public baths for all.

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.**

A special meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Thursday, September 1, 1898, at 8 P.M., President Connolly in the chair.

The meeting was held in pursuance to the following call, which was read by the Clerk:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 30, 1898.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, September 1, 1898, at 8 o'clock P.M., to further consider the proposed loan appropriations for the Baths Department, which have passed the Board of Aldermen, and to transact such other business as may properly come before your body.

It will be necessary to close the baths on Friday morning unless the necessary appropriations can be made by the Common Council, and notice to this effect has been given to all employees and to the public.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN AUGUST.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate, and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of August, 1898, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 558; total number of mortgages, 635; total amount of mortgages, \$2,123,235.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	104
South Boston	48
East Boston	53
Roxbury	71
Dorchester	144
West Roxbury	83
Brighton	34
Charlestown	21
Total	558

PUBLIC BATHS.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on Tuesday afternoon, September 6, only routine business was transacted.

The following order, offered by Alderman O'Toole, was assigned for a week:

That the Trustees of the Franklin Fund be requested to authorize the appropriation of \$200,000 from that fund, to be expended for public baths for the City of Boston.

City Government Orders.**ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.****By the Board of Aldermen.**

The following were approved August 30:

The constable's bond of John L. Russell. Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

F. Van Raalte, illuminated sign, at 277 Washington street, Ward 6.

Charles Soo, sign, at 149 Hancock street, Ward 20.

John Eustis, show case, at 92 North street, Ward 6.

George B. Lothrop & Co., sign, at 364 Atlantic avenue, Ward 7.

C. W. Shaw, V-shaped sign, at 3 India square, Ward 7.

Herbert S. Frost, sign, at 111 Clifton street, Ward 16.

Philip Riley, two barber poles, at 51 Porter street, Ward 2.

Max Sturnick, sign, at 24A Shawmut avenue.

Boston Stitching and Plaiting Company, sign, at 12-14 Winter street.

Samuel Meadows, illuminated druggist's mortar, corner of Dorchester and Vale streets, Ward 15.

E. A. Drowne Company, two lanterns, at 195 Summer street, Ward 7.

Central Supply Company, wire screen, at 367 Washington street, Ward 7.

Eli Goldstein, two signs, at 73 Lowell street, Ward 8.

David Ziskind, two signs, at 54 South Margin street.

Jacobs Brothers ("Six Little Tailors"), illuminated sign, at 411-413-415 Washington street.

Samuel Katz, four umbrellas (for signs), at 31 Howard street, Ward 6.

Nathan Rosenfield, two signs, at 245 D street, Ward 13.

William Kelley, two drum signs, at the corner of D and Fourth streets, Ward 14.

Permit to Francis W. Kittredge to project five bay-windows and two cornices from building 140-148 Warren street and 1 Moreland street, Ward 21.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks along the streets in front of the following-named estates; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built as specified, with granite edgestone, the owner to furnish the material, viz.:

OF ARTIFICIAL STONE.

Curtis Guild, 26 Mt. Vernon street, Ward 8.
M. Dooley, 102-106 Fellows street, and 58 Hunneman street, Ward 17.

William H. Smith, 101 Bowdoin street, Ward 20.

E. D. Miller, 6 Athelwold street, Ward 20.

Rueter & Co., 14 Keyes street, Ward 22.

Madame J. Maass, 38 Wyman street, Ward 22.

James W. French, Lauriat avenue, Ward 24.

H. Leshefsky, 336-342 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 20.

James F. Brown, 34-42 Bedford street, Ward 7.

Edward Tracy, 11-19 Vale street, Ward 15.
Shales & May, Vale street.

Mark Sherwin, 10-12 Wolcott street, Ward 20.

Albert E. Leon, 37 Wales street, Ward 20.
Paul Abel, 192 Lamartine street, Ward 22.

A. D. Gould, 27-33 Bellevue street, and 368-370 Quincy street, Ward 20.

F. H. Lovett, 8 Wolcott street, Ward 20.

OF BRICK.

William Quinn, 366 Bremen street, Ward 1.
William A. Newhouse, 143 Falcon street, Ward 1.

Catherine E. McHugh, 65 West Eagle street, Ward 1.

Bernard Rome, 119-121 Havre street, Ward 2.

M. Scheffreen, corner Langdon and George streets, Ward 17.

S. Anselwich, 10-12 Cunard street, Ward 18.

Jeremiah McCarthy, corner Delle avenue and Burney street, Ward 19.

Mary Horrigan, 20 Sackville street, Ward 4.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Hereford street at the corner of Commonwealth avenue, 314, and at the corner of Boylston street, said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost thereon.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Algonquin street at the corner of Harvard street, Ward 20; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost thereon.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Stephen Brennan to place, maintain and use one guy-post in Allen street, near Spring street; one guy-post in Allen street, with necessary ropes attached thereto, Ward 8; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Coughlan & Ryan to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with necessary ropes attached thereto, as follows: One in Columbus avenue, near the railroad bridge; one in Cazenove street, in front of No. 1; one in St. Charles street, near the railroad track, for use in track construction; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John J. Reagan to erect, maintain and use one guy-post in Columbus avenue, near the railroad bridge, Ward 10, for use in demolishing buildings; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. K. Ryan to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes stretched in and over the following-named locations: Three on Harrison avenue, near Way street; three in Washington street, near the Boston and Albany Railroad bridge, for use in track construction; the work to be completed on or before November 15, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Mack & Moore to erect, maintain and use two guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in the roadway on Elm street, at or near Newburn street, Ward 22; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. Hermanson to lay, maintain and use a one and one-quarter-inch iron pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 91 Sterling street, Ward 18; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Schneider to lay, maintain and use a one and one-quarter-inch pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 11 Erie street, Ward 20; the work to be completed on or before November 15, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to B. F. McKechnie to lay, maintain and use a one and one-quarter-inch iron pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of estate on Morton street, in front of Vincent Brothers grocery store, Ward 24; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. C. Pineo to lay, maintain and use a one and one-quarter-inch iron pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 643 Warren street, Ward 21; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Isaac Engel to lay, maintain and use a one and one-quarter-inch iron pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of estate junction of Centre and Roxbury streets, Ward 19; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Martin Ellis & Co. to move a wooden building, pitch roof, twenty-five feet in length, by eighteen feet in width, by twenty-two feet in height, from Beacon street, near Chestnut Hill avenue, along 500 feet to land

of Metropolitan Water Board, Ward 25; on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley to move a wooden building, flat roof, fifty feet in length, by thirty-seven and one-half feet in width, by twenty-two feet in height, from private lands off Percival avenue to Hamilton street, and through said street to a private way called Homes avenue, Ward 20; on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be authorized to close to public travel on Wednesday, September 21, 1898, during the parade of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, the following-named streets:

Arlington street, Commonwealth avenue, south side, Massachusetts avenue, Huntington avenue, Boylston street, Washington street, Summer street, High street, Congress street, Milk street, Broad street, State street, Washington street, School street, Beacon street; and the said Board is hereby requested to provide a sufficient detail of police at the principal points where, in their judgment, it may be required.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be hereby requested by this Board, through His Honor the Mayor, to allow the passage of the parade of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows through Commonwealth avenue, on September 21, 1898, and to permit the closing of said street to public travel during the said parade.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, permits for the occupying of public streets and squares to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, for the purpose of erecting observation stands for their parade on September 21, 1898.

The following were approved September 2, 1898:

Licenses to run passenger barges, viz.: To Michael F. Callahan, between Centre street and Caledonia Grove and Mt. Benedict Cemetery.

To John W. Bryan, between Highland and Spring-street stations and Caledonia Grove.

To Thomas A. Hennessey, between Spring-street station and Caledonia Grove.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Joseph Guirasso to construct, maintain and use a coal-hole opening fourteen inches in diameter, with an iron cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 46 Hull street, Ward 6; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to S. Anselwich to place, maintain and use two coal-hole openings fourteen inches in diameter, with iron covers of rough upper surface; and one area three feet by one and one-half feet, with cover of iron grating, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate Nos. 10 and 12 Cunard street, Ward 18; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and

conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to James Freeman Brown to place, maintain and use a sidewalk cover of iron and glass, thirty-three feet by six feet, over the present area in the sidewalk in front of estate Nos. 34-44 Bedford street, Ward 7; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Andrew F. McDermott to construct, maintain and use nine coal-hole openings, fifteen inches each in diameter, with iron covers of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 198-202 Hampden street, Ward 17; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John S. Jacobs & Son to construct, maintain and use a coal-hole opening not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 103 Court street, and to close and fill up the present coal-hole opening in front of said estate, Ward 6; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Mrs. Georgie Hutchings to place, maintain and use two areas three feet by one and one-half feet each, with covers of iron grating, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 24 Fleet street, Ward 6; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John J. Keeley to place, maintain and use a bulkhead opening three and one-half feet by four feet, with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Chapman street, near 204 Main street, Ward 5; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use tracks in Scollay square, with necessary switches and connections with existing tracks in Court, Hanover and Brattle streets, and Cornhill, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated July 5, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition

that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the right to locate tracks on Walnut avenue, between Humboldt avenue and Seaver street, being a part of the sixteenth location of the Highland Street Railway Company, and of the eightieth location of the Metropolitan Railroad Company, both granted by the Board of Aldermen December 27, 1881, and now held by the West End Street Railway Company, be and the same is hereby revoked.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red and blue dots on plans deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Princeton street, Ward 1, thirteen poles, thirty-five feet in height by thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, nine feet; date of plan, July 12, 1898.

Norfolk street, Ward 24, one pole, thirty-five feet in height by twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet; date of plan, November 13, 1897.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from Norfolk street and twelve poles from Berkeley street, said poles being shown by dots marked "removed" on plans made by G. H. Dresser and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red and blue dots on plans deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser and C. A. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:

Elm Hill avenue, Ward 21, five poles, thirty-five feet in height by thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet; date of plan, July 12, 1898.

Tremont street, Ward 19, one pole, fifty feet in height by fifteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet; date of plan, November 20, 1897.

Harvard street, Ward 20, one pole, twenty-five feet in height by twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet; date of plan, November 20, 1897.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from Tremont street, one pole from

Harvard street, and five poles from Gleason street, said poles being shown by red dots marked "removed" on plans made by G. H. Dresser and C. A. Perkins, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

By the City Council.

The following were approved September 2, 1898:

Resolutions of City Council regarding enlisted soldiers (see THE CITY RECORD, page 503).

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to incur such expenses as may be necessary to provide for the temporary care of sick and wounded soldiers by the hospitals or departments of the city, and that the expense of the same be charged to City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be hereby authorized to transfer the unexpended balance of the appropriation for Lafayette avenue to Street Improvements, Ward 6.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners be authorized to draw from the City Treasury the sum of \$100 for meeting the expense of recording and filing in the Registry of Deeds takings of land for streets and sewers, to be accounted for before the close of the fiscal year; the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Laying-out Department.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Suffolk Brewing Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on G and Ninth streets, Ward 15, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for storage purposes, main building occupied for manufacturing purposes.

REMOVAL OF TRACKS.

The following was passed at a meeting of the Boston Transit Commission, held September 6:

Voted, That, in accordance with the requirements of Statutes 1894, Chapter 548, Section 35, all surface tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Park square and Tremont street, are hereby ordered to be removed.

A true copy. Attest:

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

BOSTON'S SUBWAY.

On Saturday, September 3, 1898, Boston's subway, constructed under authority given by

Chapter 428, Acts of 1893, Chapter 548, Acts of 1894, Chapter 440, Acts of 1895, and Chapter 500, Acts of 1897, was completed and opened to the public for travel.

Its construction has been in charge of a commission, of which two members, Hon. George G. Crocker, Chairman, and Horace G. Allen (who took the place of Albert C. Burrage, resigned in 1896), were appointed by the Governor, and the other three members, Charles H. Dalton, Thomas J. Gargan and George F. Swain, were appointed by the Mayor. The Chief Engineer is Howard A. Carson, with B. Leighton Beal as Secretary of the commission.

The estimated cost of the subway was \$5,000,000, of which \$4,000,000 was for construction and \$1,000,000 for real estate. While the exact figures cannot be given at the present time, the actual cost for construction will be less than \$3,800,000, and for real estate less than \$1,000,000.

Work was begun on the subway at the Public Garden on March 28, 1895, and the first portion of the undertaking, extending to Park street, was completed and in operation on September 1, 1897, and on September 30 of the same year that portion from Pleasant street to the part already in use was placed in operation.

The area of the subway can be best shown by the statement that in general its width is twenty-four feet for two-track sections and forty-eight feet for four-track sections. It contains two tracks from the junction of Shawmut avenue and Tremont street to the junction of Boylston and Tremont streets, and from the entrance at the Public Garden to the junction of Boylston and Tremont streets; from the latter point to Park street, four tracks; two tracks from Park street to Scollay square, down Cornhill to Adams square, and on Hanover street from Washington street to Scollay square; three tracks on Washington street from Adams square to Hanover street, and four tracks on Washington street and under the old Boston and Maine property, from Hanover street to the terminus near Travers street.

Its length is a mile and two-thirds, and its trackage, reckoned as single track, is about five miles.

The operating company pays for its annual rental a sum which shall never be less than $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the cost. The number of car-trips per annum, reckoning each passage of a car from one entrance of the subway to another, as one trip, and from any entrance of the subway to a loop within the subway and back to an exit at the same point at which it entered, as two trips, shall be charged at the rate of five cents per trip, and if at any time the amount so computed shall exceed $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the cost of the subway, then the amount of annual rental shall be based upon the toll system instead of on a percentage of the cost.

Board Meetings.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Friday, August 26.

An order was passed laying out Alexander street; and orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out and construct as public alleys, passageways between Newbury street and Boylston street, from Clarendon street to Massachusetts avenue; between Marlboro' street and Commonwealth avenue, from Arlington street to Massachusetts avenue; between Commonwealth avenue and Newbury street, from Massachusetts avenue to Arlington street, and between Newbury street and Boylston street, from Arlington street to Berkeley street; an order was also passed to construct a sewer outlet in Parker street.

It was voted to pay Frederic B. Pierce trustees, \$500; J. Homer Pierce and others, trustees, \$5,400; and Mary E. Cronin and others \$11,200 for all land taken from, and damages occasioned to, their respective estates by the laying out of Columbia road, their agreements to accept said sums having been approved by the Mayor.

Wednesday, August 31.

It was voted to approve the locations, directions, widths and grades for Hobson street, at Dorchester, and Gifford street, at Roxbury; the same were sent to the Mayor for his approval.

It was voted to pay Martha A. Tuttle \$14,000 for all land taken from, and for all damages occasioned to, her estate by the laying out of Columbia road; her agreement to accept same having been approved by the Mayor.

On recommendation of the Law Department it was voted to pay Charles A. Kelley, administrator for the estate of John Fitzgibbons, \$200 for damages occasioned his estate by the widening of Centre street; the same sent to the Mayor for his approval.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Belvidere, Scotia, Dalton, Thorndike, and Fellows streets.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Angell street; an order was passed, and sent to the Mayor for his approval, to lay out Stuart street.

Changes were ordered to be made on plans in Plat 13, 14, 2, 5 and 8.

An order was received from the School Committee requesting the Board to take land on Quincy and Perth streets and Phipps place for a school-house.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Sheridan and Walter streets, for a sewer in Wachusett street, and that Warner avenue, at Dorchester, be laid out from Harvard street to Park street.

Friday, September 2.

It was voted to approve the location, direction, width and grade of Johnson terrace, and the same was sent to the Mayor for his approval.

It was voted to pay F. W. Moore and S. E. Howe, guardian for F. W. Moore, \$265 for all land taken from, and for all damages

occasioned to, their estate by the laying out of Columbia road; and to pay John J. Sullivan \$100 for all land taken from, and for all damages occasioned to, his estate by the relocation of Weld street.

Petitions were received for sewers in Farrington street and Clement avenue; in Garden street and in Elmwood court; and that Draper street may be laid out, at Dorchester.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, August 22, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending August 20, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	1	3	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	7
2...	-	5	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	3
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
5...	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	5
6...	-	6	1	-	-	-	6	-	3	25
7...	-	3	-	-	-	-	9	1	6	43
8...	-	2	-	-	1	-	6	-	8	20
9...	-	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	3	8
10...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	13
11...	-	5	-	-	-	-	6	1	6	16
12...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	9
13...	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	4	3
14...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	6
15...	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	5
16...	13	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	11
17...	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	18
18...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	13
19...	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	7	5
20...	2	3	3	-	-	2	3	-	8	34
21...	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	8	12
22...	1	3	1	-	-	1	3	-	2	9
23...	4	2	-	-	-	4	4	1	11	17
24...	2	1	2	-	-	3	2	-	6	32
25...	3	1	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	10
T'ls..	32	45	14	-	7	14	59	7	86	326

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, September 5, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending September 3, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	126
Number of discharges of mortgages	15
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of bills of sale	2

Number of assignments of wages	37
Number of married women's certificates	9
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of ship liens	2
Number of attachments	1

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, August 27, 1898.

It was adjudged that the public health required the following passageways to be paved, and orders to that effect were accordingly issued:

Brighton avenue, from 105 Brighton street; Bennett place, from 42 Bennett street; Maple place, from Harrison avenue; May place, from Oak street; passageway, adjoining 275 Congress street.

The following applications for stable permits have been filed at this office:

A. E. Leon, 37 Wales street, Ward 20, two horses; hearing September 1, at 11 o'clock. James Allerby, 6 Milton street, Ward 24, eight cows; hearing September 1, at 11 o'clock. G. M. Maynard, 79 Gardner street, Ward 25, three horses; hearing September 8, at 11 o'clock. Joseph A. Locke, 220 Friend street, Ward 8, thirty-five horses; hearing September 8, at 11 o'clock. B. F. Croscup, Ballou avenue, Ward 24, two horses; hearing September 8, at 11 o'clock. S. H. Whitwell, 327 Newbury street, Ward 11, ten horses; hearing September 8, at 11 o'clock. J. J. Cronin, 123 Centre street, Ward 19, one horse; hearing September 8, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

John Defren, rear 5 and 7 Douglas street, Ward 15, five horses and four cows; L. E. H. Jones, rear 449 Dorchester avenue, Ward 15, twenty horses; Thomas Nannery, Pleasant street, Ward 23, five horses.

The petition of B. Higgins for the occupancy of a stable on 136 West Eighth street, Ward 15, for one cow, was refused.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending August 27, 1898:

Eight hundred and forty-one pounds of immature veal, fifty pounds of tainted beef, eight crates of melons, twenty-two bunches of bananas, 120 quarts of blackberries.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the two weeks ending August 26:

Steers	501
New England cows	17
New England bulls	8
Sheep	242
Calves	729

Totals 1,497

Three hundred and thirty pounds of septicæmic beef were condemned.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending August 27, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	8	5	13
Negative	13	10	23
No growth	2	0	2
Totals	23	15	38

Old Court House, September 3, 1898.

The following applications for stables have been received at this office:

Frederick L. Walker, 110 Melville avenue, Ward 24, three horses; hearing September 15, at 11 o'clock. Charles J. Jacobs, Parker Hill avenue, Ward 19, six additional (ten in all) horses and one cow; hearing September 15, at 11 o'clock. E. J. Barker, Corey road, Ward 25, one horse and one cow; hearing September 15, at 11 o'clock.

It was voted that George E. Everett be appointed an undertaker, for the remainder of the year ending April 30, 1899.

Henry B. Stevens, M.D., has been appointed Medical Inspector of Schools, in place of Dr. Herbert A. Stiles, resigned.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for week ending September 2:

Steers	281
Sheep	241
Calves	391
Total	913

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending Saturday, September 3, 1898:

Three hundred and thirty-eight pounds of tainted poultry, two hundred and ninety-six pounds of immature veal, four barrels of egg plants, one barrel of vegetables.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending September 3, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	3	5	8
Negative	15	8	23
No growth	1	0	1
Totals	19	13	32

Remarks: Typhoid diagnosis; one case, negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, August 29, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending August 27, 1898:

Cases pending	1
Number of applications	84
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	37
Long Island Almshouse	17
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	5
Boston Insane Hospital	3
Foxboro' Asylum	3
Westboro' Insane Hospital	2
Taunton Insane Hospital,	4
Epileptic Hospital	2
Bridgewater Asylum	2
Number of applications refused,	5
Number of applications withdrawn	3
Cases pending	2
Legal settlements investigated,	102

28 Court Square, September 6, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending September 3:

Cases pending	2
Number of applications	84
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	31
Long Island Almshouse	12
Charlestown Almshouse	10
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	5
Boston Insane Asylum	1
Foxboro' Asylum	3
Taunton Insane Asylum	5
Worcester Insane Asylum	1
Number of applications refused,	12
Number of applications withdrawn	6
Cases pending	0
Legal settlements investigated	91

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, August 29, 1898.

Statistics for week ending August 27:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	168	5
Females	21	2
Totals	189	7
Offences:		
Against the person	14	2
Against property	15	3
Against public order and decency	163	2
Totals	*192	7
Discharges:		
Males	161	7
Females	21	12
Totals	182	19
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	115	18
Permit of Commissioner,	27	0
Payment of fine	38	1
Transferred to Asylum for Criminal Insane	2	0
Totals	182	19
Population:		
August 22, 1898	1,559	535
Committed since August 22	189	7
Totals	1,748	542
Discharged since August 22	182	19
August 27, 1898	1,566	523

*Three committed on two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, August 29, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending August 28:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	242
Defects corrected	335
Def-cts reported	45
Dead wire removed (feet)	4,300
Poles inspected	80
Notices of new work received	11
Fixtures removed	18

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	104
Notices of new wiring received	60

Temporary wiring at various theatres has been inspected.

Electric fire at Boston and Albany Railroad grain elevator, East Boston, on August 19, caused by lightning entering building over flagpole and igniting insulation on clock wires, has been investigated.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	3
Building connections	8
Repairs	2

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	27
Building connections	12
Pole connections	3
Repairs	2
Cable drawings	9
Underground plans filed	2

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending September 3, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	24.2
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897,	22.5
Number of deaths:	
Males	137
Females	109
Total	246
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	224
Increase	22

Of the 246 decedents, 239 were white and 7 colored; 180 were born in the United States, 61 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 5 was unknown; 48 were of American parentage, 174 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 24 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	12	4
Scarlatina	12	0
Typhoid fever	24	6
Measles	13	1
Totals	61	11

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	22
Pneumonia	10
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	19
Marasmus	10
Violent causes	13
Total from principal causes	76
Total from infectious diseases	11
Total from other causes	159
Total from all causes	246
Deaths of children under 1 year	102
Deaths of children under 5 years	122
Deaths of persons over 60 years	32
Deaths in public institutions	65

NEXT MEETING OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held on Monday afternoon, September 12, at 3 o'clock.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 24, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 276 Tremont street, Ward 7, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second story, over the easterly side of Tremont street. Dimensions: Fourteen feet high, 10 feet wide, and 1 foot 6 inches over line of street.

SAMUEL B. DOGGETT,
Commonwealth avenue, corner of Wade street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 6, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the nineteenth day of September, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the public and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, August 26, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company, by its attorney, the Boston Elevated Railway Company, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Geneva avenue, from the junction of said Geneva avenue and Bowdoin street to Park street; thence on said Park street to Dorchester avenue; with all necessary curves, sidings, cross-overs, switches and connections, connecting with the existing tracks of said company on said Bowdoin street and Dorchester avenue and with its car-house on said Park street; all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated August 25, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition; and said Company further petitions for the consent and permission of your Board to establish and maintain the overhead single-trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said tracks petitioned for, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the poles, wires, appliances, and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 30, 1898.

On the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the nineteenth day of September, at 3 o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the *Dorchester Beacon*, *Boston Traveler* and *THE CITY RECORD*.

Passed.
A true record. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, August 26, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Beech street, from Anawan avenue to Westbourne street, Ward 23; Clifford street, from Warren street to No. 37 Clifford street, Ward 21; Lyndhurst street, from Allston street to No. 69 Lyndhurst street, Ward 20; Centre street, between Starr lane and Seaverns avenue, Ward 22.

Also to remove one pole in said Centre street.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 30, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twelfth day of September, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the *Roxbury Gazette*, *Jamaica Plain News*, *Boston Journal*, *Boston Globe* and *THE CITY RECORD*.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 10, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 62 Porter street, corner Havre street, Ward 2, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, one on the corner of Porter and Havre streets, and one on Havre street. Dimensions: Each 20 feet high, 12 feet wide, and 3 feet over line of street.

CHARLES F. HARGRAVE,
32 Central square, East Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 30, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twelfth day of September, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the *East Boston Free Press* and *THE CITY RECORD*, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 6, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 475 linear feet of sewer work in Newark street, off Cedar street, Roxbury District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, September 9, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, August 3, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Harrison avenue, between Northampton street and Warren street, with all necessary curves, cross-overs and connections, and curves at intersecting points connecting with existing tracks, all as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated July 25, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 30, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the nineteenth day of September, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the *Boston Globe*, *Boston Traveler* and *THE CITY RECORD*.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, August 29, 1898.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to erect poles for the support of its wires as follows: Pond street, between Elliot and Orchard streets, three poles, forty feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, eight feet.

Respectfully,
Boston Electric Light Company,
By SAMUEL S. SIAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 30, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twelfth day of September, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the *Jamaica Plain News*, *Boston Post* and *THE CITY RECORD*.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 31, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Angell street, at West Roxbury, be laid out as a highway, from Blue Hill avenue to Canterbury street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fourteenth day of September, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



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Room 71, City Hall,

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF EX-MAYOR LINCOLN.

Hon. Frederic W. Lincoln, who was the sixteenth and eighteenth Mayor of Boston, died at his home in Dorchester on Tuesday, September 13, in the eighty-second year of his age. Mr. Lincoln was born in Boston, on February 27, 1817. Having served his apprenticeship, in 1839 he became a maker of nautical instruments, and continued in that line of business for over forty years.

In 1847 and 1848, and again in 1872 and 1874, he served in the Legislature of Massachusetts.

In 1858 Mr. Lincoln was elected Mayor. He served as Mayor during the years 1858-60, and again in 1863-66—seven years in all. He was Mayor for a greater number of years than any other incumbent, Josiah Quincy, who served for six years continuously, i. e., 1823-28, being the only other person to occupy the Mayor's chair for five years or more.

Of the six ex-Mayors now living, two—Messrs. Prince and Matthews—held the office for four years.

Mr. Lincoln was Chairman for several years of the Massachusetts Board of Harbor Commissioners. He was Chairman of the Board of Overseers of the Poor of Boston from 1867 till 1878, when he became Treasurer of the Board, which office he continued to hold till the time of his death.

Mr. Lincoln was prominent in financial, charitable and educational affairs, as well as in politics.

The Lincoln School in South Boston, which was dedicated in September, 1859, was named in honor of Mr. Lincoln, who was then Mayor. The City Hall, dedicated September 17, 1865, was completed during Mr. Lincoln's sixth term of office.

APPOINTMENT OF ART COMMISSIONERS.

In accordance with Chapter 410 of the Acts of the Legislature, 1898, His Honor the Mayor has appointed the following-named gentlemen to serve as members of the Board of Art Commissioners: Samuel D. Warren, representing the Museum of Fine Arts, for five years; Charles A. Cummings, representing the Boston Art Club, for four years; Arthur A. Carey, representing the Trustees of the Boston Public Library, for three years; C. Howard Walker, representing the Boston Society of Architects, for two years, and F. W. Chandler, representing the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for one year.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

The Board of Assessors, at a meeting held on Tuesday, September 13, 1898, organized by the election of Frank A. Drew as Chairman, in place of Joshua S. Duncklee deceased, and George A. Comins as Secretary, in place of Mr. Drew.

Both members of the Board entered the employ of the Assessing Department in the early seventies, Mr. Drew in 1872 and Mr. Comins in 1874, and, in various capacities, have had continuous connection with its service.

DECISION REGARDING THE FRANKLIN FUND.

By the will and codicil of Benjamin Franklin, one thousand pounds sterling were donated to the Town of Boston, to be let out under certain conditions upon interest. It was provided that this fund should be managed under the direction of the Selectmen, united with the ministers of the oldest Episcopalian, Congregational and Presbyterian churches in the town, and at the end of one hundred years, one hundred thousand pounds of the trust, which would have accrued in that time, should be laid out by the managers in public works, "which may be judged of most general utility to the inhabitants, such as fortifications, bridges, aqueducts, public buildings, baths, pavements, or whatever may make living in the town more convenient to its people, and render it more agreeable to strangers resorting thither for health or a temporary residence."

The bequest was accepted by the town at a meeting held June 1, 1790, and the money was paid over in March, 1791. In 1822 the City Charter was adopted, and from that time on the Mayor and Aldermen, with the ministers of the three churches mentioned in the will, acted as managers of the fund.

A meeting of these managers was held December 28, 1893, and an order was passed, setting apart from the fund \$322,490.20, with its accumulations, for the purchase of a piece of land and the erection of a Franklin Trades School, under the direction of such department of the city as would be charged with the erection and furnishing of buildings in the City of Boston.

The money was paid over to the City Treasurer in 1894, but by Chapter 449 of the Acts of 1895 the Architect's Department of the City of Boston was abolished, and although at various times the managers passed votes in connection with the purchase of land for a school, no money, except a few hundred dollars to defray the expenses of the architect and managers while visiting trades schools in other cities, was ever paid out from the City Treasury for that purpose.

On March 26, 1898, on petition of the Mayor, the will was filed and recorded in the Registry of Probate, and a few months later the Corporation Counsel filed a petition in the Probate Court asking for the appointment of trustees under the will, designating as such the Mayor and Aldermen, with the ministers of the above-mentioned churches.

This was followed by petitions of the Citizens' Association of Boston and the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, asking the appointment, as trustees, of four other persons, besides the ministers.

A hearing was held on February 11, 1897, and on March 18, 1897, the Probate Court appointed as trustees Henry L. Higginson, Francis C. Welch, Abraham Shuman and Charles T. Gallagher, together with the oldest ministers of the Episcopalian, Congregational and Presbyterian churches. The court assumed that the managers were trustees and that when the town became a city there became a vacancy in the trusteeship.

The case was then carried to the Supreme Judicial Court, and in an opinion of the court by Judge Allen, August 30, 1898, it was decided that there was no vacancy in the office of trustee, as the City of Boston, as the successor to the Town of Boston, continued to be the trustee under the will, and, there being no vacancy, the appointment of the petitioners as trustees was void.

The following is the full text of the decision:

There can be no doubt that the title to the fund now in question was at the outset in the Town of Boston. The gift was to the inhabitants of the town, in trust for the purposes specified, and was to be accepted by them. It is afterwards spoken of in the codicil as the donation to the Town of Boston, and again as the donation to the inhabitants of Boston.

It is now well settled that a town may, in its corporate capacity, accept a gift of real or personal estate left to it in trust for charitable purposes, and may act as trustee and execute the trust. *Drury v. Natick*, 10 Allen, 169, 182. *Webb v. Neal*, 5 Allen, 575. *Nourse v. Merriam*, 8 Cush. 11, 19. *Green v. Putnam*, 8 Cush. 21. *Worcester v. Eaton*, 13 Mass. 371. *Vidal v. Howard*, 2 How. 127, 190. 2 Dillon Mun. Corp. §§ 567-573.

The City of Boston is the same municipal corporation as the inhabitants of the Town of Boston were. By being incorporated as a city, the identity of the municipal corporation was not lost. Property held by the inhabitants of the town in trust would pass to the city on the same trust. No action of any court was necessary in order to vest the title to such property in the city; and the same duties would rest upon the city as rested upon the town. This was clearly established in *Girard v. Philadelphia*, 7 Wall, 1, where the granting of a new city charter and

the repeal of the old one, and the enlargement of the area of the city from two square miles to about one hundred and twenty-nine, were held not to affect the city's title to property held in trust, or its capacity to execute the trusts. Again in *Broughton v. Pensacola*, 93 U. S. 266, it was held that rights of creditors were not lost by a change of charter, the court saying, "It will be presumed that the Legislature intended a continued existence of the same corporation, although different powers are possessed under the new charter, and different officers administer its affairs." See, also, *Mobile v. Watson*, 116 U. S. 289. *Shapleigh v. San Angelo*, 167 U. S. 646. *Town of Kahoka Case*, 35 Fed. Rep. 32. *Devereux v. Brownsville*, 29 Fed. Rep. 742. *State v. Natal*, 39 La. An. 439. *Amy v. Selma*, 77 Ala. 103. 1 Dillon Mun. Corp. §§ 171, 172.

It is, however, contended by the plaintiffs that even although the city may hold the title to the fund in trust, and be in that sense a trustee, yet the duties of the persons referred to in the will as managers are such as also to constitute them trustees, with a right of possession and control of the fund. Some of the provisions of the will tend to support this view, but an examination of the whole of the provisions relating to this bequest, and to the similar bequest to the City of Philadelphia, leads us to the conclusion that the managers were not intended to be trustees. After making detailed provisions in respect to the gift to Boston, Dr. Franklin says: "All the directions herein given respecting the disposition and management of the donation to the inhabitants of Boston I would have observed respecting that to the inhabitants of Philadelphia; only as Philadelphia is incorporated, I request the corporation of that city to undertake the management agreeable to said directions." The distinction in his mind appears to have been Philadelphia, being a city, could manage the fund through its existing officers or boards, while the inhabitants of the Town of Boston assembled in town meeting, could not well pass upon the details of the management, and hence he provides, in the first instance, that the fund "shall be managed under the direction of the selectmen, united with the ministers of the oldest Episcopalian, Congregational and Presbyterian churches in that town." Afterwards he says that "it is presumed that there will always be found in Boston virtuous and benevolent citizens willing to bestow a part of their time in doing good to the rising generation by superintending and managing this institution gratis." A provision follows that "there may in time be more [money] than the occasion in Boston shall require, and then some may be spared to their neighboring or other towns in the said State of Massachusetts who may desire to have it, such towns engaging to pay punctually the interest and the portions of the principal to the inhabitants of the Town of Boston." And still later he adds: "I hope however that if the inhabitants of the two cities should not think fit to undertake the execution they will at least accept the offer of these donations as a mark of my good-will, a token of my gratitude, and a testimony of my earnest desire to be useful to them even after my departure. I wish, indeed, that they may both undertake to endeavor the

execution of the project." There could be no pretence that the corporation of Philadelphia or any boards of officers of that city were intended to be trustees, as distinct from the city itself; and we think there was no intention to make the Selectmen of Boston, or the three designated ministers, or the virtuous and benevolent citizens who might aid in superintending and managing the fund, or institution as it is called in the codicil, trustees of the property in a legal sense. They are nowhere called trustees. No provision is made for any formal appointment, or succession to the title when new persons of the classes described should act as managers. Formerly, on the appointment of a new trustee, a conveyance of the property to him was necessary, but now the vesting of title without such conveyance is often provided for by statute. It may be that the founder of a trust could provide for the succession to the title without a formal conveyance; but the absence of all provision for such succession, or for any formal appointment or ascertainment of the ministers who were expected to serve, and the provision respecting the other persons who might take part in the superintendence and management, tend to negative the idea that any of the persons so designated or referred to were intended to be trustees. The case in this particular is quite different from *Drury v. Natick*, 10 Allen, 169, where it was expressly provided that the town should choose five trustees at the first annual meeting after the decease of the testatrix, and every fifth year thereafter, who should hold office for the term of five years. In the present case, the duties of the managers, though in some respects like those usually exercised by trustees, are not such as necessarily to imply technical trusteeship. These duties bear some relation to those of visitors of a charity. The managers were publicly intended to assist rather than to supplant the inhabitants of the town in the administration of the fund. It is not necessary at this time to define the extent and limits of their authority. It is enough to say that the City of Boston is the trustee, as successor to the inhabitants of the Town of Boston, and that there is and has been no vacancy in the office of trustee. The Probate Court assumed to appoint the plaintiffs as trustees on the theory that there was a vacancy. It did not assume to appoint them as managers, and the statutes confer upon that court no jurisdiction to appoint such managers, and the power of a court of equity to appoint such managers, under its general jurisdiction over charities, need not now be considered. The plaintiffs assert no title except under their appointment as trustees, and this title fails. The selectmen and the ministers were never as individuals entitled to the possession and control of the fund, as against the town; nor are the plaintiffs entitled to such possession and control, as against the city.

For these reasons, in the opinion of a majority of the court, the entry must be: Petition dismissed.

The new charter of Montreal, Canada, grants full municipal suffrage to such women as occupy houses subject to taxation, either as owners or lessees.

BATHS DEPARTMENT.

Table showing (1) the Number of Pupils Registered, and (2) the Number who Learned to Swim, in the several Swimming-schools of the Baths Department of Boston, in the season, June-September, 1898.

NAME OF INSTRUCTOR AND LOCATION OF SWIMMING- SCHOOL.	GIRLS.		BOYS.		TOTAL.		Per cent. of registered who learned to swim.
	Number registered.	No. who learned to swim.	Number registered.	No. who learned to swim.	Number registered.	No. who learned to swim.	
I. George T. Holm, East Boston:							
1. Border street.....	85	51	258	157	....	....	....
2. Maverick street.....	69	44	....	....	....	....	....
3. Wood Island.....	53	12	223	48	....	....	....
Total.....	207	107	481	205	688	312	45.35
II. James E. Crowley, Charlestown:							
4. Chelsea bridge.....	89	46	172	149	....	....	....
5. Malden bridge.....	225	107	221	133	....	....	....
6. Medford-street beach	129	51	135	53	....	....	....
Total.....	443	204	528	335	971	539	55.51
III. A. McGivern:							
7. Warren bridge.....	120	57	362	262	482	319	66.18
IV. David Abrams:							
8. West Boston bridge.	213	116	....	....	....	....	....
9. Craigie's bridge.....	....	....	400	319	613	435	70.96
V. P. S. McNally:							
10. North End beach....	189	127	201	165	390	292	74.87
VI. M. Leary:							
11. Dover-street bridge..	224	210	192	181	416	391	93.99
VII. P. J. Finneran:							
12. K street, So. Boston,	134	102	....	....	134	102	76.12
VIII. W. A. Smith:							
13. L street, So. Boston,	....	....	361	329	361	329	91.14
IX. William Ivers:							
14. Orchard Park.....	130	78	127	81	....	....	....
15. Spring street, W. Rox.	30	23	38	24	....	....	....
Total.....	160	101	165	105	325	206	63.38
X. A. A. Oye, Dorches- ter:							
16. Commercial point...	284	258	540	524	....	....	....
17. Neponset.....	55	40	109	101	....	....	....
Total.....	350	298	649	625	999	923	92.39
Grand total.....	2,040	1,322	3,339	2,526	5,379	3,848	71.54

APPRECIATION OF SERVICES.

The following letter has been received by His Honor the Mayor from Dr. E. H. Bradford of the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association:

Boston, September 7, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY.

Mayor of Boston.

MY DEAR MR. QUINCY: You may be interested in hearing of the excellent conduct of Dr. Shea of the Board of Health, who volunteered to take charge of the relief ship "Lewiston," which the Volunteer Aid Association despatched to Montauk to bring off the soldiers of the Ninth Regiment.

Not only did he show great promptness at Montauk, and energy in securing the patients, and in having them brought properly on the ship, but at the time of the accident to the steamship, as I have learned from others than Dr. Shea (who would be too modest to tell the story himself), he took command of the situation, compelled the crew to behave as they should, landed the soldiers on a lighter, and ordered a special train, and by careful management brought his sick soldiers to town, delivering them in time for their breakfast, six hours ahead of the time they were expected.

I do not know that we of the Association can ever thank him for what he has done; but he deserves the gratitude of all citizens of Boston, as well as of the State.

Yours very truly,

E. H. BRADFORD.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that it is desired to establish an eligible register from which a selection may be made to fill an existing vacancy in the grade of fireman, at a salary of \$720 per annum, in the custodian service at Boston, Mass.

Eligibility for appointment will be determined from an examination into each applicant's experience, ability and character as a workman and physical qualifications for the work to be performed.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States, and under the regulations of the Treasury Department must be between the ages of twenty-one and thirty years.

Persons who have suffered the loss of an arm or leg, who are ruptured, or who have other serious disability, are considered physically disqualified for appointment to the custodian service.

This examination is open to all reputable citizens of the United States who may desire to enter the service, and who comply with the requirements, without regard to race or to political or religious affiliations. All such citizens are invited to apply; but attention is invited to the fact that it is the practise of the department in filling vacancies in the custodian service to give preference to eligibles who are legal residents of the place or vicinity where the vacancy exists. Applicants will be examined, graded and certified, with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save their ability as shown in the examination.

Persons desiring to enter this examination should apply to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners at the post-office in the city above mentioned, for application blank, Form 1052, which should be properly executed and at once forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D. C.

BRITISH CONSULAR REPORTS RELATING TO BOSTON.

Two reports of Sir D. Colnaghi, the British Consul-General in Boston, have been published recently by the British Foreign Office. The "Trade of Boston and District for the Year 1897," published July, 1898, constitutes "No. 2147, Annual Series Diplomatic Reports." It contains a succinct and conveniently arranged review of the commerce of Boston and Portland for the year 1897.

"No. 472, Miscellaneous Series of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Foreign Office, August, 1898, page 21," is entitled "Fire Department of Boston, U.S.A." It contains an appreciative and well digested account of the organization and peculiarities of the Boston Fire Department.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Monday, September 12, 1898. Chairman Conry presiding. Absent—Alderman Paige.

Appointment of Constable.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 12, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval and confirmation, William L. White to be a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1899.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

The following messages were received:

Dam Across Wood Island Flats.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 12, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting him "to inform the Board of Aldermen the cause of delay in constructing a dam across Wood Island Flats, East Boston."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, September 12, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the request contained in enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I beg to submit the enclosed report of the Deputy-Superintendent of the Sewer Division in relation to delay in the construction of dam across Wood Island Flats, so-called, East Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

STREET DEPARTMENT, SEWER DIVISION.

September 9, 1898.

MR. BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

DEAR SIR: In answer to the enclosed communication received from the Board of Aldermen, viz.:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to inform the Board of Aldermen the cause of delay in constructing a dam across Wood Island Flats, East Boston, I would state that there was an appropriation made by the City Government of \$3,000 to do this work, and this division proceeded to draw up plans, specifications and contracts for this work, and also received bids which are still unopened.

After this division drew up the plans we discovered that these flats belonged to private corporations instead of to the State of Massachusetts, and we requested the East

Boston and Maverick Land Company for permission to construct the dam.

We also attended hearings, and met the representatives of the company, but as yet they have not forwarded us the desired permission to construct the same. This dam will cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000 to build, and this division does not feel justified in going in on private property without permission being granted us by the parties interested, and this has not yet been obtained.

Very truly yours,

C. R. CUTTER,

Deputy-Superintendent Sewer Division.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Cost of Paving Boylston Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 12, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of paving Boylston street, between Berkeley and Arlington streets.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, September 12, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor:

SIR: In accordance with the request contained in enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I beg to submit the following estimates:

Boylston street, Arlington street to Berkeley street:	
Paving with granite blocks and regulating	\$19,300 00
Paving with asphalt and regulating	18,600 00

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Funds for Street Watering.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 12, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

A few months since an appropriation of \$75,000 was made to cover a portion of the expenses of street watering. This appropriation was not intended to represent the whole expenditure, but it was made on account to enable the work to go on, pending the determination of the number of lineal feet of street frontages within the portion of the city to be watered under the assessment plan and the determination of the exact amount required. The work of computing these street frontages has just been completed, and it now appears that the total sum which will be raised by assessment will amount, at five cents per front foot, to \$138,511. It is very necessary that the difference between this sum and the \$75,000

already appropriated should be appropriated at once, in order that the Assessors may include the amount in the tax bills for the current year, and I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

I transmit with it an estimate from the City Auditor of an additional revenue equal to the sum to be appropriated.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

AUDITING DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, September 12, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I hereby estimate that the receipts from street watering assessments, under the orders passed by the the City Council, will amount to \$138,511 during the current financial year.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES H. DODGE, City Auditor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$63,511 in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated for the purpose, be hereby appropriated for watering the streets and portions of the streets which the city, by vote approved by Mayor, April 18, 1898, determined should be watered during the current year at the expense of the abutters.

The order was passed. Communications and order sent down.

Funds Received for Water Works.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 12, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The City Treasurer has advanced the sum of \$5,000,000 received from the Metropolitan Water Board on account of the claim of the city for damages for the taking of its water supply system, for current expenses, instead of borrowing that amount in anticipation of taxes, and this sum will be restored to the credit of this account early in November, so that it will then be available for other proper disposition. The Treasurer desires to follow the provisions of Chapter 427 of the Acts of 1898, although this act has not yet been accepted by the City Council, and to invest this sum in future issues of bonds of the city, instead of placing bonds to said amount upon the market and carrying this large sum on deposit in banks, as he would otherwise be obliged to do. The authority of the City Council is necessary in order to enable this to be done, and I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to invest from time to time the whole or any part of the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on account of damages caused by the taking of lands, waters and other property by the Metropolitan Water Board together with any other sums which may be received on such

account, in any bonds of the City of Boston which he has been, or may hereafter be, authorized to issue; and the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the bonds so purchased to the Sinking-Funds Commissioners, to be held and managed by them as a separate fund, the interest from which shall, so far as required, be paid to the City Treasurer and used to meet the balance, if any, required for the purposes to which the income from the water works of the city may be applied according to the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 427 of the Acts of 1898, and if any year the total income from said fund shall exceed the amount required to be so used, the excess shall be added to the capital of said fund.

Passed under a suspension of the rule. Sent down.

Baths Department Income.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 12, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

At the beginning of the financial year orders were passed authorizing the crediting to the appropriations for certain departments of the receipts of such departments for various purposes. The authority then given did not cover the Baths Department, and as this department has now received a considerable sum for the use of towels, suits, etc., I desire to ask for the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That all amounts received by the Bath Commissioners for the use of towels, suits, etc., and for laundry work done for other departments, be credited to the appropriation for Baths Department.

Passed. Sent down.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

On Thursday, September 8, 1898, a special meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 8 o'clock. President Connolly in the chair.

The meeting was held in pursuance to the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 6, 1898.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, September 8, at 8 P.M., to act upon the loan appropriation for the Bath Department passed by the Board of Aldermen, and to transact such other business as may come before you.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

The following messages were received:

Discharge of Fireman.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol Street, September 2, 1898.

HIS HONOR, JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Complying with the request of the Honorable Common Council for my reason for discharging Fireman F. Coyle, I would respectfully report that without warning he deserted his post and forsook his comrades in this department, where he well knew that at any moment his services might be needed in battle with that enemy which, at all times, is ready to take advantage of any weakness in our line; but, if on his return he can show mitigation of his offence, I shall gladly give him benefit of any doubt.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Loan Appropriation.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 8, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I desire to call your attention to the fact that the balance of the appropriation for the incidental expenses of the City Council only amounts, on September 1, to \$3,407.12, and that the appropriation for contingent expenses of the Board of Aldermen to seventy-one cents, and that the balance of the reserved fund, which is the only source from which such appropriations can now be increased by transfer, only amounts to \$241.71; transfers amounting to \$24,000 have been made from the reserved fund to the Baths Department and the Public Buildings Department—\$17,000 to the former and \$7,000 to the latter—by vote of the Finance Committee, and such temporary advances from this fund cannot be repaid until the loan appropriations heretofore requested for such departments are passed.

Under authority of the recent order of the City Council, the City Hospital is incurring, and will incur, considerable expenditures, roughly estimated to amount to \$15,000, in taking care of sick and wounded soldiers, and these expenses are to be charged, under such order, to the appropriation for City Council Incidental Expenses; I am informed that such expenditures already amount to more than the present balance in such appropriation, and I am at a loss to know how provision can be made for the payment of further expenses, unless the City Council will place the Baths Department and the Public Buildings Department, through the passage of necessary loan appropriations, in a position to return to the reserved fund the advances which they have received.

Over 200 sick and wounded soldiers have already been received in the City Hospital, and probably at least as many more are to be expected; every possible arrangement has been made for their proper care and comfort, and no expense has been spared for this purpose. A portion of the expense may be received back from the general government, but a very large portion of it will not be repaid

and must be borne by the city. I trust that the Common Council will show by prompt action that it is not only willing to pass a bare order authorizing expenditures for the care of soldiers, but that it is willing to demonstrate its sincerity by making it possible for the necessary funds to be provided in the only manner which is now possible.

The city must not and cannot discontinue its free care of sick and wounded soldiers; but unless the Common Council will make it possible for the money to be provided, it will be necessary for me to appeal to the public to contribute the necessary funds, as this work cannot continue unless some provision is made for meeting the expense.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The message was placed on file, and the question came on the passage of No. 5 on the calendar. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 505, order accompanying message of Mayor relating to Special Loan Appropriation for Baths Department.) Fifty members not voting in the affirmative, the order was rejected. A motion was carried that reconsideration be assigned to the next meeting.

Appropriation for Street Improvements.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 8, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, relative to the need of authorizing at once further loan appropriations for street improvements, if any work is to be done this autumn, and I again desire to emphasize the recommendations in favor of such appropriations which I have heretofore made.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, September 8, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I beg to submit the following statement, showing the appropriations made for Street Department, Paving Division, new and reconstruction work (exclusive of maintenance) from 1891 to 1898, inclusive:

Appropriation.	Amount.	Total.
Year 1891 (13 months.)		
Specials.....	\$1,143,483 75	\$1,143,483 75
1892.		
Specials.....	695,322 38	
Street Improvements.....	282,909 69	978,232 07
1893.		
Specials.....	\$315,412 16	
Street Improvements.....	380,005 54	695,417 70
1894.		
Specials.....	\$352,119 09	
Street Improvements.....	308,679 90	660,798 99
1895.		
Specials.....	\$246,720 52	
Street Improvements.....	583,211 36	839,931 88
1896.		
Specials.....	\$207,668 36	
Street Improvements.....	662,022 04	869,690 40
1897.		
Specials.....	\$223,094 36	
Street Improvements.....	657,985 52	881,079 88
Average per year for 7 years,	\$866,947.81	
1898.		
Specials.....		
Street Improvements.....	*\$181,480 00	181,480 00

*\$13,960.00 for each of thirteen wards.

From the foregoing table it will be noted that in past years a considerable sum of money has been allotted to each ward under the designation of Street Improvements, and in addition special loans have been made for streets, the cost of which would exceed the total allowance for any one ward. The appropriation made this year for street improvement or reconstruction work, as you will note, is only \$181,480, and this apportioned amongst thirteen wards. For the remaining twelve wards no money has been provided. The special appropriations referred to as made in past years cover large and important work, for which the ward appropriation was not sufficient.

The attention of the Common Council has also been called to the fact that certain streets in the downtown district are in such a condition that immediate and thorough work is required; for instance, the section of Tremont street, from Boylston street to Pleasant street occupied by the subway; Commercial street, from State street to Cross street; Kilby street, from State street to Milk street, and Howard street, from Court street to Bulfinch street. In addition to these streets the greater portion of the downtown district has not been paved for over twenty years. During this time the placing under ground of wires, etc., has ruined the pavements.

I fully appreciate that there is not a sufficient sum available this year to do any great amount of work required; but the streets mentioned above are in such condition that it is absolutely necessary that some action be taken. There is before the Common Council an order passed by the Board of Aldermen, under date of July 16, 1898, accompanied by a message from Your Honor, appropriating \$125,000 for new paving work, to be spent under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets. From this sum the streets mentioned above could be taken care of, and a small amount of general work done, where most necessary, in the wards now without an appropriation. The season for proper street work is fast passing by, and as no work of a permanent nature can be done without first giving notice to the corporations and others having underground structures, it is absolutely necessary that action in this matter should be taken at once.

I would also call your attention to the difference in amount of money made available this year and in the years shown in the table above—\$181,480, against an average of \$866,947.81.

In certain cases, where public safety and the requirements of travel rendered action absolutely necessary, I have deemed it proper to use maintenance money, thus reducing

the amount available for street repairs, cleaning, etc.

I would call your attention also to the fact that the maintenance appropriation for the Paving Division was materially reduced by the unusual demands made upon it in consequence of the great snowstorm of last February; so that it is not possible from this fund to comply with the absolute and urgent calls made by the citizens on the department. In every ward at present unprovided with money there exist conditions which should receive prompt attention. These cannot be corrected unless appropriation is made therefor by the City Government.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting.

Veto of Carriage Order.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City Hall, September 8, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith, without my approval, the accompanying order providing for the appointment of a special committee "to make arrangements for providing free carriage rides for soldiers detained at the various hospitals in this city," and providing the sum of \$500 from the reserved fund to be expended for such purpose, under the direction of the Mayor. While the object may be a worthy one, I can see no occasion for the appointment of a special committee for this purpose, and the failure of the loan appropriation for the Baths Department, makes that department unable to repay its advance of \$17,000 from the reserved fund, and leaves the balance in that fund at only a few hundred dollars.

I am ready, however, to take such steps as may seem desirable to provide the free carriage rides suggested.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The message was ordered to be printed, and assigned for one week.

DEATH OF CHARLES H. LITTLE.

Charles H. Little, formerly connected with the Water Department of the City of Boston, died at Laconia, N. H., on Tuesday, September 6, 1898, at the age of eighty years. He entered the service of the department in 1848, and in various capacities remained in its employ until his voluntary retirement in 1889.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved September 6, 1898.

Ordered, That the sum of \$10,000 be transferred from the appropriation for the Street Laying-out Department, Leeds street to Dorchester avenue, to an appropriation to be expended by the Baths Department for the construction of a swimming pool and bathing establishment in Ward 15.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved September 6, 1898:

Leave to project signs, etc., viz.:
Peter F. Tague, illuminated canvas sign, 40 Bunker Hill street, Ward 3.
Sing Lee, two signs, 94 Warren street, Ward 5.
Marks Webber, pawnbroker's sign, 1909 Washington street, Ward 18.
Angeloe Diorio, two barber poles, 41 Howard street, Ward 6.
Morris Mosessohn, clothing pole, 16 Pleasant street, Ward 7.
Jacob Kerch, pole sign, 20 Pleasant street, Ward 7.
Navin & Kelly, illuminated sign, at 745 Washington street.

Ordered, That the order passed by the Board of Aldermen May 2, 1898, suspending the regulation relative to the sale of newspapers shall apply only to boys over ten years of age, and that such suspension shall be in effect only during the period of active hostilities in the present war.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following order was presented to the Mayor August 31, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue permits allowing the construction, under the requirements of the Revised Ordinances of 1892, of all wooden buildings outside the building limits, applications for which were filed in his office prior to July 18, 1898.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The two following orders were presented to the Mayor August 31, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree now standing in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 16 Ottawa street, Ward 21; the expense attending same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree in front of premises No. 123 Centre street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

ABSENCE OF PENAL COMMISSIONER.

Penal Commissioner Ernest C. Marshall sailed on September 8, on the steamship "New England" for Liverpool. During his absence in England and on the Continent, Assistant-Commissioner Hunt will act as Commissioner of the Department.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1898.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of August, 1898, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	528,912
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	27.11
Death rate for corresponding month, 1897	23.24
Number of Deaths:	
Males	608
Females	587
	1,195
Condition:	
Married	238
Single	822
Widows	86
Widowers	38
Unknown	11
Color:	
White	1,163
Colored	32
Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	516
Under 2 years	605
Under 5 years	634
Nativity:	
United States	897
Ireland	159
England	19
Scotland	6
Germany	13
British America	51
Italy	6
Russia	5
Other countries	29
Unknown	10
Parentage:	
United States	271
Irish	360
English	18
Scotch	15
Germany	20
British American	92
Italian	34
Russian	38
Other countries	110
Mixed	116
Unknown	121
Still-births during the month	36

Causes of Death:

I. ZYMOTICS.

Alcoholism	3
Cholera morbus	9
Cholera infantum	225
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	3
Diarrhœa	42
Dysentery	10
Diphtheria	9
Erysipelas	1
Measles	2
Rheumatism	1
Scarlatina	4
Syphilis (congenital)	3
Syphilis	2
Septicæmia	7
Typhoid fever	21
Whooping cough	8
Other Zymotic diseases	3
	353

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	36
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	12
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	41
Phthisis pulmonalis	81
Other Constitutional diseases	24
	194

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	21
Bright's disease	9
Bronchitis	24
Heart disease	82
Meningitis	34
Nephritis	24
Pleurisy	3
Pneumonia	47
Other local diseases	245
	489

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Cyanosis	2
Inanition	23
Old age	14
Premature births	29
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	2
Other Developmental disease	23
	93

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	51
Homicidal	2
Suicidal	6
Other Violent causes	1
	60

Unknown causes	6
Total from all causes	1,195

Drug stores are said to be decreasing in the United States. According to a paper read before the American Pharmaceutical Association, at its recent meeting in Baltimore, the total number of drug stores in the country was 36,664 in 1896, 36,463 in 1897, and only 35,467 in 1898. The decrease varies in different parts of the country from 1.8 per cent. in Pennsylvania in the last two years to 24.6 per cent. in Texas. The competition of the department stores and the cutting of prices in proprietary medicines are the reasons assigned for the decrease.

Within the same period the number of wholesale druggists fell from 296 to 284.

Awards of Contracts.

Metropolitan Water Board.

Proposals were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on September 1, as follows:

Section 1—Clinton Sewerage System—Filter Beds:

Bidders.	Bids.
Owen Cunningham & Son, Somerville	\$18,709 00
Newell & Snowling Construction Company, Uxbridge	19,022 20
Lucian A. Taylor, Boston	19,041 05
Neill Devine, Clinton	19,330 30
Moulton & O'Mahoney, Boston	19,331 90
Long & Little, Leominster	19,520 00
McCusker Brothers, Waltham	19,609 10
Andrew Carberry, East Walpole	19,823 10
Joseph D. Gennaro, Boston	20,810 60
Auguste Saucier, South Framingham	21,644 50
H. P. Nawn & N. S. Brock, Boston	23,270 10
Aab & Company, Waltham	40,075 05

NOTE.—The contract calls for the following items and quantities:

Earth excavation, 64,000 cubic yards; brick masonry, 80 cubic yards; concrete masonry, 65 cubic yards; stone paving, 15 cubic yards; 24-inch vitrified pipe, 1,160 linear feet; 18-inch vitrified pipe, 3,680 linear feet; 12-inch vitrified pipe, 250 linear feet; 8-inch vitrified pipe, 1,720 linear feet; 6-inch vitrified pipe, 1,440 linear feet.

The contract was awarded to Newell & Snowling Construction Company.

Section 2—Clinton Sewerage System—Intercepting sewer, reservoir, pumping station, foundations and force main:

Owen Cunningham & Son, Somerville	\$29,389 50
Edward R. Patterson, Hartford	29,861 30
Martin and Thomas Murphy, Clinton	30,643 00
Joseph D. Gennaro, Boston	33,247 40
H. P. Nawn and N. S. Brock, Boston	33,758 50
Aab & Co., Waltham	35,078 20
McCusker Brothers, Waltham	35,773 50
Charles G. Craib, Winthrop	38,957 50
Jones & Meehan, Boston	40,797 00
C. E. Trumbull & Co., Boston	45,326 00
Long & Little, Leominster	46,000 50
Moulton & O'Mahoney, Boston	49,335 25

NOTE.—The contract calls for the following items and quantities:

Earth excavation for intercepting sewer, 7,100 cubic yards; earth excavation for reservoir and pumping station, 7,500 cubic yards; borrowed earth, 1,500 cubic yards; rock excavation, 200 cubic yards; brick masonry laid in Rosendale cement mortar, 330 cubic yards; brick masonry laid in Portland cement mortar, 55 cubic yards; Rosendale cement, concrete masonry, 170 cubic yards; Portland cement, concrete masonry, 1,390 cubic yards; stone masonry laid in mortar, 130 cubic yards; stone paving, 20 cubic yards; furnishing and laying 24-inch vitrified pipe, 900 linear feet; furnishing and laying 20-inch vitrified pipe, 3,550 linear feet; furnishing and laying 6-inch vitrified pipe, 4,000 linear feet; laying 18-inch cast-iron pipe, 2,290 linear feet; laying 16-inch cast-iron pipe, 105 linear feet; spruce lumber placed in foundations, 24,000 feet.

The contract was awarded to Owen Cunningham & Son.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

School Department.

Proposals for building a primary school in South Boston were opened at the office of the School Committee, on September 6, as follows:

Primary school-house in South Boston:

BUILDING.

McNeil Brothers	\$45,000
L. K. Marston	42,008
James Fagan	41,501
Gerry & Northup	40,847
John A. Rooney	39,748
William I. Mabie	39,747
G. A. Cahill	39,718
Kerrens Driscoll	37,700
Gifford & Lawrence	37,585
W. A. & H. A. Root	36,775
Walter S. Sampson & Son	36,000

The contract was awarded to Walter S. Sampson & Son.

PLUMBING.

The Owen McAuliffe Company	\$3,200
James Tucker & Sons	2,970
D. L. Billings & Co.	2,800
A. G. Rockwood	2,789
Edward C. Kelly	2,710
Thomas F. Ward	2,680
Pierce & Cox	2,640
Isaac N. Tucker	2,397
William N. McKenna	1,885

The contract was awarded to Isaac N. Tucker.

HEATING.

Lynch & Woodward	\$6,870
Ingalls & Kendrick	6,175
A. A. Sanborn	4,650
The Fuller and Warren Warming and Ventilating Company Mechanical fan system, including fans and direct connected electric motors	2,888
Mechanical fan system, using furnaces with auxiliary steam boiler	3,413
Johnson Automatic control, slow moving dampers, for the eight rooms	375

The contract was awarded to The Fuller and Warren Warming and Ventilating Company.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for sewer work in the following-named streets were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, viz.:

Ditson street; bids opened September 6:

Bidders.	Bids.
D. E. Lynch	\$149 68
J. P. O'Connell	159 20
McDowell & Sons	174 00

The contract was awarded to D. E. Lynch.

Proposals for building macadam roadway in the following-named streets were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on September 7, viz.:

Merlin street:

Bidders.	Bids.
Patrick McGovern	\$1,597 10
John Connors	1,655 82
Philip Doherty	1,656 50
Collins & Ham	1,700 06
D. E. Lynch	1,755 50
James McGovern	1,867 55

The contract was awarded to Patrick McGovern.

Hewins street:

Philip Doherty	\$1,134 70
Patrick McGovern	1,212 80
Collins & Ham	1,213 20
D. E. Lynch	1,374 20

The contract was awarded to Philip Doherty.

Mellen street:

Collins & Ham	\$1,544 01
James McGovern	1,712 50
D. E. Lynch	1,815 50

The contract was awarded to Collins & Ham.

Proposals for building sewer work in the following-named streets were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on September 9, viz.:

Newark street:

Bidders.	Bids.
T. H. Connolly	\$1,375 00
James Dolan	1,491 75
John J. Falvey	1,527 50
J. P. O'Connell	1,661 25
McDowell & Sons	1,951 25
D. E. Lynch	2,155 00

The contract was awarded to James Dolan.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

THANKS OF VISITING FLEET.

The following letter has been received by His Honor the Mayor from Captain Higginson:

U. S. S. MASSACHUSETTS,

Boston, September 7, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor of Boston.

SIR: Allow me to thank you for the part the authorities of the city have taken in the reception of the officers and men of the visiting fleet. The cheers of the people at every block during the parade, and the flowers strewn in our path all indicate that the deeds of the navy have been warmly appreciated by the people of Boston. The passion for the sea being in their blood, as well as in their history, they cannot fail to respond to the brave actions of "the men behind the guns" during the late war.

After all our hardships and battles it is indeed a pleasure to find that our work is so warmly appreciated and heartily commended.

Very respectfully,

FRANCIS J. HIGGINSON,
Captain U. S. N. Commanding.

VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE IN STATE OF NEW YORK.

The State Board of Equalization, at a meeting held at Albany N. Y., on September 6, equalized the value of real estate in the several counties for the annual tax levy of the fiscal year commencing October 1. The total assessed valuation of real estate in the State is \$4,439,801,576, and the total valuation of personal property is \$649,364,694.

The University of Chicago is about to open a College of Commerce and Politics. The University of California has voted to establish such a school, and the Universities of Michigan and Wisconsin are planning to do likewise.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

Boston, August 31, 1898.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the office of Mr. A. Shuman on August 31, 1898, at 12 o'clock.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Burnham, Keany and Rueter.

It was voted that there be paid to O'Rourke & Nelson the sum of \$1,500, on account of contract dated May 16, 1898, for renewal of mains.

It was voted that there be paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$191.82, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$7,672.99, eighth payment to Kerrens Driscoll on account of his contract dated August 14, 1897, for erection of laundry building.

It was voted that there be paid to the Public Buildings Department (Electrical Construction Division) the sum of \$349.51, on account of labor and materials furnished.

It was voted that there be paid to the Murdock Parlor Grate Company the sum of \$655.25, the same being second and final payment on account of their contract of November 1, 1897, for marble and tile work in Wards S and H.

It was voted that there be paid to Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$7,672.99, the same being eighth payment on account of his contract of August 14, 1897, for the erection of laundry building.

It was voted that the proposal for a glazed iron passageway between the administration building and medical library be accepted, as follows:

Boston Steel and Iron Company, for iron work \$290
S. D. Hicks & Son, for skylight work 375

A gift to the Hospital of \$1,000, from a donor who wishes to remain unknown, was received and accepted by the trustees.

A communications was received from the Superintendent, as follows:

Respecting addition to the contract of Kerrens Driscoll for the erection of the new laundry building at the City Hospital. It was voted that the addition, No. 251, amounting to \$550, be authorized.

A communication was received from His Honor, Mayor Quincy, respecting charges of the Repair Division and dealings with said division on the part of the Hospital.

A communication was received from Dr. W. T. Councilman respecting the appointment of Dr. Pratt. The same was referred to the Medical Committee with full powers.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street on September 8, 1898. Present: Mrs. Howard, Mr. Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

Dr. Knapp was appointed on the visiting committee for September in place of Mrs. Howard.

The bills for Austin Farm, amounting to \$1,879.55, and for Pierce Farm, amounting to \$1,588.81, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The pay-rolls for the month were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the chairman was authorized to sign a draft for the amount.

The weekly per capita cost of subsistence at Austin Farm up to August 15 was \$1.17, and at Pierce Farm \$1.18 $\frac{1}{2}$; after the fifteenth the per capita cost was consolidated and amounted to \$1.14.

Dr. Lane reported that the new dining-room at Austin Farm was completed, and the rooms in the attic nearly finished, and that the storerooms had been consolidated. He recommended that the A building at Austin Farm be shingled, that new dumb-waiters be put in the C and E buildings, and that new chairs and settees be purchased for Austin Farm.

Dr. Noyes reported that the land adjoining the upper end of Pierce Farm property had been rented as a pasture, that four cows had been added to the herd, and that the rooms in the attics at Pierce Farm were nearly completed.

Dr. Lane was authorized to purchase the necessary settees and chairs, and the Committee on Buildings and Grounds were given full powers to arrange for shingling the A building, providing dumb-waiters and other necessary repairs.

The Visiting Committee reported upon the petition of Cornelius McGuirk, asking for his discharge from Pierce Farm, stating that he was considerably demented and was regarded as unfit to support himself outside an asylum. They also reported upon the amount of restraint at the Hospital, which was very slight. It was voted that Cornelius McGuirk be not discharged.

Drs. Baldwin and Knapp reported that they had visited the Boston insane at the Danvers Lunatic Hospital and the Tewksbury Almhouse and had inspected the institutions.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds were authorized to expend not over \$100 in having plans made for laying out the grounds.

It was voted that the old market wagon at Austin Farm be repaired.

The Committee on Service recommended the following changes in the pay-roll, which were approved: Ella R. McMullen's wages be increased from \$16 to \$18 per month, and Susie M. Harding's wages from \$18 to \$20.

The population in Hospital September 7, 1898, was as follows:

AUSTIN FARM.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In House.....	109	233	342
On Visit	2	10	12
Total.....	111	243	354

PIERCE FARM.

	Males.
In House.....	195
On Visit.....	8
Total.....	203

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, September 6, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held September 6, 1898:

Mr. Wheelwright submitted the lease for a site on the strandway for the South Boston Yacht Club, which had been modified somewhat in accordance with the desires of the club, which was approved and it was

Voted, That the site on the strandway, shown on a plan dated April 8, 1898, and entitled South Boston Yacht Club Location, be leased to said club on the terms and conditions set forth in the indenture of lease approved this day, and that said lease be executed and submitted to the Mayor for approval.

Voted, That the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows be permitted to parade on Commonwealth avenue, on Wednesday, September 21, 1898, on condition that a sufficient detail of police be provided to protect the trees and other property of the city from injury; and that the southerly side of said avenue be closed against the passage of vehicles during the said parade.

A communication from A. W. Longfellow, Jr., giving a synopsis of bids for gates and gate-posts at Arnold Arboretum, was received and it was

Voted, To accept the bid of C. A. Dodge & Co. for building gate-posts, for the sum of \$1,750.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Wednesday, September 7.

Public hearings were given in the matters of the laying out of Brook place and Clifton park, at Dorchester, from Dudley street to Clifton street, with the name of Rockford street, and of constructing the same; of laying out Nottingham street, at Dorchester, and constructing the same; of the locating of a new channel for Franklin Park Brook, between Calder street and the Blue Hill avenue.

It was voted to pay Mary A. Gillespie, \$8,000; Augusta A. Wales, \$3,000; J. Homer Pierce and others, trustees, \$9,500, and Anna E. Wooster, \$250, for damages occasioned their respective estates by the laying out of Columbia road, their agreements to accept said sums having been approved by the Mayor.

Authority was given to open Willowwood street as a private way, from Lauriat avenue to Ballou avenue, the same being sent to the Mayor for his approval.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Soudan street, at Dorchester, and for the laying out as public alleys the passage-ways No. 702 and No. 703, in District No. 8.

Fowler street was ordered laid out and constructed from Glenway to Greenwood street, and approved by the Mayor.

Friday, September 9.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out and constructing as public alleys passageways in the Back Bay.

It was voted to pay Joseph L. Bergman \$27,000 for damages occasioned his estates by the laying out of Columbia road, his agreement to accept that sum having been approved by the Mayor.

A catch-basin was ordered to be built in Columbus avenue.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Brunswick street; for sewers in River and Huntoon streets, and for catch-basins in Bay street and Tremont street, near Calumet street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

The following message was issued by the Mayor on Wednesday, the 14th instant:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 14, 1898.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

You are hereby requested to assemble in your respective chambers on Thursday, September 15, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, to take such action as you may deem proper, to express your sense of the loss sustained in the death of ex-Mayor Frederic W. Lincoln.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order was promulgated by the Board of Police on September 13, 1898:

General Order No. 533.

I. Sergeant Charles W. Hebard, of Division 16, having been commended for performing meritorious service in rescuing two boys from drowning in the waters of the Back Bay Fens on the twentieth of August, current, is hereby commended in General Orders.

II. Patrolman William F. Cogan, of Division 6, having been commended for meritorious service in stopping a runaway horse at the corner of D and Tudor streets, on the fifteenth of August, current, is hereby commended in General Orders.

The history of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, dates from 1768, when a few prominent merchants of the city formed an association which they called the Chamber of Commerce in the City of New York. In the year 1770 the organization was granted a royal charter; but little, however, was accomplished, owing to the stormy times of the Revolution.

After the war the Chamber applied to the Legislature for an act of re-incorporation, which was passed. A new start was made, and the association grew, both in members and power. Its membership now numbers nearly 1,000, and the Chamber has become a force, not only commercially, but in matters of political and social importance.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, September 12, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending September 10, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	78
Number of discharges of mortgages	13
Number of bills of sale	7
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of assignments of wages	21
Number of married women's certificates	9
Number of ship liens	9
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1

The following accident notices have been filed:

September 1, Cora Averill, personal injuries, from alleged defect in sidewalk at 153 F street, South Boston, on August 21, 1898. September 2, Adelaide F. Adams, personal injuries, caused by projection of water meter-cap near 89 Rutland square, on August 9, 1898. September 6, Daniel Durick, personal injuries, from alleged defect in sidewalk opposite 41 Way street, August 26, 1898. September 7, Agnes Donohue, personal injuries, from alleged defective grating in sidewalk in front of 14 Savoy street.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, September 10, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

E. J. Barker, Corey road, Ward 25, one horse and one cow; hearing September 15, at 11 o'clock. Peter Hughes, Farnham street, Ward 17, two additional horses (five in all); hearing September 22, at 11 o'clock. J. H. Bradford, Champney street, two cows and one horse; hearing September 15, at 11 o'clock. Carl F. Monk, Mountain avenue, corner Ballou avenue, Ward 24, two horses; hearing September 29, at 11 o'clock.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been granted by this Board:

Benjamin F. Croscup, Ballou avenue, Ward 24, two horses. S. H. Whitwell, 327 Newbury street, Ward 11, ten horses. James Allerby, 6 Milton street, Ward 24, eight cows and two horses. Gertrude M. Maynard, 79 Gardner street, Ward 25, three horses.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions for the week ending Saturday, September 10, 1898:

Fifteen hundred and eighty-five pounds of immature veal; 110 pounds of tainted veal; 382 pounds of tainted poultry; three barrels of grapes.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending September 9:

Steers	292
New England cows	5
Sheep	268
Calves	427
Total	992

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending September 10, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	13	10	23
Negative	14	11	25
No growth	1	0	1
Totals	28	21	49

Remarks: Typhoid diagnoses: two cases, one negative, one positive.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, September 12, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending September 10:

Cases pending	0
Number of applications	85
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	44
Long Island Almshouse	10
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	10
Boston Insane Asylum	2
Foxboro' Asylum	4
Westboro' Asylum	1
Worcester Lunatic Hos-	
pital	4
Number of applications refused,	75
Number of applications with-	3
drawn	7
Cases pending	0
Legal settlements investigated,	95

JOHN E. GILMAN, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, September 6, 1898.

Statistics for week ending September 3, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	195	6
Females	30	5
Totals	225	11
Offences:		
Against the person	10	0
Against property	11	6
Against public order and		
decency	204	5
Totals	225	11
Discharges:		
Males	201	11
Females	37	6
Totals	238	17
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	138	16
Permit of Commissioner	72	1
Payment of fine	28	0
Totals	238	17
Population:		
August 29, 1898	1,566	523
Committed since August		
29, 1898	225	11
Totals	1,791	534

Discharged since August		
29, 1898	238	17
September 3, 1898	1,553	517
E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.		

32 Tremont Street, September 12, 1898.

Statistics for week ending September 10, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	167	8
Females	21	6
Totals	188	14
Offences:		
Against the person	9	1
Against property	15	5
Against public order and		
decency	168	8
Totals	*192	14
Discharges:		
Males	141	8
Females	32	4
Totals	173	12
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	113	11
Permit of Commissioner	36	0
Payment of fine	24	1
Totals	173	12
Population:		
September 5, 1898	1,553	517
Committed since Septem-		
ber 5, 1898	188	14
Totals	1,741	531
Discharged since Septem-		
ber 5, 1898	173	12
September 10, 1898	1,568	519

* Four committed with 2 offences each.

The following appointments have been made:

Mr. Thomas Francis Hunt has been appointed Acting-Penal Institutions Commissioner during the absence of Commissioner E. C. Marshall.

Frederick P. Oxnard has been appointed to the position of Apothecary and Watchman at the House of Correction, Deer Island.

THOMAS FRANCIS HUNT,
Acting-Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, September 6, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work of this Department for the week ending September 3:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.	
Inspections made	354
Defects reported	47
Defects found corrected	13
Dead wire removed (feet)	13,300
Pole inspections	71
Notices of new work received	12
Fixtures removed	26
Poles removed	2

Investigations have been made as follows:

A reported electric fire at No. 67 Summer street, August 30, was due to overheated arc-lamp.

By an electric car fire, corner West and Tremont streets, August 29, the motor and car were slightly damaged.

On September 1 the entire force responded to a second alarm of fire from box 49.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	113
Notices of new work received	49

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electric approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	2
Repairs	1
Building connections	12
Lamp connections	2

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	33
Building connections	9
Pole connections	3
Cable drawings	20
Installation of underground transformer	1

Old Court House, September 12, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work of this department, for the week ending September 10:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	369
Defects reported	63
Defects corrected	24
Dead wire removed (feet)	12,900
Poles inspected	128
Notices of new work received	47
Fixtures removed	11

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	147
Notices of new work received	78

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals as follows:

Conduit construction	1
Building connections	10
Pole connection	1
Lamp connection	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	20
Building connections	19
Lamp connections	2
Pole connections	2
Repairs	3
Cable drawings	13
Installation of underground transformer	1

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

ACT ESTABLISHING ART DEPARTMENT

Chapter 410 of the Acts and Resolves of the Legislature of 1898 is as follows:

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF ART COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. An Art Department is hereby established in the City of Boston, to be under the charge of a board of five Art Commissioners, all of whom shall be citizens of the City of Boston, to be appointed by the

Mayor of said city, without confirmation. Said mayor shall, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, appoint one member of said Board to serve for the term of five years, one for the term of four years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of two years and one for the term of one year, each term beginning with the first day of May in said year; and thereafter said Mayor shall, on or before the first day of May of each year, appoint one member of said Board to serve for the term of five years beginning with said day. The members of said Board shall be appointed by the Mayor as follows: One from a list of three persons selected by the Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts, one from a list of three persons selected by the Trustees of the Boston Public Library, one from a list of three persons selected by the Trustees of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one from a list of three persons selected by the Boston Art Club, and one from a list of three persons selected by the Boston Society of Architects; and whenever the term of a member of said Board appointed from such a list expires, the Mayor shall appoint his successor from a list selected by the body which made the original selection as aforesaid. The members of said Board shall serve without compensation. Said Board may appoint a secretary outside of its own membership, who shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 2. Hereafter no work of art shall become the property of said city by purchase, gift or otherwise, unless such work of art or the design for the same, together with a statement of the proposed location of the same, shall first have been submitted to and approved by said Board, acting by a majority of all its members; nor shall any work of art until so approved be erected or placed in, over or upon, or allowed to extend in, over or upon any street, avenue, square, place, common, park, municipal building or other public place under the control of said city or any department or officer thereof. No existing work of art in the possession of said city shall be removed, relocated or altered in any way without the similar approval of said Commission, and any such work of art shall be removed, relocated or altered in any way that may be ordered by a vote passed and approved in writing by all the members of said Commission, and also approved by the Mayor.

SECTION 3. When so requested by the Mayor or the City Council, said Commission may, in its discretion, act in a similar capacity, with similar powers, in respect to the design of any municipal building, bridge, approach, lamp, ornamental gate or fence, or other structure erected or to be erected upon land belonging to the city, and in respect to any arch, bridge, structure or approach which is the property of any corporation or individual, and extends in, over or upon any street, avenue, highway, park or public place; but this section shall not apply to structures authorized to be erected under the provisions of Chapter 500 of the Acts of the year 1897, and shall not be construed

as intended to impair the power of the Board of Park Commissioners of said city to refuse its consent to the erection or acceptance of any public monument or memorial, or other work of art of any sort, within any park or public place in said city under the jurisdiction of said Board.

SECTION 4. The term "work of art," as used in this act, shall apply to and include all paintings, mural decorations, statues, bas-reliefs, sculptures, monuments, fountains, arches, ornamental gateways and other structures of a permanent character intended for ornament or commemoration.

SECTION 5. If said Commission fails to decide upon any matter submitted to it within sixty days after such submission its decision shall be deemed unnecessary.

SECTION 6. All contracts or orders for the execution of any painting, monument, statue, bust, bas-relief or other sculpture for said city shall be made by said Board, acting by a majority of all its members, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

SECTION 7. Chapter 122 of the Acts of the year 1890 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved May 11, 1898.]

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending September 10, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	23.0
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	21.8
Number of deaths:	
Males	115
Females	119
Total	234
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	217
Increase	17

Of the 234 decedents, 225 were white and 9 colored; 166 were born in the United States, 67 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 51 were of American parentage, 166 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 17 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	19	—
Scarlatina	11	—
Typhoid fever	21	6
Measles	6	1
Totals	57	7

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATHS.

Consumption	20
Pneumonia	6
Heart disease	11
Bronchitis	4
Marasmus	10
Violent causes	5
Total from principal causes	56
Total from infectious diseases	7
Total from other causes	171
Total from all causes	234
Deaths of children under 1 year	10
Deaths of children under 5 years	112
Deaths of persons over 60 years	39
Deaths in public institutions	55

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 25, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 50-52 Warren street, corner Winthrop street, Ward 5, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over corner Warren and Winthrop streets. Dimensions: 20 feet high, 14 feet wide, and 3 feet over line of street.

TIMOTHY F. CALLAHAN,
12 Washington street, Charlestown.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 30, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twelfth day of September, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
A true copy.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 12, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 23 Fulton place and 149 North street, Ward 6, one bay-window, of the following description: To project from second, third, fourth and fifth stories, over Fulton place, and fifth story, 149 North street, addition to bay-window. Dimensions: Fulton place, 35 feet high, 6 feet wide; North street, 8 feet high, 6 feet wide, and each 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

JOSEPH ARANCIO,
23 Fulton place.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 12, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of September, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
A true copy.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Boston, September 13, 1898.

Proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M., Saturday, September 17, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing, for the three months ending January 1, 1899, whatever best quality hard, white ash, broken, egg or stove coal that may be required for the public buildings and for the several departments of the City of Boston not otherwise provided for. The amount required is about 2,000 tons, more or less, broken coal; 1,000 tons, more or less, egg coal; 500 tons, more or less, stove coal. Also, about 1,200 tons, more or less, best quality Georges Creek Cumberland coal for steam and smithing uses. Information will be furnished by the Fuel Clerk at this office every day from 1 to 2 o'clock. The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals if for the city's interest so to do. Bids to be addressed "Proposals for Coal."

JOHN DROHAN,
Superintendent Public Buildings.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, August 5, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Rosedale street, from Washington street, Ward 20, three poles; Ocean street, from Welles avenue to the residence of E. W. Cottle, Ward 24, three poles; Corwin street, from Arcadia street, to Westville street, Ward 20, three poles.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 12, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of September, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
A true copy.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 5, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 48 Tremont street, Ward 3, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second story over Tremont street. Dimensions: Ten feet high, 12 feet wide and 3 feet over line of street.

FRANCIS RAYNES,
23 Prospect street, Charlestown.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 30, 1898.

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Passed. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
A true copy.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 14, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam roadway in Waterlow street, between Harvard street and Harvard street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$400 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, September 23, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 14, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam roadway in Spencer street, between Wheatland and Talbot avenues, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$400 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, September 23, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 14, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam roadway in Maryland street, between Savin Hill avenue and Bay street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$300 satisfactory to said Superintendent, for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, September 23, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 14, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam roadway in Hamilton street, between Bowdoin street and Homes avenue, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$600 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, September 23, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 14, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,230 linear feet of sewer work in Dorchester avenue, city proper, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Tuesday, September 20, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 6, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners, in accordance with Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and amendments thereto, having passed an order for the laying-out and construction of Columbus avenue, between Heath street and Ritchie street:

Notice is hereby given that the Street Department is about to do the work contemplated in said order, and that all work to be done in said highway by all persons or corporations having rights in the same to lay or repair either sewer, gas, water, or other pipes, must be done before Wednesday, September 28, 1898, as after that time no permits for openings will be granted until two years after said highway is completed.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.



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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF DR. SAMUEL ELIOT.

Samuel Eliot, LL.D., formerly Head Master of the Girls' High School, and Superintendent of the Public Schools of Boston, died at Beverly Farms, on Wednesday, September 14, in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

Dr. Eliot, who was a nephew of Hon. Samuel Atkins Eliot, seventh Mayor of Boston, was born in Boston on December 22, 1821. In 1839, he graduated with high honors at Harvard College. In 1856, he entered the faculty of Trinity College, at Hartford, Conn., of which institution he was President during the years 1860-1864.

In 1872, Dr. Eliot was elected Head Master of the Girls' High School, in which capacity he continued to serve the city till 1876, when he resigned. On January 22, 1878, he was chosen Superintendent of Schools, in succession to the late John D. Philbrick. August 1, 1880, he resigned the superintendency. Dr. Eliot was a member of the School Committee for three years, i.e., 1885-1888. In the period, 1866-1872, he was an Overseer of Harvard College.

Dr. Eliot was influential in the management of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind for a period of thirty-five years—being a Trustee for nine years, and then President of the corporation for twenty-six years till his death. He was President of the Corporation of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble Minded from 1877 till he died.

He was one of the original Trustees of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and a member of its Executive Committee from 1888 till his death. At the time of his death, he had been a member of the Trustees of the Massachusetts General Hospital for thirty-two years, and Chairman of the Board for twenty-six years, and a Trustee of St. Paul's School, at Concord, N.H., for more than forty years.

Few men of his generation have been so active and useful in the educational, charitable and religious affairs of Boston, as Dr. Eliot.

ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON DEATH OF EX-MAYOR LINCOLN.

Both branches of the City Council met at noon on Thursday, the fifteenth instant, to take action on the death of ex-Mayor Frederic W. Lincoln.

The following resolutions, introduced in the Board of Aldermen by Alderman Charles, were passed by a unanimous rising vote in each branch:

Resolved, That the City Council learns with deep regret of the death, at the ripe age of eighty-one years, of Hon. Frederic W. Lincoln, Mayor of this city from 1858 to 1860, inclusive, and from 1863 to 1866, inclusive. The unprecedented length of service which the citizens of Boston accorded to Mr. Lincoln as their chief magistrate is a sufficient testimony to his ability and conscientiousness as a public servant, and his sterling worth and unassuming modesty of character were known to all. The City Council gratefully recognizes the long and varied services rendered to the city and to the public in many capacities by Mr. Lincoln, and appreciates the fact that this service continued even up to the time of his death.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of Mr. Lincoln,

and that a committee of four members of the Board of Aldermen, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to represent the city at his funeral.

The following orders were passed by both branches of the City Council:

Ordered, That City Hall be closed during the time set apart for the funeral of the late Hon. Frederic W. Lincoln.

Ordered, That the City Messenger be requested to cause the flag on City Hall to be placed at half-mast until after the funeral of the late Hon. Frederic W. Lincoln.

Ordered, That any expense incurred in connection with the funeral of the late Hon. Frederic W. Lincoln be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent down.

The following-named gentlemen were appointed a committee to attend the funeral of ex-Mayor Lincoln:

Messrs. Lott, Conry, Presho and O'Toole, of the Board of Aldermen; and Messrs. Madden of Ward 5, Millar of Ward 1, Cuddy of Ward 8, Kasanof of Ward 9 and Howard of Ward 10.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular was issued by His Honor the Mayor, on the twentieth instant:

Circular No. 46.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: In honor of the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the City Hall will be closed at 12 o'clock on Wednesday, September 21, 1898, the day of the parade, and leave of absence, without loss of pay, will be granted to all employees of the city whose services can be dispensed with on the afternoon of that day. You are further directed to allow all city employees who are members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and who desire to take part in the parade of the said organization or to assist in the entertainment of the visiting members of the order, leave of absence during the whole of Wednesday.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

September 20, 1898.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY.**Executive Department.**

Office, City Hall, second floor.
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.
THOMAS A. MULLEN, Secretary.
JAMES A. MCKIBBEN, Stenographer and Assistant Secretary.
NATHANIEL G. ROBINSON, Assistant Secretary.
JAMES B. MACHUGH, Assistant Secretary.
WALTER E. WELCH, Messenger.
WALTER T. ARMSTEAD, Messenger.

Assessing Department.

Office, City Hall, first floor.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Frank A. Drew, Chairman; **George A. Comins**, Secretary.

ASSESSORS.

Samuel Hichborn, **Edward B. Daily**, **E. Mer-tain Hatch**; terms end in 1901. **Frank A. Drew**, **Charles E. Folsom**, **John M. Maguire**; terms end in 1900. **John H. Donovan**, **John J. Murphy**, **George A. Comins**; terms end in 1899.

Edward T. Kelly, Clerk.

The Assessors published annual tax-lists from 1822 to 1866. Since 1866 the records of the Department are almost entirely in manuscript, except the annual list of polls. Annual reports have been made since 1890.

Auditing Department.

Office, City Hall, first floor.

James H. Dodge, City Auditor; appointed annually.

The office of Auditor was established by ordinance on August 2, 1824. Regular annual reports of receipts and expenditures have been published by the Auditor since 1825. These reports show the annual receipts of the city and county, the debt, and the public property. Similar, but less complete, reports were published by finance committees from 1811 to 1824, inclusive. Since June 1, 1867, the Auditor has published monthly exhibits of all city and county expenditures.

The City Auditor is also Auditor of the County of Suffolk, and Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds.

Baths Department.

Office, 64 Pemberton square.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Thomas J. Lane, Chairman; **Daniel D. Kearns**, Secretary.

Leonard D. Ahl; term ends in 1903. **Robert A. Woods** and **Mrs. Lawrence J. Logan**; terms end in 1902. **John Duff**, M. D.; term ends in 1901. **Mrs. Jacob H. Hecht** and **Patrick A. Tracy**; terms end in 1900. **Thomas J. Lane**; term ends in 1899.

The Board has the care and custody of all bath-houses, gymnasia, urinals and public convenience stations established by the city.

Building Department.

Office, Old Court House, second floor, Room 15.

John S. Damrell, Building Commissioner; term ends in 1898.

It is the duty of the Building Commissioner to issue permits for and inspect the erection and alteration of buildings in the city, and the setting of boilers, engines and furnaces; to keep a register of the names of all persons carrying on the business of plumbing and gasfitting, and of all persons working at said business, and to issue licenses to master and journey-men plumbers and gasfitters; to issue permits for and inspect the plumbing and gasfitting in a building; to inspect elevators in buildings and report upon elevator accidents, and to make the returns required by law relative to boilers.

Cemetery Department.

Office, City Hall, top floor.

BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES.

J. Albert Brackett, Chairman; **Nellie V. Norton**, Secretary.

Frederick E. Atteaux; term ends in 1903. **J. Albert Brackett**; term ends in 1902. **Jacob Morse**; term ends in 1901. **William J. Fallon**; term ends in 1900. **Albert W. Hersey**; term ends in 1899.

Superintendent of Cemeteries, **James H. Morton**.
 Office of Superintendent, at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Mattapan.

Children's Institutions Department.

Office, 32 Tremont street.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Horatio A. Lamb, Chairman; **Charles P. Putnam**, M.D., Secretary.

TRUSTEES.

John O'Hare; term ends in 1903. **Horatio A. Lamb**; term ends in 1902. **Charles P. Putnam**, M.D.; term ends in 1901. **Mrs. William J. Quinn**; term ends in 1901. **Charles V. Dasey**; term ends in 1900. **Mrs. Davis R. Dewey**; term ends in 1899. **Miss Helen Cheever**; term ends in 1899.

The Trustees have the charge and control of the house for the employment and reformation of juvenile offenders, known as the House of Reformation at Rainsford Island, the Parental School for Truants at West Roxbury, and the Home for Pauper and Neglected Children on Marcella street, Roxbury, and purchase all the fuel and other supplies required for these institutions.

They have the charge and control of several hundred children placed in country homes, and the general supervision of the defective children, placed in institutions throughout the State, for whose care the city pays. They also have the control of the Infants' Summer Hospital at Rainsford Island.

City Clerk Department.

Office, City Hall, second floor.

J. Mitchel Galvin, City Clerk; **John T. Priest**, Assistant City Clerk.

The City Clerk, chosen annually in January by concurrent vote of the two branches of the City Council, has the care and custody of the records of the Board of Aldermen and of all city records, documents, maps, plans and papers, except those otherwise provided for. He also records chattel mortgages, assignments of wages, liens upon vessels, and performs other duties imposed by statute.

The City Clerk is, ex officio, Clerk of the Board of Aldermen and of meetings of both branches of the City Council when met in joint convention.

City Messenger Department.

Office, City Hall, second floor.

Edward J. Leary, City Messenger.

The City Messenger, chosen annually by concurrent vote of the two branches of the City Council, is the official messenger of the City Council and its committees, and attends all meetings of the same; has the care and distribution of all documents printed for the use of the City Council, and is the custodian of the City Hall Building. He has charge of the city flag-staffs, display of flags in public grounds, and of the ropes and stakes used in closing streets and squares on public occasions. The office was established by the ordinance of October 14, 1852. He appoints all his subordinates.

Clerk of Committees Department.

Office, City Hall, second floor.

John F. Dever, Clerk of Committees; **Wilfred J. Doyle**, Assistant Clerk of Committees.

The Clerk of Committees, chosen annually by concurrent vote of the two branches of the City Council, acts as the Clerk of all committees of the City Council, keeping the records of the same, and has charge of the City Hall Reference Library. He appoints all his subordinates.

Collecting Department.

Office, City Hall, first floor.

Nathaniel H. Taylor, City Collector; appointed annually.

The Collector collects and receives all assessments, betterments, rates, dues, and money payable on any account to the City of Boston or the County of Suffolk. The separate office of Collector was established by statute in 1875. Annual reports have been published since 1876.

Election Department.

Office, Old Court House, first floor.

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

Linus E. Pearson, Chairman; **Timothy F. McDonough**, Secretary.

COMMISSIONERS.

Joseph J. Corbett; term ends in 1902. **George P. Sanger**; term ends in 1901. **Timothy F. McDonough**; term ends in 1900. **Linus E. Pearson**; term ends in 1899.

The Board of Registrars of Voters was appointed in May, 1874, and was succeeded July 1, 1895, by the Board of Election Commissioners.

This Department exercises all the powers and duties formerly conferred upon the Board of Registrars of Voters, including the preparation of the jury list, together with all the powers and duties formerly conferred upon the Mayor, Board of Aldermen and City Clerk relating to elections in the City of Boston, except the power and duty of giving notice of elections and fixing the days and hours for holding the same.

The Board also exercises all the powers and duties formerly conferred upon the City Clerk and other officers by Chapter 504 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment thereof, relating to political committees and caucuses, and all laws relating to the registration of voters in the City of Boston.

Engineering Department.

Office, City Hall, fourth floor.

William Jackson, City Engineer; appointed annually.

The duties of the City Engineer include the designing and superintending the construction

of new bridges, retaining-walls, city wharves and such other public engineering works as the City Council may authorize; the making of such surveys, plans, estimates, statements and descriptions, and taking such levels as the City Government or any of its departments or committees may require; the custody of all surveys and plans relating to the laying out, locating anew, altering, widening or discontinuing of streets; and the new engineering constructions for all departments of the city. He must be consulted on all work where the advice of a civil engineer would be of service. The office of City Engineer was established by ordinance on October 31, 1850, and by Chapter 449 of the Acts of 1895. Regular annual reports have been issued since 1868.

ARCHITECTURAL DIVISION.

Office, City Hall, sixth floor.

F. W. Chandler, Consulting Architect.

This Division was detached, by order of His Honor the Mayor, from the Public Buildings Department, January 13, 1898, and placed under the Engineering Department. The work of this Division is that of a consulting or expert force. It may be called upon by any Department for technical advice on matters relating to building, heating or ventilating. Plans or specifications for work to be done, in certain cases, by the Repairs Division of the Public Buildings Department, are prepared by this Division, which is also charged with a general supervision of the work done by the Repairs Division of the Buildings Department.

Fire Department.

Office, City Building, Bristol street.

Henry S. Russell, Commissioner; term ends in 1901. Lewis P. Webber, Chief of Department; William T. Cheswell, First Assistant Chief; John A. Mullen, Second Assistant Chief; Brown S. Flanders, Superintendent of Fire-Alarms; Henry M. Hawkins, Superintendent of Repairs; George W. Stimpson, Veterinary Surgeon.

The Boston Fire Department was organized in 1837. It is in charge of one Commissioner, who has entire control of the Department, a Chief, First and Second Assistant Chiefs, eleven District Chiefs, each in charge of a Fire District, Superintendent of Fire-Alarms, and officers, enginemen, telegraph operators, etc. Annual reports have been published since 1874.

Health Department.

Office, Old Court House, second floor,

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Samuel H. Durgin, M.D., Chairman; Charles E. Davis, jr., Secretary.

COMMISSIONERS.

George F. Babbitt; term ends in 1900. Samuel H. Durgin, M.D.; term ends in 1899. Edwin L. Pillsbury; term ends in 1898.

The first Board of Health in Boston was established in 1799, under the special statute of February 13, 1799. The first collected edition of the statute under which this Board acted was published in 1811, and contained also the regulations of the Board. This Board had in substance the same powers as the present Board of Health, and was abolished by the first city charter. From 1822 to 1873 the functions of the Board were exercised through the City Council. The present Board of Health was established by an ordinance of

December 2, 1872, and organized January 15, 1873. It has published annual reports since 1873.

Morton Prince, M.D., Assistant City Physician. Thomas B. Shea, M.D.; David D. Brough, M.D., Medical Inspectors. Office, Room No. 11, Old Court House.

George A. Sargent, M.D., Medical Inspector. Office, City Building, Chardon street.

Alexander Burr, M.D.V., Health Inspector for the Inspection of Provisions and Animals. Office, Room No. 11, Old Court House.

John C. Grouse, Health Inspector for the Inspection of Provisions. Office, Room No. 11, Old Court House.

Charles Harrington, M.D., Health Inspector for the Inspection of Milk and Vinegar. Office, 994 Washington street.

Hibbert W. Hill, M.D., Director of Bacteriological Laboratory. Office, Sudbury Building.

Paul Carson, M.D., Port Physician; William H. Green, M.D., Assistant Port Physician. Resident at Deer Island.

John McLoughlin, Superintendent of Pedlars. Office, City Stables, North Grove street.

Hospital Department.

Office at Boston City Hospital, Harrison avenue.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

A. Shuman, President; Conrad J. Rueter, Secretary.

TRUSTEES.

Francis J. Keany, M.D.; term ends in 1902. Lamont G. Burnham; term ends in 1901. A. Shuman; term ends in 1900. Henry H. Sprague; term ends in 1899. Conrad J. Rueter; term ends in 1898. George H. M. Rowe, M.D., Superintendent and Resident Physician.

The Trustees have charge of the Boston City Hospital, on the south-east side of Harrison avenue, opposite Worcester square, occupying four city squares between East Concord street, Albany street, Northampton street and Harrison avenue. The hospital was begun September 9, 1861. It consists of many pavilions, connected with the central structure. This hospital was established for the reception of those in need of temporary relief during illness or from injuries. The Trustees also have charge of the South Department for infectious diseases, and the Convalescent Home at 2150 Dorchester avenue, Milton Lower Mills.

Insane Hospital Department.

INSANE HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

Henry C. Baldwin, M.D., Chairman; Philip Coombs Knapp, M.D., Secretary.

TRUSTEES.

Henry C. Baldwin, M.D.; term ends in 1902. Philip Coombs Knapp, M.D.; term ends in 1901. Mrs. Herbert B. Howard; term ends in 1901. C. J. Connolly; term ends in 1900. George A. Sanderson; term ends in 1899. Mrs. Horace E. Marion; term ends in 1899. John P. Leahy; term ends in 1898.

The Trustees have charge and control of the Boston Insane Hospital at West Roxbury, and purchase all fuel and other supplies required for that institution.

Institutions Registration Department.

Office, 28 Court square.

Ernest C. Marshall, Institutions Registrar, pro tempore.

It is the duty of the Institutions Registrar to investigate all questions relating to the settlement of paupers, to the commitment of the insane, to the agency for discharged prisoners, or to any rights, duties or liabilities connected therewith; to report the results of his investigations to the Department interested therein, and perform such services relating to the accounts, and to the collection, registration and tabulation of statistics relating to the Children's Institutions Department, the Insane Hospital Department, the Pauper Institutions Department, and the Penal Institutions Department, or any of them, as may be required of him by the Mayor, or by the officer or trustees in charge of such departments with the approval of the Mayor.

Lamp Department.

Office, City Hall, fifth floor.

James Donovan, Superintendent of Lamps; appointed annually.

The Department was first legalized by statute on June 29, 1773. The office of Superintendent of Lamps has existed since the year 1843, though it was first formally established by ordinance on October 26, 1869. The Department was separated from the police in 1854. Annual reports of the Department have been published since 1870.

Law Department.

Office, 73 Tremont street.

Andrew J. Bailey, Corporation Counsel; appointed annually. Thomas M. Babson, City Solicitor; appointed annually.

John T. Wheelwright, Assistant Counsel; Samuel H. Hudson, Samuel M. Child, Thomas A. Mullen and Philip Nichols, Assistant Solicitors; Charles F. Day and Roscoe P. Owen, City Conveyancers; Fisher Ames, Secretary.

The office of "Attorney and Solicitor for the City of Boston" was established by the ordinance of June 18, 1827; the office of Corporation Counsel and the office of City Solicitor by the ordinance of March 30, 1881. The Department is under the charge of the Corporation Counsel and the City Solicitor jointly.

Library Department.

Office, Central Library Building, Copley square.

OFFICERS.

Frederick O. Prince, President; Solomon Lincoln, Vice-President; Herbert Putnam, Librarian and Clerk of the Corporation.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Henry P. Bowditch; term ends in 1902. Solomon Lincoln; term ends in 1901. James De Normandie; term ends in 1900. Josiah H. Benton, jr.; term ends in 1899. Frederick O. Prince; term ends in 1898.

The Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, who are five in number, are appointed by the Mayor, one each year, for a term of five years. They were incorporated by an act of the General Court passed April 4, 1878, and are authorized to receive and hold real and personal estate which may

be given, granted, bequeathed or devised to the said corporation, to an amount not exceeding \$1,000,000. The first Trustees were appointed under an ordinance of October 14, 1852. The old Library Building on Boylston street was opened to the public in September, 1858, and closed finally in January, 1895. The new Library Building on Copley square was first opened on March 11, 1895.

The annual reports, the first of which appeared in 1853, have been continued without interruption.

Of the Quarterly Bulletins, which were begun in 1867, fourteen volumes have been published.

A Monthly Bulletin is now issued. The Trustees have issued also general and special catalogues of the Central Library, and of its branches and special collections, as well as hand-books for visitors, and other documents.

Market Department.

Office, Faneuil Hall Market.

George E. McKay, Superintendent of Markets.

Faneuil Hall Market, proposed in Mayor Quincy's message of July 31, 1823, and completed in 1826, was under the charge of a clerk of the market until an ordinance of September 9, 1852, established the office of superintendent.

Music Department.

Office, 64 Pemberton square.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Carl Zerrahn, Chairman; John A. O'Shea, jr., Vice-Chairman; J. Thomas Baldwin, Secretary.

COMMISSIONERS.

Carl Zerrahn; term ends in 1903. John A. O'Shea, jr.; term ends in 1902. J. Thomas Baldwin; term ends in 1901. James M. McLaughlin; term ends in 1900. Alfred De Voto; term ends in 1899.

The Music Department was established by ordinance April 23, 1898. It is placed in charge of a Board of five Trustees, known as the Music Trustees. The Board is given charge and control of the selection of public music, to be given either indoors or in the open air, for parades, concerts, public celebrations and other purposes under the authority of the City Council, except entertainments for children on the Fourth of July. It determines the parties to furnish the same, makes the contracts and expends all moneys to be paid from the city treasury for such music.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

Office, Charity Building, Chardon street.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

William P. Fowler, Chairman; Frederic W. Lincoln, Treasurer. Benjamin Pettee, Secretary.

OVERSEERS.

William P. Fowler, Edith P. Wolcott, Frederic W. Day; terms end in 1901. Richard C. Humphreys, Matthew J. Mullen, Annette P. Rogers, Frederick W. Stuart; terms end in 1900. Isaac T. Campbell, Michael A. Kerrigan, Louise S. O'Brien, Rachel E. S. Thordike; terms end in 1899. Thomas Sproules, term ends in 1898.

The Overseers of the Poor in the Town of Boston, a corporation established in 1772, by act of the Legislature, in 1864, were succeeded by the corporation called the "Overseers of the Poor in the City of Boston," consisting of

twelve residents of Boston, four of whom are appointed annually within sixty days from the first Monday in February, to serve for the term of three years from the first day of May. The Board has issued annual reports since 1865.

Park Department.

Office, Pine Bank, Jamaica Park, Jamaica Plain.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman; George F. Clarke, Secretary.

COMMISSIONERS.

Laban Pratt; term ends in 1900. Charles E. Stratton; term ends in 1899. John T. Wheelwright, appointed by the Mayor to serve temporarily in place of Edward C. Hodges, resigned.

John A. Pettigrew, Superintendent.

Power to establish parks in this city was granted by the Commonwealth on May 6, 1875, subject to acceptance by the people. This act was accepted by a vote of the citizens on June 9, 1875. Yeas, 3,706; nays, 2,311. The first Board of Park Commissioners was appointed on July 8, 1875, and confirmed on July 15, 1875.

Pauper Institutions Department.

Office, 28 Court square.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

William T. Sedgwick, Chairman; Mrs. R. C. Lincoln, Secretary.

TRUSTEES.

Walter Hunnewell; term ends in 1903. William T. Sedgwick; term ends in 1902. Mrs. R. C. Lincoln; term ends in 1901. William H. Grainger, M.D.; term ends in 1901. William L. Rutan; term ends in 1900. Miss Frances R. Morse; term ends in 1899. Mrs. Joseph D. Fallon; term ends in 1899.

The Trustees have charge and control of the almshouse and hospital at Long Island and the almshouse at Charlestown, and purchase all fuel and other supplies for those institutions.

Penal Institutions Department.

Office, 82 Tremont street.

Ernest C. Marshall, Penal Institutions Commissioner; term ends in 1901. Thomas Francis Hunt, Assistant Commissioner; Hubert Pope, Secretary.

From 1857 to 1885, the public institutions were in charge of a Board of Directors, twelve in number; from 1885 to 1889, in charge of a Board consisting of nine members; from 1889 to 1895, in charge of the Board of Commissioners of Public Institutions, three in number. By Chapter 449 of the Acts of 1895, the institutions were placed under the charge of one commissioner, known as the Institutions Commissioner. By Chapters 395 and 451 of the Acts of 1897, the control of the institutions was divided, and they were placed under the Children's Institutions Department, the Pauper Institutions Department, the Insane Hospital Department and the Penal Institutions Department.

The Penal Institutions Commissioner has the charge and control of Deer Island, the House of Correction at South Boston and the House of Correction at Deer Island. He purchases all fuel and other supplies required for the institutions in his charge; and also has charge of the steamers "J. Putnam Bradlee" and "John Howard," which are used to transport passengers and freight to Deer, Long and Rainsford Islands.

Printing Department.

Offices at City Hall, and 611 Washington street.

Thomas A. Whalen, Superintendent of Printing; term ends in 1898.

The Superintendent of Printing has charge of all the printing for the departments of the city, and supplies all stationery, postage and binding. He also publishes THE CITY RECORD, the official gazette of the Executive Departments of the city.

Public Buildings Department.

Office, Old Court House, fourth floor.

John Drohan, Superintendent of Public Buildings; term ends in 1899.

The office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings was established by ordinance on July 1, 1850, and annual reports have been published by the Superintendent since 1851.

The Public Buildings of the city and county in charge of this Department comprise the City Hall, the Old Probate Court Building, the Historical Society Building, the Old Court House, Faneuil Hall and Faneuil Hall Market-House, the Jail and Reception House, the Old State House, Curtis Hall, Old City Hall, Charlestown, the Armories, the School-houses and all the Engine and Ladder-Truck Houses in the city, including those in Roxbury, Dorchester, West Roxbury, Brighton and Charlestown, besides other buildings used for public purposes, including ward-rooms.

ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION DIVISION.

Office, Old Court House, Room 7, first floor.

Henry F. Cottle, Chief of Division; Benjamin B. Hatch, Electrical Engineer.

The Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department was organized May 2, 1896. This Division has charge of all electrical repairs and construction, as well as the purchase of all electric supplies for the various city departments.

REPAIRS DIVISION.

Office, store-room and shops, Armory Building, Wareham street.

Charles Logue, Chief of Division.

This Division was established by his Honor the Mayor, January 13, 1898. The work of the Division consists in executing all kinds of repairs, including carpentering, plumbing, painting, mason-work, steam-fitting, gas-fitting, plastering, roofing and glazing—upon all city buildings—except in cases where such repairs are made by regular employees of the several departments.

Public Grounds Department.

Office, East Cottage street, Dorchester.

William Doogue, Superintendent; appointed annually.

The Superintendent has charge of and is the only person authorized to trim the trees in the streets of the city and of all the public grounds, except the parks established under Statutes of 1875, Chapter 185. (See Park Department.) He has the charge also of all the public grounds. The office of the Superintendent of [the Common and] Public Grounds was established by ordinance on February 28, 1870. The first annual report of the Superintendent was published in 1879.

Registry Department.

Office, Old Court House, first floor.

William H. Whitmore, City Registrar; appointed annually. Franklin D. Rideout,

First Assistant Registrar; J. Otis Fallon, Second Assistant Registrar.

The City Registrar keeps the records of births, deaths and marriages, and issues certificates of all intentions of marriage. Annual reports have been published since 1849.

By law, in the absence of the Registrar, the Assistant Registrars may perform his duties and give certificates of attestation.

By ordinance, approved July 12, 1892, the Department of Ancient Records and the office of Record Commissioners (established July 6, 1875) were abolished, and the duties of the Record Commissioners, including the publication of documents relating to the early history of Boston, were transferred to the City Registrar.

Sinking-Funds Department.

Office, City Hall, first floor.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING-FUNDS.

Henry R. Reed, Chairman; James H. Dodge, Secretary; Alfred T. Turner, Treasurer.

COMMISSIONERS.

Henry R. Reed, Charles H. Cole; terms end in 1900. John H. Sullivan, Charles E. Morrison; terms end in 1899. Nathaniel J. Rust, Samuel Johnson; terms end in 1898.

A Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds for the payment or redemption of the city debt was established by ordinance on December 24, 1870. This Board consists of six members, two of whom are appointed annually in February for a term of three years from May 1. The Board has published annual reports since 1871.

Soldiers' Relief Department.

Office, Charity Building, Chardon street.

Reuben Peterson, Commissioner; term ends April 30, 1899.

The Soldiers' Relief Department was created as a department of the City of Boston by Chapter 441 of the Acts of 1897, and is under the charge of a Commissioner, who is appointed by the Mayor. He exercises all powers and duties for the distribution of State Aid to soldiers in the City of Boston as were formerly vested in the Mayor and Board of Aldermen by certain acts of the Legislature of previous years.

Statistics Department.

Office, Room 71, City Hall.

BOARD OF STATISTICS COMMISSIONERS.

Laurence Minot, Chairman; Edward M. Hartwell, Secretary.

COMMISSIONERS.

Charles F. Folsom, term ends in 1903. Laurence Minot; term ends in 1902. Davis R. Dewey; term ends in 1901. B. Rodman Weld; term ends in 1900. Sumner B. Pearmain; term ends in 1899. William Jackson, ex officio.

This Department is in charge of a board of six members, one of whom shall be the City Engineer, ex officio, whose duty it is to collect, compile, and publish such statistics relating to the City of Boston and such other statistics of other cities, for purposes of comparison, as they may deem of public importance. THE CITY RECORD is edited under the direction of this Department.

Street Department.

Office, 47 City Hall, third floor.

Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets; appointed annually.

By ordinance approved March 9, 1891, in amendment of Chapter 18 of the Revised Ordinances of 1890, and by Chapter 449 of the Acts of 1895, the Superintendent of Streets was given administrative control of the Street Department, with the following Divisions:

Central office, Bridge Division, Cambridge and Boston Bridges, Ferry Division, Paving Division, Sanitary Division, Sewer Division, Street Cleaning Division, Street Watering Division.

The purchase of all supplies for the entire Department is under the immediate supervision of the Superintendent, and is in charge of William J. Smith, purchasing agent, Room 47, City Hall. The Deputy Superintendents in charge of divisions are appointed by the Superintendent, with the approval of the Mayor.

BRIDGE DIVISION.

Office, 928 Tremont Building.

William H. Carberry, Deputy Superintendent.

The Deputy Superintendent of this Division has charge of the highway bridges within the limits of the city, whether constructed over navigable waters or railroads; appoints drawtenders and other employees, and has charge of all repairs except such as affect the structure of the bridges. The latter are made under the supervision of the City Engineer.

FERRY DIVISION.

Office, North Ferry Head-house, East Boston. William F. McClellan, Deputy Superintendent.

The Deputy Superintendent of this Division has the care and management of the ferries owned by the city, makes necessary repairs on all ferry-boats, slips, drops, tanks and buildings used for ferry purposes; and sees that all moneys received from tolls and other sources are paid to the City Collector.

By Chapter 449, Acts of 1895, the Department was placed in charge of the Superintendent of Streets.

PAVING DIVISION.

Office, 44 City Hall, third floor.

John L. Kelly, Deputy Superintendent.

The Deputy Superintendent of this Division has charge of the construction and maintenance of all highways, the placing of street signs and numbering of buildings, the notification of all departments and persons authorized to place structures in streets when the Division contemplates the construction or re-surfacing of streets; the issuing of permits to open, occupy, and obstruct portions of streets; the removal of snow and ice from the streets, gutters, and all plank sidewalks.

SANITARY DIVISION.

Office, 920 Tremont Building.

Patrick O'Shea, Deputy Superintendent.

The Deputy Superintendent of this Division has charge of the removal and disposal of house-dirt, offal, ashes and other noxious and refuse substances from yards and areas, when placed in proper receptacles for removal; and the care of the city teams, dumping-boats and stables used for these purposes.

SEWER DIVISION.

Office, 30 Tremont street.

Charles R. Cutter, Deputy Superintendent; Edgar S. Dorr, Chief Engineer.

The Sewer Division has charge of the construction of all sewerage works, as defined by Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and amendments thereto, including the construction and maintenance of all sewers and catch-basins; completion and maintenance of the main drainage works; construction and maintenance of the channels of Stony Brook; construction and maintenance of street culverts and surface drains; preparation of plans, and the engineering and supervision required on the construction and maintenance of all work connected with the Division; investigation of complaints in regard to defective sewerage and surface drainage; granting of permits for all connections to be made with the common sewers, and the custody of bonds filed by drain layers authorized to make such connections.

STREET-CLEANING DIVISION.

Office, 923 Tremont Building.

Joshua Atwood, 3d, Deputy Superintendent.

The Deputy Superintendent of this Division has charge of keeping the highways clean and in good sanitary condition; removing all street sweepings, sweeping crossings, shovelling snow from the sidewalks in front of public buildings and around public grounds; and the care of the city teams, stables, and other property used for these purposes.

STREET-WATERING DIVISION.

Office, 440 Tremont Building.

Thomas J. Finneran, Deputy Superintendent.

The Deputy Superintendent of this Division has charge of watering accepted streets within the city limits, including both the work done by the day and work done at the expense of the abutters; the supervision of the inspection force, regulation of the manner of doing the work; also the care of the city water-carts and horses; the hire of private carts, location and care of water-posts, and the care of all other apparatus pertaining to street-watering.

Street Laying-Out Department.

Office, City Hall, third floor.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

John P. Dore, Chairman; J. H. Jenkins, Secretary.

COMMISSIONERS.

John P. Dore; term ends in 1901. John H. Duane; term ends in 1900. George H. Innis; term ends in 1899. J. W. Morrison, Chief Surveyor.

The Street Laying-Out Department is under the charge of the Board of Street Commissioners. One member of the Board is chosen by popular vote at the annual municipal election to serve for a term of three years from the first Monday in January. By Chapter 449, Acts of 1895, the duties and powers of the Board of Survey were transferred to the Board of Street Commissioners.

Treasury Department.

Office, City Hall, first floor.

Alfred T. Turner, City Treasurer; appointed annually.

The first "Treasurer for the Towne, and to keep the Towne's booke," John Oliver, was chosen in 1641. In 1636, John Cogan was chosen treasurer to build Fort Hill.

The City Treasurer is also County Treasurer and Treasurer of the Sinking-Funds Commissioners.

The City Treasurer has the care and custody of the current funds of the city, of all moneys, properties and securities placed in his charge

by any statute or ordinance, or by any gift, devise, bequest or deposit; he pays all drafts and all checks and other orders directed to him from the Auditing Department for the payment of bills and demands against the city; he pays all executions against the city when duly certified as correct by an officer of the Law Department, even if the appropriation to which the execution is chargeable is not sufficient. He pays the principal and interest of the city debt, as the same becomes due. He receives and invests all trust funds of the city, and holds the income thereof subject to expenditure for the purposes designated in the gift. He disposes of the balance remaining at the end of each financial year as the City Council may direct.

The Treasurer publishes reports yearly. Since 1882, he has published monthly reports.

Vessels and Ballast Department.

Office, 175 Commercial street.

John J. Caddigan, Chief Inspector; James Collins, Edward Hughes, Assistant Inspectors.

This Department is under the charge of the Weighers of Vessels and Ballast, three in number, one of whom is designated by the Mayor as chief.

Water Department.

Office, City Hall, fourth floor.

John R. Murphy, Water Commissioner; term ends in 1901.

The first water document published by the City of Boston appeared in 1825. The public introduction of water from Lake Cochituate took place on October 25, 1848. The history of the Boston Water Works up to January 1, 1868, has been written by Nathaniel J. Bradlee; from 1868 to 1876, by Desmond Fitzgerald; of the "Additional Supply from Sudbury River," by A. Fetley. In addition to the annual reports on the Cochituate supply, from 1850, and of the Mystic supply, from 1866, there are numerous special reports. By Chapter 449, Acts of 1895, the Boston Water Board and the Water Income Department and the Water Registrar were abolished, and the Water Department created, a single commissioner being intrusted with all the powers previously exercised by the Boston Water Board and the Boston Water Registrar. Edward C. Ellis, Assistant Water Commissioner. Walter E. Swan, Chief Clerk and Secretary. Joseph H. Caldwell, General Superintendent Income Division. Office, City Hall.

Hugh McNulty, General Superintendent of the Distribution Division. Office, 710 Albany street.

Weights and Measures Department.

Office, basement of Old Court House, Court square.

Daniel P. Sullivan, Sealer.

DEPUTIES.

Raphael Rosnosky, Charles Mintz, Edwin J. Turner, John J. Higgins, Daniel J. Moynihan, jr., Jeremiah J. Crowley, Thomas F. Brophy, John Golding, William H. Fallon, Thomas J. Dwyer.

This Department is under the charge of the Sealer and Deputy Sealers, who are appointed to seize illegal charcoal measures.

The standards in use are supplied by the Commonwealth, and are determined by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey,

Washington, D.C. The office was authorized by the statute of February 26, 1800. Annual reports have been published since 1868.

Wire Department.

Office, Old Court House, Room 12.

Thomas W. Flood, Wire Commissioner.

The office of Commissioner was established August 4, 1894. The Department issues annual reports; the first was issued February 1, 1895.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

Art Department.

Office, City Hall.

BOARD OF ART COMMISSIONERS.

Samuel D. Warren; term ends in 1903. Charles A. Cummings; term ends in 1902. Arthur A. Carey; term ends in 1901. C. Howard Walker; term ends in 1900. F. W. Chandler; term ends in 1899.

The Art Department was established by Chapter 410 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1898. It is in charge of five Commissioners, who are appointed by the Mayor, without confirmation. Each of the following-named bodies, namely, the Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts, the Trustees of the Boston Public Library, the Trustees of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Boston Art Club, and the Boston Society of Architects, submits a list of three persons to the Mayor; and the Mayor appoints one person as Art Commissioner from each of the lists so submitted. Whenever the term of a member of the Board expires, the Mayor shall appoint his successor from a list selected by the body which made the original selection as aforesaid. The Board may appoint a Secretary outside of its own membership, who shall serve without compensation.

No work of art shall become the property of the city without the approval of the Art Department; which may also be requested by the Mayor or the City Council to pass upon the design of any municipal building, bridge, approach, lamp, ornamental gate or fence, or other structure to be erected upon land belonging to the city. The Board is also authorized to make contracts for the execution of any painting or work of sculpture for the city, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Board of Appeal.

BOARD OF APPEAL.

George R. Swasey, Chairman; Arthur G. Everett, Secretary.

George R. Swasey; term ends in 1901. Arthur G. Everett; term ends in 1900. William H. Sayward; term ends in 1899.

Office of Secretary, 60 Devonshire street.

One member is appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, one by the Boston Society of Architects, and one by the Master Builders' Association; the two latter being subject to approval by the Mayor. The term of office is three years.

Any applicant for a permit from the Building Commissioner whose application has been refused, any person who has been ordered by the Commissioner to incur any expense, and any person, the value of whose property may be affected by work to be done under permit granted by the Commissioner, may appeal to the Board of Appeal by giving to the Commissioner notice in writing. All cases of appeal are referred to this Board, which may,

after a hearing, direct the Commissioner to issue his permit under such conditions, if any, as the Board may require, or to withhold the same. The Board has authority to enter any building or premises in the City of Boston.

Boston and Cambridge Bridges.

COMMISSIONERS.

William J. Marvin, Commissioner for Cambridge; Benjamin W. Wells, Commissioner for Boston.

This Commission was established by statute in 1870, to have charge of the maintenance of the West Boston, Canal or Craigie's, and the Prison Point bridges. (Statutes of 1870, Chapters 300, 302.) In 1892 the Harvard bridge was placed in their charge (Statutes of 1882, Chapter 155). The powers of the Commission have been greatly enlarged by Statutes of 1898, Chapter 467, Section 14. This act places all bridges and draws between the two cities in their charge to support, manage and keep in repair said bridges and to authorize exclusively the placing of poles, wires and other structures upon them. The expense of maintenance is borne equally by the City of Boston and the City of Cambridge.

The Commission consists of a board of two Commissioners, one appointed by the Mayor of the City of Boston and one by the Mayor of the City of Cambridge. They serve without compensation.

Boston Transit Commission.

Office, 20 Beacon street.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

George G. Crocker, Chairman; B. Leighton Beal, Secretary; H. A. Carson, Chief Engineer.

COMMISSIONERS.

George G. Crocker, Horace G. Allen, appointed by the Governor; Charles H. Dalton, Thomas J. Gargan, George F. Swain, appointed by the Mayor.

Each Commissioner serves for the term of five years from July, 1894.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

County Commissioners, the Mayor and Aldermen of Boston. County Auditor, James H. Dodge. County Treasurer, Alfred T. Turner.

Cambridge Bridge Commission.

COMMISSIONERS.

Josiah Quincy (ex-officio), Alvin F. Sortwell (ex-officio), E. D. Leavitt.

The Commission has charge of the construction of a new bridge, not less than 105 feet in width, across the Charles river, to be known as the Cambridge bridge, at or near the site of the present West Boston bridge, from Cambridge street in Boston to Main street in Cambridge. Approaches not less than 100 feet in width are to be laid out by the Commission and constructed by the City Engineers of Boston and Cambridge, at the expense of each city respectively. The cost of the bridge is to be paid by three parties. The Boston Elevated Railway Company pays such portion of the cost as shall be rendered necessary by reason of the bridge being of additional size and strength for the use of the elevated railroad, and shall construct or pay for constructing its railway, both elevated and surface, across the bridge. The balance of the cost is to be paid, one-half by the City of Boston and one-half by the City of Cambridge.

The Commission consists of the Mayor, for the time being, of the City of Boston, the Mayor, for the time being, of the City of Cambridge, and a third person, appointed by the two Mayors, or in case of disagreement, by the Governor.

Merchants' Municipal Committee.

Alpheus H. Hardy, Chairman; George H. Leonard, Vice-Chairman; Amory A. Lawrence, Horatio G. Curtis, Freeman J. Doe, William O. Blaney, J. Richard Carter; terms end in 1899.

This Board constitutes an advisory committee to the Mayor on business questions generally. It is appointed, at the request of the Mayor, by the Associated Board of Trade, a body representing all the commercial organizations of the City of Boston.

Regular meetings of the Committee are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

Police Department.

Office, 37 Pemberton square.

BOARD OF POLICE.

Augustus P. Martin, Chairman; Francis R. Bangs, Attorney; Thomas Ryan, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS.

Robert F. Clark; term ends in 1903. Charles P. Curtis, jr.; term ends in 1900. Augustus P. Martin; term ends in 1899.

The Board of Police for the City of Boston was established by Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1885, and is composed of three citizens of Boston, appointed from the two principal political parties by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and the full term of office is five years from the first day of May. The Board assumed office on July 23, 1885. The Governor designates one of the Commissioners to serve as Chairman.

The city is divided into sixteen Police Districts, in each of which is a station-house, the headquarters of a Captain and force of men. The Board appoints a harbor-master and assistants from the police force, and they receive pay in accordance with their rank in the force. The police boats "Guardian" and "Watchman" are employed in this service.

EXECUTIVE STAFF.

Benjamin P. Eldredge, Superintendent of Police; Joseph R. Burrill, William H. Pierce, Orinton M. Hanscom, James M. Coulter, Byron F. Bragdon, Deputy Superintendents.

Special Law Department.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Patrick A. Collins and Albert E. Pillsbury.

The Board was appointed by the Mayor as a special commission to draft a revision or consolidation of all the special laws relating to the city.

School Department.

Rooms of the Committee, Mason street.

BOARD OF OFFICERS.

Henry D. Huggan, President; Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary; William J. Porter, Auditing Clerk; Edwin P. Seaver, Superintendent; Ellis Peterson, Robert C. Metcalf, George H. Conley, George H. Martin, Walter S. Parker, Sarah L. Arnold, Supervisors; Alvah H. Peters, Messenger.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Edward I. Aldrich, George W. Anderson, Charles L. Burrill, Samuel H. Calderwood, Samuel E. Courtney, Archibald T. Davison, William J. Gallivan, Thomas F. Strange; terms end in January, 1901. Frank E. Bate-man, William H. Bowdlear, Francis L. Coolidge, Emily A. Fifield, Charles Fleischer, Henry D. Huggan, James A. McDonald, terms end in January, 1900. Willard S. Allen, Fanny B. Ames, I. Austin Bassett, William T. Eaton, Samuel F. Hubbard, Elizabeth C. Keller, A. Lawrence Lowell, J. Carlton Nichols, Isaac F. Paul; terms end in January, 1899.

Eight members of the School Committee are elected annually at the city election, by the voters at large, including such women as may qualify for that purpose. Vacancies in the School Committee are filled for the remainder of the municipal year, in a convention of the School Committee and the Board of Aldermen.

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the evenings of the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, except in July and August.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

At its special meeting held Monday, September 19, 1898, the Board of Aldermen confirmed the appointment, by His Honor the Mayor, of William L. White to be a constable, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following is an abstract of the rules promulgated by the Board of Police regarding small loans on household furniture, etc.:

Section 1 provides that upon petition the Board will license suitable persons to make loans secured by mortgage or pledge of household furniture for less than \$200, at a rate of interest not greater than 12 per cent., and that all such licenses shall expire on September 1 next succeeding their date. A fee of \$50 shall be paid for each license.

Section 2 provides that the applicant shall file with the Board a sworn statement setting forth name, place of business, with other conditions.

Section 3 provides that no license shall be issued unless a bond for \$500 is filed with the City Treasurer, with surety approved by the Board. It is also provided that all persons so licensed shall report to the Board any suit brought upon the bond, together with the result of its settlement.

In the remaining eight sections, it is provided that certain sums may, if both parties agree, be paid by the borrower or added to the debt and taken by the lender as the expense of making the loan, such sums not to be counted as part of the interest, together with conditions for the discharge of the mortgage.

Provision is also made for the punishment of persons not complying with the conditions prescribed by the rules, and for the revocation of licenses.

ACCOMMODATION OF SICK SOLDIERS AT CITY HOSPITAL.

The following statistics with regard to sick soldiers at the Boston City Hospital, on September 15, have been furnished by Dr. G. H. M. Rowe, Superintendent of the Hospital:

Admitted From.	Number.
Steamer "Oliivette"	65
Steamer "Bay State"	65
Steamer "Lewiston"	48
Steamer "Relief"	92
Personal applications since August 23	41

Total received to September 15	311
Total discharged	99

Total on hand, September 15	212
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In their care, the soldiers have been distributed in the following manner:

In tents	126
In Ward S	23
In Ward A	28
In Museum	15
In Casualty Ward	12
In other wards	8

Total	212
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The following is a census of patients (including soldiers) at the Hospital on September 15:

In Hospital proper	617
In South Department	88
In Convalescent Home	16

Total	721
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Owing to the lateness of the season, the tents cannot be occupied for the treatment of sick patients after October 15, unless the weather be exceptionally fine. The booths, however, which when completed will accommodate 110, can be made comfortable by stoves, and, if required, soldiers can be treated there as late as the last week in November.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE.

Sealed proposals for building a temporary pile bridge across the Charles River, near the West Boston Bridge, will be received at the office of the Mayor, City Hall, Boston, until 12 o'clock M., of Saturday, October 1, 1898, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for the sum of \$1,000, payable to the order of the Cambridge Bridge Commission, which check will be returned to the bidder unless forfeited as hereinafter provided. A bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum of 20 per cent. of the amount of said contract, of an approved surety company, or with two or more sureties satisfactory to the Commission. The surety company must be one doing business in Massachusetts, and sureties must be residents of said State. The contract must be signed and the bond furnished within six days (Sunday excepted) after the date of the notification by the Commission of the acceptance of the proposal and the readiness of the contract for signature; and in case of the failure of the bidder, after such notification, to execute the contract and furnish the bond within said time, the proposal will be considered as abandoned, and the certified check accompanying the proposal shall be forfeited to the Commission.

Plan can be seen at the office of the City Engineer, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids should it be deemed advisable so to do.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

ALVIN F. SORTWELL,

E. D. LEAVITT,

Cambridge Bridge Commission.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 14, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Orkney road, at Brighton, be laid out as a highway, from Strathmore road to Sutherland road, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fourth day of October, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, September 17, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 1523 Tremont street, Ward 19, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Tremont street. Dimensions: Twenty-three feet high, one 14 feet and one 10 feet 6 inches wide, and both 3 feet over line of street.

PATRICK DONLIN,

By S. RANTIN & SON,
1117 Columbus avenue.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 19, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the third day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 22, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a Telford macadam roadway in North Harvard street, between Western avenue and Charles river, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$3,500 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, September 29, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 22, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam roadway in Stuart street, between Dartmouth street and Trinity place, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$300 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, September 29, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT—SEWER DIVISION.

Boston, September 22, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,260 linear feet of sewer work in Oakridge street, and outlet in Morton street, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Thursday, September 29, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 15, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the stream or water-course at Brighton, known as Sutherland road Brook, be located anew between Sutherland road and Kilsyth road, and any parts of the original channel from which said water-course may be diverted between said points be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fifth day of October, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 15, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the stream or water-course, at Brighton, known as Salt Creek Brook, be located anew from Commonwealth avenue to the northerly line of the location of the Boston and Albany Railroad, that any parts of the original channel from which said water-course may be diverted between said points be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fifth day of October, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 14, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Dalmatia street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway eastwardly from Howard avenue, and over and upon a private way known as Woodcliff street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fourth day of October, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

The Assessors' Office will be open from September 21 to October 1, inclusive, for the assessment of poll taxes, from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M.

GEO. A. COMINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT—PAVING DIVISION.

September 17, 1898.

To the owners of property abutting on public streets that are to be improved:

All owners of abutting property or people having rights in the public streets are hereby notified, in accordance with Section 7 of Chapter 36 of the Revised Ordinances of 1892, that the Street Department of the City of Boston intends to improve the following streets, and all persons or parties having any rights in the said streets are requested to make all necessary repairs to their sewers or water connections, or any other pipes or structures, within two weeks from date, as after that time no permits will be granted on these streets until one year after their completion.

CHARLESTOWN.

Chestnut street.

CITY PROPER.

Atlantic avenue, from junction Summer and Federal to Kneeland street.
Parkman street.
Dewey square.

BACK BAY.

Blackwood street.

SOUTH BOSTON.

Broadway, A street to bridge.
Fifth street, I street to K street.
M street, Broadway to Fourth street.
N street, Broadway to Fourth street.
Gates street.

ROXBURY.

Norfolk avenue, George street to Shirley street.
Centre street, Columbus avenue to Lamartine street.

DORCHESTER.

Park street, Dorchester avenue to Waldeck street.
Washington street, Elgin to Bowdoin streets.
Westville street.
Glenway street.
Henry L. Pierce square.

BRIGHTON.

Franklin street.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS—STREET DEPARTMENT, PAVING DIVISION.

September 20, 1898.

To the owners of property abutting on public streets that are to be improved:

All owners of abutting property, or people having rights in the public streets, are hereby notified, in accordance with Section 7 of Chapter 36 of the Revised Ordinances of 1892, that the Street Department of the City of Boston intends to improve the following streets, and all persons or parties having any rights in the said streets are requested to make all necessary repairs to their sewers or water connections, or any other pipes or structures, within two weeks from date, as after that time no permits will be granted on these streets until one year after their completion:

SOUTH BOSTON.

Broadway, F street to Dorchester street.

CITY PROPER.

Tremont street, Eliot to Pleasant street; Shawmut avenue, Tremont street to Pleasant street.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

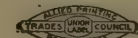
IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 14, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Clinton street be laid out, at Dorchester, from Waterlow street to Faxon street, as a highway with the name of Shatter street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fourth day of October, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



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LETTER FROM MAYOR QUINCY TO MR. KEITH.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 14, 1898.

B. F. KEITH, Esq., Keith's Theatre, Boston.

MY DEAR SIR: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your contribution of \$1,000, to be applied at my discretion toward meeting the expenses of maintaining public baths, and to express my personal, as well as official, appreciation of your generous gift. It is particularly gratifying to me to learn that the liberal policy which has recently been adopted by the city in the provision of public baths has so strongly appealed to a private citizen as to lead to a voluntary offer of such substantial support.

While I regret that the city has apparently been placed, through the action of a minority of the members of one branch of the City Council, in the attitude of declining to make proper financial provision for the maintenance of bathing facilities which have proved of such widespread beneficence during the summer season, it is highly gratify-

ing, both to the members of the Bath Commission and myself, to learn that individual citizens are ready to step into the breach. Your gift will be applied, by vote of the Bath Commission, to meet the expense of opening six baths on Sunday, September 18, and Sunday, September 25, and then toward the maintenance of indoor baths at the Cabot-street bath-house and the East Boston gymnasium.

In accordance with the discretion which you have allowed me to make some other public application of a portion of your contribution, if I did not deem it was all required at the present time for baths, I desire to say that I have concluded to give half of the sum to the Music Commission, to provide free indoor concerts during the coming fall and winter. I have been very glad to find in conversation with you that your views upon the practicability and importance of developing free popular music in this city are so much in sympathy with those which have been formed by the Music Commission and myself, and, as the appropriation for music is now practically exhausted, your gift will be of great use in enabling us to arrange for some indoor concerts.

Again expressing my thanks for your liberal recognition of, and for your sympathy with, the new policies which the city is endeavoring to carry out for the promotion of cleanliness, exercise and reasonable recreation, and consequently of the health and well-being of the masses of the people, I am

Yours very truly,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SALT-WATER FIRE SERVICE.

A test of the new system of salt-water supply for the Fire Department was made on Saturday, September 10, certain hydrants being supplied by Fire-boat No. 44, which was stationed at Central Wharf. From a hydrant near the Custom House a stream of water was derived that rose 150 feet into the air. The stream thrown from a hydrant in Post Office square attained a height greater than that of the New York Life Insurance Building.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.

The Superintendent of Streets sent the following letter to the Mayor on August 25, 1898:

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In explanation of the enclosed letter asking your approval of the appointment as special police officers of certain employees of the Street Department, the following statement as to the necessity for this action should be forwarded, together with application, to the Board of Police, who have the authority to make such appointments.

If the foremen of the Sanitary and Street Cleaning Divisions could act with some authority and power, I believe it would be possible to bring about a much better enforcement of the ordinance in regard to throwing paper and rubbish into the street.

The duties of the regular police seem to be such that they have not been able to give much assistance in this matter.

These foremen also, from the nature of their duties, are thoroughly posted as to the needs and conditions, and, following the work in their respective districts from day to day, they are in a position to know the source of the immense amount of waste and rubbish thrown in the streets, and could, I believe, very largely bring about the reform which has been sought and urged for so many years.

It is desirable that the drawtenders and their assistants in the Bridge Division be given police authority, so that matters can be properly controlled on the bridges. At the present time, it is not possible to prevent improper action on the part of vessels passing through and teams passing over the bridges.

In relation to the application of the Ferry Division, I would say that efforts have been made from time to time to secure the assignment of officers for police service on the boats; but, owing to the cost, the Board of Police have not been able to furnish these men.

If a certain number of gatemen and responsible employees of the Ferry Division were empowered to act as special officers,

the objectionable conduct on the part of rowdies and drunkards, which sometimes occurs, particularly on the late boats, can be overcome. There are also times when it is very necessary that gatemen should have the support of police authority.

As this matter is important, allow me to suggest that you give it your early and personal attention.

Yours very respectfully,
BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

In accordance with the above recommendation of the Superintendent of Streets, and the approval of the Mayor, the following-named employees of the Street Department have been sworn in as special police by the Board of Police:

SANITARY DIVISION.

M. B. Rowe, Charles McConnell, C. G. Forristall, John C. Norton, John J. Foley, John F. Wade, C. A. Metcalf, John LeRoache, foremen.

STREET-CLEANING DIVISION.

Bartholomew Haley, Thomas O'Leary, John H. O'Brien, John J. Fahey, William E. Reardon, Thomas L. Tucker, Timothy F. Murphy, James H. McMain, James P. Craffey, foremen.

BRIDGE DIVISION.

Congress-street Bridge — Cornelius J. Calahan, Michael O'Brien, first assistant drawtenders.

Federal-street Bridge — Daniel J. Holland, Timothy Heaphy, first assistant drawtenders.

Dover-street Bridge — Francis O'Brien, Edward F. Conrey, first assistant drawtenders.

Warren Bridge — Timothy J. Coughlin, William J. Alcorn, first assistant drawtenders.

Chelsea South Bridge — Miles Koen, John J. McCabe, first assistant drawtenders.

Meridian-street Bridge — Daniel J. McFarland, James E. Murray, first assistant drawtenders.

Mt. Washington-avenue Bridge — John F. Kinnaly, Thomas F. Cloney, first assistant drawtenders.

Broadway Bridge — John C. Poole, P. Henry Boyle, first assistant drawtenders.

L-street Bridge — James T. Nunan, Chas. Paget, first assistant drawtenders.

Charles-river Bridge — Henry A. Bolan, Joseph R. Downey, first assistant drawtenders.

Chelsea North Bridge — Michael H. Enwright, Martin J. Griffin, first assistant drawtenders.

Malden Bridge — Hugh H. McNerlin, James O. Brown, first assistant drawtenders.

FERRY DIVISION.

Fred. C. Horner, Robert W. Cook, Daniel F. Harrigan, Edward Delehanty, Walter H. Noyes, James A. Trevor, Peter Moran, Edward S. Gray, Martin M. Kane, John McSweeney.

The law under which the foregoing appointments were made is found in Chapter 282 of the Acts of 1898, which reads as follows:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Police for the City of Boston may, subject to the provisions of Sections 13 to 20 inclusive of Chapter 103 of the Public Statutes, appoint railroad police, and may upon the written application of any officer or board in charge of a department of the City of Boston, approved by the Mayor of said city, appoint special police officers for such department.

Sect. 2. Said Board may, if it deems it expedient, on the application of any corporation or person that said Board may deem responsible, appoint special police officers to serve without pay from said city, and the corporation or person applying for an appointment under this section shall be liable for the official misconduct of the officer appointed on such application, as for the torts of any servant or agent in the employ of such corporation or person.

Sect. 3. Every special officer appointed under the provisions of this Act shall serve from the time of his appointment to the first day of April of the next year ensuing, and shall have the power of police officers to preserve order and to enforce the laws and ordinances of the city in and about any park, public ground, place of amusement, place of public worship, wharf, manufactory or other locality specified in the application. A record of all such appointments shall be kept in the office of said Board, and any appointment so made may be revoked by said Board at any time.

Sect. 4. Section 6 of Chapter 244 of the Acts of the year 1878 is hereby repealed, but any officer appointed before this Act takes effect shall continue to perform the duties of such officer according to the tenure of his appointment.

Sect. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved April 2, 1898.]

DISPOSAL OF CITY REFUSE.

On September 10 a contract was made by the Superintendent of Streets, on behalf of the City of Boston, with the City Refuse Utilization Company of New York, through its legal representatives, for the disposal of all refuse collected by the city, excepting ashes, garbage and street sweepings. The contract is for ten years, the city having the right to purchase the plant at the end of five years. The company is to receive \$5,500 per year for disposing of the refuse.

The contract for constructing a one-story building, of brick and iron, at Fort Hill wharf, having a frontage of about seventy-five feet on Atlantic avenue, with a depth of seventy-five feet on the water-front, has been awarded to Jones & Meehan. It is expected that the plant will be ready for use by December 1, 1898.

REPORT ON OUTDOOR CONCERTS.

Following is the report of the Superintendent of Public Buildings on the outdoor band concerts:

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The success of the Boston Municipal Band and the outdoor concerts given this season under the direction of the Music Commission has been beyond the expectation of those interested.

Early in the season the Music Commission turned over to this Department the minor arrangements connected with the outdoor concerts.

During the season thirty-five regular concerts were given by the Municipal Band, one concert and parade June 17; three concerts on July 4, and a quartet concert on August 2. In addition to these concerts two other concerts were given by the Germania Band, one on Boston Common and the second at Franklin Park. The latter employed the services of nine musicians and largely took on the character of solo concerts.

So far as the number of spectators were concerned the general opinion of those who have managed similar concerts in the past is that never have such great audiences gathered outdoors in the City of Boston. In the matter of attendance I should judge that the most popular concerts of the season were given on Boston Common. Here during the season it is estimated that 192,100 spectators were present. There was no difficulty in properly handling these vast crowds. After the first Sunday only a comparatively few police officers were on duty and the employees of this Department had no difficulty in preserving order.

The greatest number of spectators on the Common gathered on July 4, when nearly 20,000 gathered to enjoy the music. The smallest gathering was 3,000 on a rainy July night, and notwithstanding the inclement weather the people remained to the end of the concert.

Nearly 5,000 chairs, by order of Your Honor, had been provided early in the season, and as far as possible these chairs were for the use of women and children. Tickets for the same were distributed to the wholesale and retail business houses, to church societies and charitable organizations, with the request that they should be delivered to women and children as far as possible. The request met with hearty response among those who received the tickets. Yet, either before or during the progress of the concert, whether provided with tickets or not, women and children have always been given the preference in the matter of seats.

The concerts at the Marine Park were very popular and rarely attracted less than 7,000 and frequently more than 10,000. A careful estimate of the number who enjoyed the outdoor concerts would be 330,000.

The outdoor concert season began on June 26 and closed September 11.

During the entire season not an accident occurred and not an arrest was made during the progress of the concerts, either at Boston Common, Marine Park or the other sections where concerts were given.

JOHN DROHAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

NEW LAW REGARDING SEWERAGE WORKS IN BOSTON.

Mr. Wells, Superintendent of Streets, has issued the following statement, through the press, in explanation of the new sewerage assessment law:

The general subject of the future development and maintenance of existing sewers in Boston has for some years past been a serious problem to the officials charged with this branch of the public work. In the early days, sewers were built by private individuals, with outlets into tide-water, without supervision or plan by the city. Later, all sewerage works were undertaken under the direction of the city, although private sewers were still allowed to be built, but entrance into the main public sewers was made under the supervision of the Sewer Division. As time went on, the immense amount of sewage poured into the harbor and docks created such a foul condition of things, that, in 1887, the Main Drainage System, now in operation, was devised and constructed, and gradually all house sewers in the city are being connected, so that the sewage is all carried to sea, either through the Moon Island System under the direction of the city, or the Deer Island System under the care of the Metropolitan Sewerage Commissioners.

The general direction of the development of sewerage systems in this city in past years has been without much regard to the relation which each bears to the others, and in many cases the demands of a growing territory were not properly foreseen. In the outlying or suburban sections of the city, the surface water had been cared for through the natural channels and water-courses. No provision being made at that time for the carrying of this surface water in the sewers, the sewers were built, and adapted in size, for house drainage only; and with the growth of the territory in many cases have become overburdened even without the addition of storm water. In the building up of these sections, these water-courses were fast becoming obstructed or obliterated; and thus the problem how to care for the surface water of very large areas was forced upon the Department for some immediate action.

Prior to the passage of the new act—which this statement is but an introduction to and explanation of—the Sewer Division of the Street Department was allotted a sum for maintenance and construction which made the relief called for impossible, the amount of money available being so limited. It was necessary, in order to construct any large sewerage work, to obtain through the City Council a special loan out of the regular borrowing capacity of the city. This, except to a very limited extent, it was impossible to obtain, so that conditions most dangerous to the public health and comfort, which had existed for years, remained without remedy.

The necessity for adequate and proper sewerage works is so self-evident that I believe the citizens, who are called upon to pay the assessment, if they give the matter proper thought and study, will recognize the value of the new law.

For instance, the Main Drainage Works, which are to the whole system of sewerage in the city what the heart is to the body, were found on the incoming of Mayor Quincy to be in a most deplorable condition. The pumps, running day and night for many years, had received little or no attention, and no repairs were possible, for the reason that the City Council could not appropriate sufficient moneys for the purpose. The capacity of the pumping plant was nearly reached; and so also at Moon Island the sewerage basins were already overtaxed. Thus the care and disposal of the city sewage as it increased was a most serious proposition.

The entire plant has now received a thorough overhauling, engines, pumps, boilers and the building itself. A new 70,000,000 gallon pump is being designed, and additional reservoirs at Moon Island being constructed; so that the danger which has threatened the sewerage system of the city for some years is averted and the problem solved.

The most pressing piece of work which was taken in hand under the possibilities of the new act was the Canal-street relief sewer, which is the main sewer for the older and settled section of the city, which for years had been in such condition that the health of the entire district was endangered, and for over twelve years had in each annual report of the Sewer Division been referred to, and an appropriation for the rebuilding sought. The overflows at Kemp street, Shamrock street and Mt. Vernon street were in such condition that whole districts were flooded, and sewage backed up in time of storm.

The Harrison-avenue district and the South Cove district needed immediate attention. Rosemont-street relief sewer was also a pressing need. Connections with the Metropolitan System in Charlestown and East Boston were urgent for the reason that the shores and docks of these sections, which under the old system of outlet sewers were in a terrible state of foulness, were each year becoming worse.

The development of the surface drains and brooks in the outlying districts, such as Tenean brook, Canterbury branch of Stony brook, Lauriat-avenue district, Oakland Garden district, Goldsmith brook and Shepard-street brook were pieces of construction which under the old law it was impossible to undertake, although immense areas were suffering and calling for relief. As a result of all these conditions, and to solve the problem which was forced upon the Department, a careful and extensive study was made of the sewerage systems of other cities in this country and abroad, and of their method of providing sufficient funds for the proper conduct of the work. The assessment system has been in operation in some of the larger foreign cities for many years past, and to some extent in cities of this country.

As a result of this study, what afterwards became Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 was formulated, introduced into the Legislature

and referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, who, after careful consideration and hearings, reported favorably, and the act was passed.

This act in substance provides that the City Council of the City of Boston shall annually appropriate sums not exceeding \$1,000,000 in any one year for constructing sewerage works in the city, and shall also appropriate, to be met by annual charges, such sums as the Mayor of said city shall deem sufficient for maintaining and operating the sewerage works. All sewers, drains, pumping stations and other works for the collection or disposal of sewage or surface or ground water in said city shall be included in the term sewerage work as used in the act. It further provides that the Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, shall order the construction of sewers or drains; that streams or water-courses within the limits of said city may be filled up or diverted, widened, deepened, paved or covered by the order of said Board. Said Board is authorized to make takings for sewers, water-courses, etc. The Superintendent of Streets or such other officer as the Mayor of said city shall from time to time direct shall carry out such orders. The Treasurer of said city, to meet the expenses incurred in constructing any sewerage works, shall from time to time and on the request of the Board of Street Commissioners, issue bonds. The Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, are empowered to annually determine just and equitable sewerage charges to be paid by estates of said city for the construction, maintenance and operation of the sewerage works, as caused by said estate, the amount of use thereof, if any, by the estate or its occupants, and the benefit received therefrom by the estate.

Early in the year, the Board of Street Commissioners authorized the Superintendent of Streets to submit to them a study and plan of making assessments under the act, and the subject was taken in hand by the Sewer Division of the Street Department. A special force of department engineers and expert assistants with a sufficient clerical corps prepared in detail the plans and figures, which were later submitted to the Board of Street Commissioners, and accepted by them, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, and of the city Law Department.

The preparation of the plans and figures involved an immense amount of detail work. Much information, however, which is of value, aside from its relation to the sewerage charges, was collected and compiled. The areas, frontages and valuations of every estate in the city, and more complete data as to the sewer and water connections than had before been on record, were obtained. Now that the plan has been worked out and books of record opened, the labor of compilation for future years will be very much less. After delivering to the Board of Street Commissioners the figures and plans for the present assessment, the Street Department has no further connection with the work of assessment, as this will be handled for the future entirely by the Board of Street Commissioners. The Street Department, however, in connection with the Board of Street Commissioners' work, has detailed an engineering force to prepare plans and obtain working data necessary for assessments.

The system of assessments put into operation, covering the expenditure of the past year, is as follows:

The assessment was divided into two parts:

First, maintenance and operation; second, construction.

For the first part, the maintenance and operation, the City Council allowed \$350,000. One-quarter of that amount is assessed on all the estates of the City of Boston on the basis of land valuations, for the reason that all the estates in the city derive some benefit from sewerage works, through the maintenance of sewers, water-courses and catch-basins which care for the surface water from the streets, and also for the benefits they receive from the use of public buildings, which are exempt from assessment. The remaining three-quarters is based on the water-tax, and in this city it has been found that the proportion which this assessment bears to the water-tax is about one to five.

There are something over thirty classes of water-takers, and allowance is made in each special class for such amount of water as is not returned to the sewers. The proceeds of this assessment are used for the care and maintenance of all the sewerage works.

Class 2, construction, is divided into three classes:

The first class is composed of main drainage, main channels, and other large works of which the whole city derives a part of the benefits. This is assessed on all the estates according to their land valuations.

The second class of sewers, which are designated as district sewers or sub-mains, are assessed on district areas, the engineering force of the Sewer Division having divided the entire city into distinct drainage areas; and for the purpose of sewerage works each district is carried in a separate account.

Third—Lateral sewers, which are assessed on frontages to the amount of \$1.25 for each assessable foot, any cost in excess of this amount being charged on the district area; and, in case of any sewer costing less than \$1.25 per foot, the area is credited with the difference.

The assessment for construction is the amount of the sinking-fund charges and interest on thirty-year bonds.

This, in a general way, explains the method of determining the sewerage charges. It may be that in practice the plan as adopted may not be perfect in all its details, and some changes may be necessary in future assessments. The assessment, however, is determined by the Board of Street Commissioners each year, so that any defect in the present plan can be corrected, and but slight hardship entailed by any assessment of the past year.

As stated above, owing to the inability of the city under the old sewerage law to provide the necessary moneys to properly care for and extend its sewerage system, many large and difficult problems must be met and taken care of at the outset. In a few years, however, these larger works of construction will have been accomplished, the city provided with a perfect and comprehensive system of sewerage works, and the annual charges be greatly decreased.

An increase in the tax rate would in no way cover the field of work which this sewer act provides for. The sewer tax is directly

proportioned to the benefits received, and falls upon those who receive such benefit. An increase in the tax rate falls on every tax-payer, whether the direct gainer by the disbursement of the moneys assessed or not.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7.30 P.M., Tuesday, September 13, 1898, all members present except Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrell, Calderwood, Huggan.

In the absence of Mr. Huggan, Mr. Allen was chosen Chairman.

It was ordered that there be paid to the Denison House Association the sum of twenty-four dollars (\$24) for cleaning and heating the Denison House Kindergarten, from March 1 to June 28, 1898.

The Chair read the following:

(1.) Headquarters Committee of Arrangements for the Reception and Entertainment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., Session of 1898.

515 Tremont street, September 9, 1898.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

GENTLEMEN: On Wednesday, the twenty-first instant, there will be held in this city a grand parade of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in honor of its Supreme Body, the Sovereign Grand Lodge, representing throughout the world a membership of more than 1,000,000.

It is respectfully requested by this committee that the sessions of the public schools of the City of Boston be suspended on that day. For the Committee,

J. LAWRENCE MARTIN, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations:

(2.) IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 6, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to consider the expediency of extending the summer vacation in the public schools until September 15 of each year.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 6, 1898.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH A. CONRY, Chairman.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

September 8, 1898.

Concurred. JOSEPH O'KANE,

Clerk of the Common Council.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

September 10, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for report.

THOMAS A. MULLEN, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Superintendent of Schools presented the resignations of nine teachers. The ap-

pointments, recommended by the Superintendent, of eleven special assistants, seven temporary teachers, were laid over under the rules, as were the appointments, on probation, of twenty teachers. The confirmations, recommended by the Superintendent, of seven teachers in high schools, and of twenty-eight teachers in other schools, were laid over under the rules. The appointments of two masters and three principals of evening drawing schools, submitted for approval by the Superintendent, were laid over under the rules. On the same officer's recommendation, leave of absence was granted to fifteen teachers. Under suspension of the rules, the appointments of one temporary teacher and one teacher on probation were confirmed.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School-houses, reported that on July 19, the Board approved the expenditure of \$2,000 for improvements in the sanitariums of the Dudley School-house, and of \$4,250 for improvements in the sanitariums of the Charles Sumner School-house. The cost of making these improvements will somewhat exceed the sums named, and your committee now recommend that the Board approve additional amounts, as follows:

Dudley School-house: Improvements in sanitariums, additional, \$400.

Charles Sumner School-house: Improvements in sanitariums, additional, \$750.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On recommendation of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with D. A. Horgan & Co., in the sum of \$2,335 for making improvements in the sanitariums of the Dudley School-house, said Horgan & Co. being the lowest bidders.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, reported that under authority granted by the Board, May 10, they have advertised for and received proposals for the construction of the new East Boston High School-house. The plans and specifications for this building were approved by the Board with the understanding that its cost should not exceed \$200,000, and as all the bids received were in excess of this amount, they were necessarily rejected. Subsequently, at the meeting of July 19, an order was introduced in the Board that this restriction be removed, which was referred to your committee for consideration. Since then the plans and specifications have been very carefully gone over, and certain changes made therein which will considerably reduce the cost of the building without impairment of its appearance or efficiency, and a proposal obtained from Mead, Mason & Co., the second lowest bidders, to undertake the general contract for the sum of \$203,006, a reduction of \$23,944 from their original bid. Your committee now estimate the entire cost of the building, including architect's commission, at \$245,000, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Mead, Mason & Co., in the sum of \$203,006 for constructing the East Boston High School-house, said Mead, Mason & Co., being the second lowest bidders.

The order, after considerable debate, was rejected — Yeas, 8 ; nays, 8.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, it was ordered:

(1.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Old Gibson School-house yard, grading, \$500.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Thomas Minton, in the sum of \$478, for grading and sodding around the two-room building in the yard of the old Gibson School.

(3.) That the vote passed by the Board, August 19, that the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with W. H. Keyes & Co., in the sum of \$18,437, for grading the yard of the West Roxbury High School, said W. H. Keyes & Co. being the lowest bidders, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

(4.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Mack & Moore, in the sum of \$22,575, for grading the yard of the West Roxbury High School, said Mack & Moore being the second lowest bidders.

On the recommendation of Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Accounts, it was ordered that the instructors employed for September, 1898, be paid according to the schedule of salaries for 1897-98, as supplemented by any subsequent action of the School Board; it being understood that when the schedule for 1898-99 is passed such additions to or deductions from the salaries as may be necessary to conform to the new schedule, will be made in the salary due for October, 1898.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That the appointment of junior master in the Girls' High School be authorized.

Passed.

The Superintendent nominated T. H. H. Knight for the position.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on Supplies, reported that, in their opinion, the price charged for Robinson's Short History of Greece (lately adopted as a text-book in the Latin Schools) is excessive. In consequence thereof the committee beg leave to present the following order:

Ordered, That the text-books used last year in the study of Greek history in the Latin Schools be continued for the present year.

Passed.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, reported that in order to bring the cost of the Baker-street Primary School-house within the appropriation of \$30,000, your committee have made certain slight changes in the specifications, and have obtained a reduction of \$1,098 from the lowest bid on the general contract. They recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute contracts in connection with

the new primary school-house, Baker street, West Roxbury, as follows:

Building, G. M. Pratt	\$24,830
Plumbing, Pierce & Cox	1,597
Heating and ventilating, Huey Brothers,	1,927

The said G. M. Pratt, Pierce & Cox and Huey Brothers being the lowest bidders.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On the recommendation of the same committee, it was ordered:

(1.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute contracts in connection with the new primary school-house, Thomas N. Hart district, as follows:

Building, Walter S. Sampson & Son	\$36,600
Plumbing, Isaac N. Tucker	2,397
Heating and ventilating, the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company	2,888

The said Walter S. Sampson & Son, Isaac N. Tucker and the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company being the lowest bidders.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an addition to the contract of John J. Flynn, for the construction of an addition of two rooms to the Bowditch School-house, in the sum of \$198, on account of extra labor occasioned by unavoidable delay in obtaining face brick specified.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard it was ordered:

That the Committee on Truant Officers be authorized to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was ordered:

(1.) That Frank E. Barnard be appointed clerk of the Evening High School at a salary of four dollars (\$4) per evening, to date from September 26, 1898, said salary to be in full for all services required of him by the Committee on Evening Schools and the Committee on Supplies.

(2.) That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to employ such additional assistance in the physical and chemical laboratory of the Evening High School as may be needed, at an expense not exceeding two dollars (\$2) per evening.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Ordered, That Enos C. Leaverton, having been approved by the Superintendent, be appointed special teacher of the school on Spectacle Island, on probation, from September 6, 1898, and that his salary be at the rate of \$400 per year, payable quarterly, said sum to be in full for all expenses connected with the school, except for books.

The Committee on Salaries reported as follows:

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

September 13, 1898.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was recommended, July 19, the whole matter of establishing a schedule of salaries for the year ending August 31, 1899, report that in the meeting of June 30 they submitted, at accordance with the Rules, their annual report, which was accepted and the orders appended thereto laid on the table. At the meeting of July 19, the orders were taken up for consideration at the instance of your committee, and the Board placed itself on

record as in favor of continuing the present schedule of salaries for the ensuing year by a vote of 11 to 7. Subsequently, at the same meeting, the whole matter, as hereinbefore stated, was recommitted to your committee, who were confronted with the following situation:

First, the certainty of a deficit under the limitations of Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898. This deficit was anticipated by the Board when at the meeting of March 22 a protest was entered against the passage of any bill that would prevent the School Committee from carrying out their agreement with the instructors in the public schools, as expressed in the schedule of salaries adopted in the summer of 1896. At the same meeting the Committee on Accounts reported that "no less than \$2.80 on a thousand of the average assessed valuation of the city for the past five years will be needed to meet the net running expenses of the schools for the present financial year, \$2.90 for the financial year 1899-1900, after which \$3.00 at least will be required for subsequent years." The Legislature, however, saw fit to fix the limit of expenditure for the financial year ending January 31, 1899, at \$2.80, for the following year at \$2.85, and for subsequent years at \$2.90, thus reducing the estimated amount necessary for the proper support of the public schools about \$50,000 for the year ending January 31, 1899, and about \$100,000 for the following year. The first section of the act referred to provides that "Any vote or appropriation requiring larger assessment than as above specified shall be void and said School Committee shall have no authority to incur any liability or make any expenditure in excess of such appropriation, anything in any statute to the contrary notwithstanding." In this connection it may be interesting, though hardly necessary, to quote the opinion of the Corporation Counsel as rendered in response to an inquiry, as follows: "Any member voting for an expenditure exceeding this appropriation renders himself personally liable therefor."

Second, from the action of the Board at its last two meetings, it is evident that a majority of the members are opposed to the reductions recommended in the report of this committee submitted on June 30. It is also evident that a majority is opposed to any change in the present schedule, believing that, notwithstanding certain inequalities and apparent injustices, it is manifestly unwise to undertake the making of a new schedule at the present time. A still greater objection to a general change of salaries this year arises from the fact that unless relief is secured at the next session of the Legislature, a deficit of approximately \$100,000 for the financial year ending January 31, 1900, will probably render necessary the adoption of a new schedule of salaries.

At the meeting of July 26, a report was submitted by the Committee on Accounts showing that the estimated expenses of the committee for the year ending August 31, 1899, will exceed the available appropriation by the sum of \$30,304.

To meet this emergency your committee recommend the discontinuance of compensation to training teachers, which amounts to about \$4,500 per annum, and that the salary of every person (Superintendent, Supervisors, Secretary, Auditing Clerk,

Instructors, Janitors, etc.) in the employ of the School Committee be reduced 10 per cent. from the amount due them for the month of August, 1899, with the exception of those whose salary for said month will be less than \$60. In computing the proposed reduction no account is to be taken of any fraction of \$10.

The saving thereby effected would amount to \$15,500, to which should be added the \$4,500 for the compensation of training teachers, making a total of \$20,000.

If no additional kindergartens or manual training schools are established during the ensuing year, a further saving of about \$3,000 will result, making a total of \$23,000, leaving \$7,304 to be saved in other directions, which your committee are assured can be done. Your committee believe that this assessment, which does not in any way change the present schedule, is absolutely fair, and does not touch instructors receiving small salaries, will be borne cheerfully by everyone concerned. Furthermore, should the Legislature at its next session afford the relief that is anticipated, or should the required saving be effected in other directions, the amount deducted from the salary of each individual for the month of August, 1899, can be added to his or her salary for the month of September, 1899, and in recommending such action, if it be found possible, to the following Board, your committee are convinced that the moral obligation thereby imposed will be cheerfully and readily recognized.

Your committee also recommend that the scale of salaries for teachers of sewing be rearranged to correspond with the maximum salary to be paid assistants in the grammar and primary schools during the ensuing year; and that the salary of the Assistant Principal in the Roxbury High School be somewhat increased, both of the recommendations being repeated from their report submitted June 30, and that the salaries of all other instructors continue in accordance with the schedule adopted in September, 1897.

Your committee recommend the passage of the following orders:

(1.) Ordered, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools be fixed for the year ending August 31, 1899, as contained in the following schedule, subject to a deduction of 10 per cent. for the month of August, 1899, as specified in Order 7:

NORMAL SCHOOL.

Head-master	\$3,780
Master, first year, \$2,340; annual increase, \$144; maximum	3,060
Assistants, first year, \$1,140; annual increase, \$60; maximum	1,620

LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

Head-masters	\$3,780
Masters	3,060
Junior-masters, first year, \$1,476; annual increase (for eleven years) \$144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	3,060
Assistant Principal, Girls' High School, Assistant Principal, Roxbury High School, first year, \$1,620; annual increase, \$72; maximum	1,836
Assistants, first year, \$972; annual increase, \$72; maximum	1,620

MECHANIC ARTS HIGH SCHOOL.

Head-masters	\$3,780
Masters	3,060

Junior-masters, first year, \$1,476; annual increase (for eleven years) \$144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	\$3,060
Instructors, first year, \$1,500; annual increase, \$120; maximum	2,340
Assistant Instructors, first year, \$972; annual increase, \$72; maximum	1,620
Instructor of Metal-working, first year, \$1,800; annual increase, \$60; maximum	2,580

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Masters, first year, \$2,580; annual increase, \$120; maximum	\$3,180
Sub-masters, first year, \$1,500; annual increase, \$120; maximum	2,340
First Assistants, first year, \$972; annual increase, \$48; maximum	1,212
Assistants, first year, \$552; annual increase, \$48; maximum	936

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

First Assistants, first year, \$984; annual increase, \$48; maximum	\$1,080
Assistants, first year, \$552; annual increase, \$48; maximum	936

KINDERGARTENS.

Principals, first year, \$600; annual increase, \$48; maximum	\$792
Assistants, first year, \$432; annual increase, \$48; maximum	624

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Principal, Evening High School (per week), first year, \$40; second year, \$45; third year and subsequently	\$50 00
Assistants, Evening High School (per evening)	4 00
Principals, Evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance per month is 100 pupils or more (per evening)	5 00
In schools where average attendance for month is less than 100 (per evening), First Assistants, Evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance for month is 75 pupils or more (per evening)	4 00
In schools where average attendance for month is less than 75 (per evening)	2 50
Assistants, Evening Elementary Schools (per evening)	2 00
*Masters, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening)	10 00
Principals, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, \$7; second year and subsequently	8 00
Assistants, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, \$4; second year, \$5; third year and subsequently,	6 00

SPECIAL INSTRUCTORS.

Special Instructors of Music	\$2,640
Assistant Instructors of Music	888
Director of Drawing	3,000
Assistants to Director of Drawing (2)	1,500
Master of Evening Drawing Schools	1,200
Assistant to Director of Drawing	800
†Assistant to Director of Drawing	2,508
Teacher of German, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools	1,500
Teacher of Chemistry, Girls' High School	1,620
Laboratory Assistant, Girls' High School	\$804
Laboratory Assistant, Roxbury High School	804
Teacher of Physical Training, Brighton High School	700
Teacher of Physical Training, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools	900

* The rank of Master in Evening Drawing Schools shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbents.

† To give instruction in drawing in the Normal School, and to assist the Director of Drawing.

Teacher of Physical Training and Reading, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools	\$900
Teacher of Physical Training, East Boston High School	300
Teacher of Physical Culture, Roxbury High School	1,200
Director of Kindergartens	2,880
Assistant teacher of the theory and practice of the Kindergarten, Normal School	1,380
Teacher of Songs and Games, Normal School	240
Director of French and German	3,000
Assistants	1,500
Director of Physical Training	3,000
Assistant	2,280
Horace Mann School for the Deaf: Principal	2,880
Assistant Principal, first year, \$1,152; annual increase, \$72; maximum	1,440
Assistants, first year, \$780; annual increase, \$72; maximum	1,284
Principal of Manual Training Schools, Instructors in Manual Training Schools, Instructors in Manual Training Schools, Assistant Instructors in Manual Training Schools, first year, \$804; annual increase, \$48; maximum	996
Principal of Schools of Cookery	1,500
Instructors in Schools of Cookery, first year, \$552; annual increase, \$48; maximum	936
Instructor in School on Spectacle Island (including all expenses connected with the school, except for books)	400
Instructor of Military Drill	2,000
Armorer	1,050
* Teachers of Sewing: One division	132
Two divisions	228
Three divisions	324
Four divisions	408
Five divisions	492
Six divisions	564
Seven divisions	636
Eight divisions	696
Nine divisions	744
Ten divisions	792
Eleven divisions	840
All over eleven divisions	888
Special Assistant Teachers, first grade (per day)	\$1 50
Special Assistant Teachers, Kindergartens (per day)	5 00

* To take effect January 1, 1899.

(2.) Ordered, That John Tetlow receive four hundred and twenty dollars (\$420) per annum, in addition to the regular salary of his rank.

(3.) Ordered, That the Assistant Principal in the Roxbury High School be placed upon the second year of the new schedule, \$1,692 per annum, until January 1, 1899, when he shall be placed upon the next higher salary in the new schedule, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached.

(4.) Ordered, That Darius Hadley, Henry F. Sears, Charles F. Kimball and T. Henry Wason each receive \$120 per annum, dating from September 1, 1898, in addition to the maximum salary of their rank, on account of their long service in the public schools.

(5.) Ordered, That the salaries of the teachers of sewing be continued on the present schedule until January 1, 1899, when they shall be paid in accordance with the new schedule.

(6.) Ordered, That the salaries of temporary teachers of the following-named ranks be fixed at the following rates for each day of actual service: Temporary Junior Master, \$5; Assistant, High Schools, \$2.50;

Sub-Master, Grammar Schools, \$4; Instructor, Mechanic Arts High School, \$4; Assistant, Grammar or Primary Schools, \$2; Assistant Instructor in Schools of Cookery, \$2.

(7.) Ordered, That the salaries of all persons in the employ of the School Committee during the month of August, 1899, be reduced 10 per cent. from the amount due them for said month, with the exception of those whose salary for said month will be less than \$60. In computing said deduction no account shall be taken of any fraction of \$10.

The report was accepted and the orders were passed—Yeas, 11; nays, 7.

The Board adjourned at 11.10 P.M.

EVENING SCHOOLS IN LONDON.

The evening schools maintained by the London School Board are known as evening continuation schools. This year, for the first time, no fees will be charged to pupils in attendance. Over £1,000 have been spent in advertising the following announcement:

School Board for London. Evening Continuation Schools. The new session opens on Monday, September 12.

In 303 schools instruction will be given in commercial, domestic, scientific, manual, literary and general subjects. There will be five special schools for science and art, three for commercial subjects, thirty-four centres for gymnastics, and twenty-one special classes in English Literature. No fees will be charged. Full particulars can be obtained from the school-keepers of any of the Board's schools.

Apart from the subjects of instruction, social gatherings, entertainments and lectures for the students and their friends are to be held in connection with many of the schools. Clubs have also been formed for football, swimming, chess and checkers. The school libraries are also open for the free use of students, and in some cases periodicals are provided by voluntary donations.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of imports and exports, together with the entrance and clearance of foreign vessels, and the number of passengers arrived at the Port of Boston during the month of August, 1898, as compared with the corresponding month in 1897:

	Imports.		Exports.	
August, 1898 . . .	\$3,073,772		\$10,039,684	
August, 1897 . . .	2,398,974		9,597,753	
	Entered.		Cleared.	
Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
August, 1898 . . .	156	164,055	178	171,427
August, 1897 . . .	184	171,801	199	163,586
Passengers arrived, August, 1898 . . .				1,717
Passengers arrived, August, 1897 . . .				1,609

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the City Council was held at 12 M., on Thursday, September 15, 1898, in pursuance to the call of His Honor the Mayor. (See page 533, THE CITY RECORD.)

The following message was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 15, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

It becomes my duty to announce to you the death of Honorable Frederic W. Lincoln, an ex-Mayor of this city, at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Appropriate action will doubtless be taken by your bodies to express your sense of the loss sustained by the death of a man whose public services to the city, as chief magistrate and in other capacities, and whose private character, fully justified the respect in which he had been long held by his fellow-citizens.

Besides four years service in the State Legislature, as a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1853, and as Chairman of the State Board of Harbor Commissioners, Mr. Lincoln held the office of Mayor of Boston for a longer period than any other incumbent, having served for three years, from 1858 to 1860, inclusive, and again for four years, from 1863 to 1866, inclusive. No citizen of Boston has enjoyed a higher honor than that of being a second time called to serve as the head of the city to meet the various problems and difficulties with which the city was confronted during the Civil War. To Mr. Lincoln must be accorded the great credit of first securing during his term of office the co-operation of the United States authorities in the preservation and improvement of Boston Harbor, and he enjoyed the satisfaction of living to see the work which he had initiated again greatly extended within the last few years, and of witnessing the enormous growth of the commerce entering and leaving the harbor which he had the foresight to anticipate.

Mr. Lincoln was still in the official service of the city at the time of his death, having served since 1878 as the Treasurer of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, of which Board he had been the Chairman for the eleven years preceding.

The long and useful career of Mr. Lincoln may well serve as an example and inspiration to all who are engaged at the present time in the service of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sent down.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, at 3 P.M., Tuesday, September 27, 1898, Chairman Conry presiding. Absent—Aldermen Dyar and Norton.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from His Honor Mayor Quincy, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1.) Nathaniel J. Rust and Ubert K. Pettengill, to be members of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds, for the term ending April 30, 1901.

(2.) John J. Sullivan, to be a Constable of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

(3.) Walter Bryant, Hollis O. Thomas, and Frederick T. Wort, to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the law.

The following messages were received:

Funds for School Repairs.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 27, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Committee on School-houses of the School Committee which will explain itself. The fact that a deficiency of something over \$120,000 was incurred in the appropriation for repairs on school-buildings for the financial year 1897-98, was most unfortunate, and now gives rise to serious embarrassment. I provided for about \$50,000 of this deficit by transfer at the close of the last financial year, and in the state of the finances of the city, I am reluctant to see any of the borrowing capacity of the city applied for school purposes; but after fully considering the situation in which the School Committee of this year finds itself and the very important and pressing character of the repairs needed, many of them being ordered by the Board of Health, I feel obliged to recognize the urgent character of the demand of the Committee on School-houses, and to earnestly recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order to make provision for meeting it.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Mason Street, July 14, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Committee on School-houses beg leave to say that the amount available for the repairs of school-houses for the current year, under Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898, amounts to \$237,909. Of this amount about \$38,000 was expended before the

passage of the act, for indebtedness incurred for repairs made during the financial year ending January 31, 1898. The balance remaining is no larger than is absolutely necessary for keeping the school-houses in habitable condition during the remainder of the current financial year, and is insufficient to provide for those changes and improvements in the sanitation and ventilation of various school-buildings, the defective condition of which demands immediate attention.

The Committee on School-houses therefore request that the City Council provide for the payment of outstanding bills for repairs made during the past financial year, and amounting to about \$40,000.

By order of the Committee on School-houses,

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Ordered, That the sum of \$36,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Public Buildings Department for alterations and improvements upon school-buildings of a permanent character; and that to meet the appropriation aforesaid the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Use of Voting Machines Authorized.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 27, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Election Commissioners, enclosing a copy of the certificate given by the Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor of the Commonwealth, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order authorizing the Board of Election Commissioners to lease or purchase not more than four of the United States Voting Machines for trial at the State or municipal election, as suggested by said Board.

I have long believed in the great desirability of having all voting done by machine, if an apparatus could be secured which would answer all of the many difficult requirements, and while the practical success of any machine can only be determined after full trial, I have no hesitation, after having examined the machine in question with the Board of Election Commissioners, in view of the approval given to it by the above named State officials under the statute, in recommending that an opportunity be afforded for its trial in this city.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

Old Court House, September 19, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The power to determine upon the question of adopting voting and counting machines in this city having been vested by the Legislature in this Board, by the pro-

visions of Section 268, Chapter 548, of the Acts of 1898, we desire to inform your Honor that we have examined the voting and counting machine known as the United States Voting Machine, which has been approved by the State officials authorized by law so to do.

We are in receipt of a certificate of approval from the State Board, a copy of which is hereto annexed, and we concur in the opinion therein expressed, so far as the machine itself is concerned. But whether or not there is a public demand for voting machines, and if there is, whether under our laws as they now exist there are objections to this machine which we cannot now foresee, and which could only be discovered by a practical test, are questions which we do not care to pass upon; but in order to ascertain as far as practicable the sentiments of the public and the value of this machine on all of the questions involved, we would respectfully recommend that the voters be afforded an opportunity to give the said machine a practical test by its use in two voting precincts in this city at either the coming State or municipal elections.

Respectfully,

LINUS E. PEARSON, Chairman,
Board of Election Commissioners.

State House, August 19, 1898.

The undersigned, having examined the United States Voting Machine, in accordance with the provisions of Section 267 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1898, hereby certify their approval of said machine, as, in their judgment, furnishing a convenient, simple and satisfactory means of voting and ascertaining the true result thereof with facility and accuracy, special regard being had to the preventing and detecting of double voting, and securing to the voter a degree of secrecy in voting equal to that afforded by the use of the official ballot as provided by law.

Whether the use of more than one machine at each polling-place will be necessitated by the requirements of the Massachusetts Election Law that a voter shall vote separately, and not collectively, for the candidates of his choice, is a matter of doubt which can be determined only by experience.

(Signed)

WM. M. OLIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

E. P. SHAW,
Treasurer and Receiver-General.

JOHN W. KIMBALL,
Auditor of Accounts.

Ordered, That under the provisions of Section 268 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1898, this Board hereby authorizes the ordering, purchasing or leasing by the Board of Election Commissioners, of not more than four of the voting and counting machines known as the United States Voting Machines, for practical use and trial at not more than four voting precincts, at the ensuing state or munic-

ipal elections, or at both said elections, said machine having been approved, as provided by law, by the Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor of the Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Monument on Dorchester Heights.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 27, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Chapter 113 of the Resolves of the present year provides for an appropriation of \$25,000 for the erection of a monument on Dorchester Heights, to commemorate the construction of the redoubt thereon by General George Washington, on condition that the city shall provide, "without expense to the Commonwealth, a site satisfactory to the Governor and Council, for the erection of said monument, and shall have agreed to keep said site open and accessible to the public, under such reasonable regulations as may be necessary to protect said monument from injury, and until said city shall also have agreed to keep at its own expense said site and monument, after its erection, in proper condition and repair."

In order that action may be taken under this resolve, I hereby recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to set aside and provide from any land owned by the city a site satisfactory to the Governor and Council for the erection of the monument provided for by Chapter 113 of the Resolves of the present year, and that he be further authorized, in conformity with the provisions of said resolve, in the name and on behalf of the city, to enter into an agreement for keeping such site open and accessible to the public, and for keeping such site and monument, after its erection, in proper condition and repair at the expense of the city.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, September 15, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The following message was received:

Art Commission.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 15, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I hereby inform you that, under the provisions of Chapter 410 of the Acts of 1898, I have appointed the following as members of the Board of Art Commissioners:

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

The following were approved September 16, 1898:

Ordered, That all amounts received by the Bath Commissioners for the use of towels, suits, etc., and for laundry work done for other departments, be credited to the appropriation for Baths Department.

Ordered, That the sum of \$63,511 in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated for the purpose, be hereby appropriated for watering the streets and portions of the streets which the city by vote, approved by the Mayor, April 18, 1898, determined should be watered during the current year at the expense of the abutters.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to invest from time to time the whole or any part of the sum of five million (5,000,000) dollars received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on account of damages caused by the taking of lands, waters and other property by the Metropolitan Water Board, together with any other sums which may be received on such account, in any bonds of the City of Boston which he has been, or may hereafter be, authorized to issue; and the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the bonds so purchased to the Sinking-Funds Commissioners, to be held and managed by them as a separate fund, the interest from which shall, so far as required, be paid to the City Treasurer and used to meet the balance, if any, required for the purposes to which the income from the water works of the city may be applied, according to the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 427 of the Acts of 1898, and if in any year the total income from said fund shall exceed the amount required to be so used, the excess shall be added to the capital of said fund.

The following was approved by the Mayor September 21, 1898:

Ordered, That the Cemetery Trustees be hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$1,500 for the construction of a wall at Evergreen Cemetery, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved September 13, 1898:

Permits to project bay-windows, viz.:

Carl S. Nielson, two windows over Bowdoin street, and one over Geneva avenue, from building 134-138 Bowdoin street, Ward 20.

I. and P. Silberstein, two windows from building 64 Revere street, Ward 11.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Herman M. Nelson, two signs, at 2 Kneeland street, Ward 7.

Chin Own, a sign, at 542 Tremont street, Ward 9.

Abram Kaplan, a wooden sign, at 137 Chelsea street, Ward 2.

L. Warshauer & Co., a pole on which to hang clothing, at 48 Pleasant street, Ward 7.

Barnard Sher, a sign, at 42 Compton street, Ward 9.

H. H. Savage, M.D., an illuminated sign, at 23 Compton street, Ward 9.

Central Supply Company, an illuminated sign, at 367 Washington street.

T. J. King, a sign, at 12A Tremont row, Ward 6.

A. Brauer, to project a sign on Poplar street, Roslindale.

An order authorizing D. Henry Cram to erect, maintain and use one guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over the roadway in front of 5 Irvington street, for use in constructing a stone wall for the Boston and Albany Railroad.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestone, the owners of the estates to furnish the said materials, viz.:

W. M. Brummett, 175 Washington street, corner Erie street, Ward 20, of brick.

Antonio Ottaiano, 196 Maverick street, Ward 2, of brick.

Katherine Kuhl, 596-602 East Third street, Ward 14, of brick.

Joseph Green, 39-41 St. Germain street, Ward 10, of artificial stone.

Daniel A. Dwight, 433 Beacon street, Ward 11, of artificial stone.

Paul Barron Watson, 2-4 Thorndike street, Ward 17, of artificial stone.

Mrs. Thomas J. Young, Henshaw street, corner Menlo street, Ward 25, of artificial stone.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Charlestown bridge, from Causeway street to City square, and in City square and Warren avenue, with necessary cross-overs, curves, switches, and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 22, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

For the
term ending
April 30.

From a list of three names submitted by the	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,	
Professor F. W. Chandler	1899
Boston Society of Architects, C. Howard	
Walker	1900
Boston Public Library Trustees, Arthur	
A. Carey	1901
Boston Art Club, Charles A. Cummings,	1902
Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Samuel D.	
Warren	1903

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sent up.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending September 17, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	20.8
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897,	21.7
Number of deaths:	
Males	108
Females	104
Total	212
Total deaths for corresponding week,	
1897	216
Decrease	4

Of the 212 decedents, 211 were white and 1 colored; 145 were born in the United States, 64 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 34 were of American parentage, 153 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 25 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	25	5
Scarlatina	9	0
Typhoid fever	22	8
Measles	7	0
Totals	63	13

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	22
Pneumonia	2
Whooping cough	3
Heart disease	12
Bronchitis	4
Marasmus	14
Violent causes	3
Total from principal causes	60
Total from infectious diseases	13
Total from other causes	139
Total from all causes	212

Deaths of children under 1 year	71
Deaths of children under 5 years	92
Deaths of persons over 60 years	32
Deaths in public institutions	49

POSTAL STATION AT DEER ISLAND.

Postmaster Thomas has recommended to the Post Office Department at Washington, the establishment of a postal sub-station at Deer Island, for the benefit of employees and the institutions located in the harbor. The mail exchange between Boston and the island amounts to some 3,500 letters and papers per month.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use a double track on Bunker Hill street, from the existing tracks on said street, near the company's car-house, to and connecting with the company's tracks on Main street, with necessary curves, cross-overs and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated July 15, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within nine months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to T. J. Billings to move a wooden building, pitch roof, twelve feet in length, by ten feet in width, by twelve feet in height, from River street, corner of Fremont street, through Fremont and River streets, Mattapan square and Neponset-river bridge, to the town of Milton, Mass., on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

The following were approved September 16:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Commonwealth avenue, from its existing tracks on Brighton avenue, to and connecting with its existing tracks on Chestnut Hill and Commonwealth avenues, with necessary cross-overs, switches, curves and connections; said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 3, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed on or before January 1, 1900.

Ordered, That the consent of the Board of Aldermen be hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company, to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in the City of Boston, by the overhead system, so called, as follows:

On Commonwealth avenue, from Brighton avenue, to its existing overhead trolley system on Chestnut Hill and Commonwealth avenues.

And permission is hereby granted to the said West End Street Railway Company, to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, dated June 3, 1898, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, and dated November, 1889; said poles to be located as follows:

Centre street, Ward 22, two poles, forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from Centre street; said pole being shown by a dot marked "removed" on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:

Brooks street, eighteen poles, forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter, width of sidewalk, eight feet; Prescott street, two poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, and two poles, forty-five feet by fifteen inches, sidewalk eight feet wide; White street, six poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, eight-foot sidewalk; Putnam street, five poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, eight-foot sidewalk; Marion street, five poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, eight-foot sidewalk; Webster street, seven poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, eight-foot sidewalk; Lamson street, three poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, seven-foot sidewalk; Everett street, two poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, eight-foot sidewalk; Cottage street, one pole, forty feet by fourteen inches, eight-foot sidewalk; Orleans street, three poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, eight-foot sidewalk; Sumner street, six poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, ten-foot sidewalk; Eutaw street, two poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, eight-foot sidewalk; Border street, one pole, forty feet by fourteen inches, eight-foot sidewalk; Lexington street, one pole, forty feet by fourteen inches, eight-foot sidewalk; Decatur street, four poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, eight-foot sidewalk; Maverick street, three poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, eight-foot sidewalk; Paris street, two poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, eight-foot sidewalk.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to remove poles, as follows: Brooks street, twelve; Prescott street, one; White street, five; Putnam street, four; Marion street, two; Eutaw street, one; Lexington street, one; said poles being shown by blue dots on a plan made by D. A. Harrington, dated May 23, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Beech street, Ward 23, seventeen poles, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, seven-foot sidewalk; Clifford street, Ward 21, four poles, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, seven-foot sidewalk; date of plan, August 25, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent

of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington, and dated August 29, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Pond street, Ward 23, three poles, forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That no more permits be hereafter granted to any person or corporation for the erection of poles for the support of electric wires, trolley wires excepted, in Columbia road.

The following were approved by the Mayor September 21, 1898:

Ordered, That the expense of entertaining the Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Milwaukee upon the occasion of their visit to this city be charged to the contingent fund of the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the following list of allowances on pay-rolls, hereto annexed, numbered one, two, three and four, and payable October 1, 1898, of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families residing in the City of Boston, or having a settlement therein, under the provisions of Chapters 301 and 279 of the Acts of 1894, and Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1890, and amendments thereto, Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1893, and Chapter 561 of the Acts of 1896, be hereby approved, and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the said allowances to the persons named respectively, until otherwise ordered by this Board, unless the person named shall previously become ineligible to receive said aid, and charge the same to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief.

Ordered, That permission be, and hereby is, granted to J. E. Gaskin to remove, at his own expense and under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Grounds, a tree now standing at 18 Rockville Park, Ward 21; the said tree interfering with building operations.

Leave was granted to project signs, etc., viz.:

To Philip Abrams, sign, 164 Sterling street, Ward 18.

To I. A. Stearns, sign, 24 Shawmut avenue, Ward 7.

To John S. Dall, sign, 1326½ Tremont street, Ward 19.

To Peter F. Tague, transparency, 85-87 Bunker Hill street, Ward 3.

To Ralph Barraca, sign, second story, 19 Maverick square, Ward 2.

To John W. Green, transparency, 213 Hanover street, Ward 6.

To Allen & Nicholson, three signs, 269 Main street, Ward 5.

To Nathaniel G. Robinson, transparency, 109 West Cedar street, corner Cambridge street, Ward 11.

To Horan & Vincent, key sign, 20 Union Park street, Ward 9.

To Austin Bigelow, illuminated sign, 10 Franklin street, Ward 25.

Leave was granted on the following petitions and recommendation was made that

the same be done, at the owners' expense and under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Grounds, viz.:

Of Frederick Hammond, for removal of two trees on Ashford street, Allston.

Of T. H. Simpson, for the removal and trimming of trees on Lawrence avenue, Ward 20.

Of John A. Edwards, for trimming a tree at 3 Orchard Park.

Of Randolph T. Foster, for the removal of a tree at 42 Elm Hill avenue, Ward 21 (to be removed by the Department, as it is dangerous).

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of an act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the children of Frederic B. Bogan, deceased, late Superintendent of Public Buildings of this city, the remainder of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold said office until the end of the present fiscal year.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of an act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, deceased, late an employee of the Water Department in this city, the remainder of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold said position until the end of the present fiscal year.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court, at its next session, for the passage of an act authorizing the City of Boston to pay to Lucy G. Kelly, widow of William J. Kelly, late an employee of the Paving Division of the Street Department, the balance of salary to which said William J. Kelly would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his position until the end of the present fiscal year.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized, in the name and behalf of the city, to lease to Francis Washburn Post 92, G.A.R., for a term of five years from December 1, 1898, the quarters now occupied by said organization in the old Town Hall, Brighton, at an annual rental of one dollar, and upon such other conditions as he may deem expedient.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court, at its next session, for the passage of an act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of John Rossiter, late an employee of the Library Department, the balance of

the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued as such employee until the close of the present fiscal year.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council the amount of \$132,000 appropriated for street improvements should be expended by the Superintendent of Streets so far as possible in such manner as to provide for the employment of as many of the employees of the Street Department as possible.

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of five members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to arrange for a public eulogy in honor of the late Frederic W. Lincoln.

Ordered, That a special committee, to consist of five members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to consider the advisability of providing a monument in honor of the soldiers and sailors who lost their lives on account of the Spanish-American war; said committee to report to the City Council at the earliest possible day.

By the Board of the Aldermen.

Ordered, That the license granted to H. J. Smith, for an art exhibition at 170 Tremont street, be and the same is hereby revoked.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following orders were presented to the Mayor, September 7, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be directed to keep the United States flag flying upon all public buildings under his jurisdiction, until peace is formally declared between this country and Spain; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

By the Board of Aldermen.

That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in the passageway in rear of 168 West Canton street; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees in front of estates numbers 48 and 60 Ashford street, Ward 25; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light on Thornton street, opposite Oakland street, Ward 21, and charge the expense attending the same to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

PUBLIC EVENING SCHOOLS.

Free Evening Schools.

The School Committee's announcements in regard to the Free Evening Schools and Free Evening Drawing Schools are as follows:

The free evening schools of the City of Boston will be open for the term of 1898-99 on Monday evening, September 26, 1898.

The term of the evening schools begins on the last Monday in September, and closes on the second Friday in March. The evening schools are in session every evening of the week, from Monday to Friday, both inclusive. The sessions of the Evening High School are from 7.30 to 9.30 o'clock, and of the evening elementary schools from 7 to 9 o'clock, each evening.

Candidates for admission to the Evening High School must pass a satisfactory examination in reading, writing, arithmetic and geography. Examinations of applicants for admission will be held on the evenings of September 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, at 7.30 o'clock.

Applicants for admission to the evening elementary schools will present themselves at the schools they wish to attend. Registration of applicants will begin Monday evening, September 26, at 7 o'clock.

The locations of the several evening schools are as follows:

EVENING HIGH SCHOOL: English High School-house, Montgomery street; Charlestown Branch, Charlestown High School-house, Monument Square; East Boston Branch, Lyman School-house, Decatur street, East Boston.

EVENING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: Lyman School-house, Decatur street, East Boston; Warren School-house, Pearl street, Charlestown; Eliot School-house, North Bennet street; Wells School-house, Blossom street; Quincy School-house, Tyler street; Bigelow School-house, E street, South Boston; Lincoln School-house, Broadway, South Boston; Franklin School-house, Waltham street; Comins School-house, Terrace street, Roxbury; Dearborn School-house, Dearborn place, Roxbury; Mather School-house, Meeting House Hill, Dorchester; Washington Allston School-house, Cambridge street, Allston.

Extract from Chapter 494, of the Acts of 1898:

Section 7. No person shall employ any minor over fourteen years of age, and no parent, guardian or custodian shall permit to be employed any such minor under his control, who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language, while a public evening school is maintained in the town or city in which such minor resides, unless such minor is a regular attendant at such evening school or at a day school: * * *

* * Any person who employs a minor in violation of the provisions of this section shall forfeit for each offence not more than \$100 for the use of the evening schools of such town or city. Any parent, guardian or custodian who permits to be employed, any minor under his control in violation of the provisions of this section shall forfeit not more than \$20 for the use of the evening schools of such town or city.

Sect. 10. This Act shall take effect on the first day of September, in the year 1898.

Free Evening Drawing Schools. Term of 1898-99.

The Free Evening Drawing Schools of the City of Boston will be opened for registration on the evenings of October 10, 12, 14, 1898, from 7.30 to 9.30 P.M.

The sessions of these schools are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 7.30 to 9.30 P.M.

Applicants for admission must be at least fifteen years of age, and present themselves on the evenings named above. Regular class work will begin on Monday evening, October 17, 1898. The courses include freehand and mechanical drawing and modelling in clay.

The schools are located as follows:

Warren avenue, Latin School-house — Freehand, design and modelling in clay.

No. 147 Columbus avenue — Machine and architectural.

Charlestown, City Hall — Freehand, design, architectural, machine and ship draughting.

Roxbury, Municipal Court Building, Roxbury street — Freehand, design, architectural and machine.

East Boston, Stevenson's Block, Central Square — Freehand, design, architectural and machine.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Police, on September 26, promulgated the following orders:

General Order No. 535.

In the matter of the complaint made against Sergeant Thomas A. Sheehan, of Division 6, to wit:

First charge: Conduct injurious to the public peace and welfare.

First specification: In that the said Thomas A. Sheehan borrowed a large sum of money from one Bernard E. Bradley, of said Boston, the said Bradley being then and there a liquor dealer licensed by the Board of Police for the said City of Boston. This at Boston, on or about the third day of September, A.D. 1895.

Second specification: In that the said Thomas A. Sheehan borrowed a large sum of money from one Bernard E. Bradley, of said Boston, with intent not to repay the same, the said Bradley being then and there a liquor dealer licensed by the Board of Police for the said City of Boston. This at Boston, on or about the third day of September, A.D. 1895.

Third specification: In that the said Thomas A. Sheehan borrowed a large sum of money from one Morris Gallivan, of said Boston, the said Gallivan being then and there a liquor dealer licensed by the Board of Police for said City of Boston. This at Boston, on or about the fifth day of September, A.D. 1895.

Fourth specification: In that the said Thomas A. Sheehan borrowed a large sum of money from one John J. Donovan, of said Boston, the said Donovan being then and there a liquor dealer licensed by the Board of Police for the said City of Boston. This at Boston, on or about the first day of August, A.D. 1894.

Fifth specification: In that the said

Thomas A. Sheehan accepted from one John J. Donovan, of said Boston, a certain promissory note executed by the said Sheehan, of which the said Donovan was the holder, and which evidenced a debt then owing from the said Sheehan to the said Donovan, without giving or promising any legal consideration to the said Donovan therefor; the said Donovan being then and there a liquor dealer licensed by the Board of Police for the said City of Boston. This at Boston, on or about the first day of October, A.D. 1897.

Second charge: Acts of oppression and tyranny.

First specification: In that the said Thomas A. Sheehan induced one Bernard E. Bradley, of said Boston, to lend him a large sum of money by threatening to injure the business of said Bradley, the said Bradley being then and there a liquor dealer licensed by the Board of Police for the said City of Boston. This at Boston, on or about the third day of September, A.D. 1895.

Second specification: In that the said Thomas A. Sheehan induced one Bernard E. Bradley, of said Boston, to lend him a large sum of money by threatening to bring criminal complaint against the said Bradley for violation of the liquor laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the said Bradley being then and there a liquor dealer licensed by the said Board of Police for the City of Boston. This at Boston, on or about the third day of September, A.D. 1895.

Third charge: Conduct unbecoming an officer.

First specification: In that the said Thomas A. Sheehan borrowed a large sum of money from one Bernard E. Bradley, of said Boston, the said Bradley being then and there a liquor dealer licensed by the Board of Police for the said City of Boston. This at Boston, on or about the third day of September, A.D. 1895.

Second specification: In that the said Thomas A. Sheehan borrowed a large sum of money from one Bernard E. Bradley, of said Boston, with intent not to repay the same, the said Bradley being then and there a liquor dealer licensed by the Board of Police for the said City of Boston. This at Boston, on or about the third day of September, A.D. 1895.

Third specification: In that the said Thomas A. Sheehan borrowed a large sum of money from one Morris Gallivan, of said Boston, the said Gallivan being then and there a liquor dealer licensed by the Board of Police for said City of Boston. This at Boston, on or about the fifth day of September, A.D. 1895.

Fourth specification: In that the said Thomas A. Sheehan borrowed a large sum of money from one John J. Donovan, of said Boston, the said Donovan being then and there a liquor dealer licensed by the Board of Police for said City of Boston. This at Boston, on or about the first day of August, A.D. 1894.

Fifth specification: In that the said Thomas A. Sheehan accepted from one John J. Donovan, of said Boston, a certain promissory note, executed by the said Sheehan, of which the said Donovan was the holder, and which evidenced a debt then owing from the said Sheehan to the said Donovan, without giving or promising any legal consideration to the said Donovan therefor, the said Donovan being then and there a liquor

dealer licensed by the Board of Police for the said City of Boston. This at Boston, on or about the first day of October, A.D. 1897.

Sixth specification: In that the said Thomas A. Sheehan induced one Bernard E. Bradley, of said Boston, to lend him a large sum of money by threatening to injure the business of said Bradley, the said Bradley being then and there a liquor dealer licensed by the Board of Police for the said City of Boston. This at Boston, on or about the third day of September, A.D. 1895.

Seventh specification: In that the said Thomas A. Sheehan induced one Bernard E. Bradley, of said Boston, to lend him a large sum of money by threatening to bring criminal complaint against the said Bradley for violation of the liquor laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the said Bradley being then and there a liquor dealer licensed by the said Board of Police for the City of Boston. This at Boston, on or about the third day of September, A.D. 1895.

On the charges and specifications against Sergeant Thomas A. Sheehan, the Board of Police finds as follows:

First specification, first charge, guilty; second specification, first charge, not guilty; third specification, first charge, guilty; fourth specification, first charge, guilty; fifth specification, first charge, not guilty.

On the first charge, guilty; first specification, second charge, not guilty; second specification, second charge, not guilty.

On the second charge, not guilty; first specification, third charge, guilty; second specification, third charge, not guilty; third specification, third charge, guilty; fourth specification, third charge, guilty; fifth specification, third charge, not guilty; sixth specification, third charge, not guilty; seventh specification, third charge, not guilty.

On the third charge, guilty. The Board finds and adjudges the said Sergeant Sheehan guilty, and sentences him to be reduced from the rank of sergeant to the rank of patrolman in the police force.

General Order No. 536.

I. The Civil Service Commissioners having certified that Patrolman James E. Hines, of Division 1, is eligible for promotion to the rank of sergeant, it is hereby ordered that the said Patrolman James E. Hines be and he hereby is promoted to the rank of sergeant in the police force and assigned to duty in Division 6.

He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

II. Patrolman Thomas A. Sheehan is hereby transferred from Division 6 to Division 9.

This order will take effect at roll-call, at 5.45 o'clock this evening.

Colonel Charles R. Suter, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A., who will be relieved from duty as Division Engineer of the Pacific Division, October 15, has been ordered to relieve Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel M. Mansfield, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A., of the work in his charge at the Boston station. Lieutenant-Colonel Mansfield will proceed to San Francisco, to assume the duties of Division Engineer of the Pacific Division.

IMMIGRATION DURING AUGUST.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston, from transatlantic ports, during the month ending August 31, 1898:

NATIONALITY.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Austria-Hungary—			
Galicia and Bukowina	—	—	—
Other Austria . . .	—	—	—
Hungary	—	—	—
Denmark	14	10	4
France (including Corsica)	8	5	3
Germany	26	15	11
Italy	1	—	—
Netherlands	—	—	—
Norway	26	12	14
Russia (proper)	59	38	21
Poland	15	12	3
Spain	3	1	2
Sweden	114	48	66
United Kingdom—			
England	361	191	170
Ireland	469	221	248
Scotland	60	21	39
Wales	1	1	—
Total from Europe	1,157	575	582
Cuba	24	17	7
Other West Indies	1	1	—
Total from West Indies	25	18	7
Turkey in Asia (Arabia and Syria)	2	2	—
Grand total	1,184	595	589
Tourists or passengers en route	126	—	—
Debarred passengers	11	—	—
Total immigration for the month of August	1,321	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS.—STATES AND TERRITORIES.

	Totals.	
North Atlantic Division—		
Maine	28	
New Hampshire	27	
Massachusetts	792	
Rhode Island	52	
Connecticut	6	
New York	165	
New Jersey	2	
Pennsylvania	25	
Total	1,097	
South Atlantic Division—		
Maryland	1	
Georgia	1	
Total	2	
North Central Division—		
Ohio	3	
Illinois	30	
Michigan	6	
Wisconsin	5	
Minnesota	20	
Iowa	6	

North Dakota	1
Kansas	1
Total	72

South Central Division—	
Kentucky	1
Alabama	1
Mississippi	2
Texas	3
Total	7

Western Division—	
Montana	1
Idaho	2
Oregon	1
Washington	1
California	1
Total	6

RECAPITULATION.

North Atlantic Division	1,097
South Atlantic Division	2
North Central Division	72
South Central Division	7
Western Division	6
Total	1,184

Building Department.

Old Court House, September 5, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the two weeks ending September 3, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Approved.		Disapproved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	—	4	2	—	2	2	—	8	16	
2...	—	1	1	—	3	—	—	2	10	
3...	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	2	2	
4...	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	4	5	
5...	—	3	1	—	4	1	—	5	6	
6...	1	16	1	—	12	—	—	18	54	
7...	—	16	—	2	10	1	10	48		
8...	—	5	8	1	6	1	8	18		
9...	—	2	1	—	1	1	10	18		
10...	—	1	—	1	2	3	11	34		
11...	1	8	1	—	8	2	10	38		
12...	—	1	—	—	1	2	15	15		
13...	—	5	1	1	3	—	7	6		
14...	3	2	4	—	3	1	10	2		
15...	2	2	3	—	2	1	6	6		
16...	4	1	9	—	2	2	5	2		
17...	—	2	—	1	2	—	10			
18...	3	2	—	1	3	2	1	4	9	
19...	5	2	2	1	5	2	4	7	6	
20...	16	2	21	1	12	2	10	21	70	
21...	3	5	—	7	3	1	7	19		
22...	1	—	1	—	2	1	6	8	7	
23...	6	3	8	—	3	4	15	19		
24...	6	3	4	—	3	2	18	32		
25...	—	3	16	1	3	2	11	12		
T'ls..	56	91	92	11	14	34	76	41	237	408

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

Awards of Contracts.

Metropolitan Water Board.

Proposals for laying water-pipe in Revere, Saugus and Lynn, in Sections 26 and 27 of the distribution system of the Metropolitan Water Works, were received at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on September 15, 1898, as follows:

Laying water-pipe in Section 26; contract No. 133:

Bidders.	Bids.
Mirick & Wentworth, Malden . . .	\$11,166 00
Michael Russo, Boston	11,477 00
O'Rourke & Nelson, Boston	13,017 00
Bruno & Salomone, East Boston . . .	13,050 50
The C. H. Eglee Company, Boston, . .	14,143 50
C. W. Snyder & Son, Dayton, O. . . .	14,180 00
Charles G. Craib, Winthrop	14,424 00
Richard Falvey, Somerville	14,726 00
D. F. O'Connell, Boston	15,586 50
L. A. Taylor, Worcester	17,015 00

The contract was awarded to Mirick & Wentworth.

Laying water-pipe in Section 27; contract No. 134:

O'Rourke & Nelson, Boston	\$9,742 50
Bruno & Salomone, East Boston . . .	10,311 50
Mirick & Wentworth, Malden	12,572 00
The C. H. Eglee Company, Boston, . .	13,015 00

The contract was awarded to O'Rourke & Nelson.

JOHN N. FERGUSON,
Assistant Engineer.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, September 13, 1898.

Iron fences, Charlesbank; 1,120 linear feet:

W. A. Snow & Co., Boston, \$1.28 per foot	\$1,433 60
Van Dorn Iron Works, Cambridge, \$1.30 per foot	1,456 00
Anchor Post Company, New York, \$1.30 per foot	1,456 00
Pittsburg Bridge Company, Springfield, \$1.44 per foot	1,612 80
James Flynn, Boston, \$1.70 per foot, . .	1,904 00
P. J. Dinn, Boston, \$1.92 per foot . . .	2,150 40
Geo. T. McLauthlin & Co., Boston, \$2.03 per foot	2,273 60
James Russell Boiler Works, Boston, \$2.42 per foot	2,710 40

The contract was awarded to W. A. Snow & Co.

At Copp's Hill Terraces; 705 linear feet cresting and 396 linear feet of fence:

Van Dorn Iron Works, Cambridge, 45 cents and \$1.05 per foot	\$733 05
W. A. Snow & Co., Boston, 68 cents and 98 cents per foot	867 48
Pittsburg Bridge Company, Springfield, 65 cents and \$1.03 per foot . .	866 13
George T. McLauthlin & Co., Boston, \$1.12 and \$1.32 per foot	1,312 32

The contract was awarded to W. A. Snow & Co.

At Stony-brook bridge, the Fens; four double gates and 140 feet of fence:

Van Dorn Iron Works, Cambridge . . .	\$205 00
Anchor Post Company, New York . . .	250 00
W. A. Snow & Co., Boston	288 00
Pittsburg Bridge Company, Springfield	293 80
George T. McLauthlin & Co., Boston, . .	365 00
James Flynn, Boston	454 00
James Russell Boiler Works, Boston . .	584 00

The contract was awarded to Van Dorn Iron Works.

At North End Beach; 184 linear feet of fence:

Van Dorn Iron Works, Cambridge, \$1.38 per foot	\$253 92
Pittsburg Bridge Company, Springfield, \$1.39 per foot	255 76
Anchor Post Company, New York, \$1.40 per foot	257 60
W. A. Snow & Co., Boston, \$1.69 per foot	310 96
James Flynn, Boston, \$1.70 per foot . .	312 80
George T. McLauthlin & Co., Boston, \$2.15 per foot	395 60
James Russell Boiler Works, Boston, \$2.60 per foot	478 40

The contract was awarded to Van Dorn Iron Works.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Public Buildings Department.

Old Court House, September 27, 1898.

Proposals for furnishing coal, for the three months ending January 1, 1899, that may be required for the public buildings of the city, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, on September 17, as follows:

	Per ton of 2,000 lbs.
Metropolitan Coal Company:	
2,000 tons, more or less, broken coal . .	\$4 19
1,000 tons, more or less, egg coal . . .	4 39
500 tons, more or less, stove coal . . .	4 49
1,200 tons George's Creek Cumberland and Thomas & Pike:	2 75
3,500 tons, more or less, broken, egg and stove	4 29
1,200 tons, more or less, George's Creek Cumberland	2 78

The contract was awarded to Metropolitan Coal Company.

JOHN DROHAN,
Superintendent Public Buildings.

Street Department.

Proposals for sewer-work in Dorchester avenue were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, September 20, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
R. J. Malone	\$2,611 45
Daniel E. Lynch	3,252 70

The contract was awarded to R. J. Malone.

Proposals for macadam road in the following-named streets were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, September 23, viz.:

Spencer street, between Wheatland and Talbot avenues:

James McGovern	\$882 70
Philip Doherty	924 00

John Connors	\$943 70
Daniel E. Lynch	1,054 40

The contract was awarded to James McGovern.

Hamilton street, between Bowdoin street and Homes avenue:

James McGovern	\$1,505 70
John Connors	1,552 90
James Doherty & Co.	1,567 50
Collins & Ham	1,643 50
Daniel E. Lynch	1,954 70

The contract was awarded to James McGovern.

Maryland street, between Savin Hill avenue and Bay street:

Philip Doherty	\$707 30
John Connors	744 70
James McGovern	774 20
Daniel E. Lynch	786 40
Collins & Ham	799 11

The contract was awarded to Philip Doherty.

Waterlow street, between Harvard and Harvard streets:

James Doherty & Co.	\$941 40
Daniel E. Lynch	1,008 90
James McGovern	1,079 00

The contract was awarded to James Doherty & Co.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Canvass of Bids.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, September 13, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held September 13, 1898:

The following proposals were received and opened in the presence of the bidders, and taken under advisement:

Foot-bridge, Wood Island Park:

Boston Bridge Works, Boston	\$2,850
Groton Bridge and Manufacturing Company, Groton, N. Y.	2,940
Pittsburg Bridge Company, Springfield, Mass.	2,945
Pittsburg Bridge, Plan D.	2,960
Pittsburg Bridge, Plan E.	2,985
New Jersey Steel Company, Boston . .	2,948
Edge Moor Bridge Company, Boston . .	2,950
King Bridge Company, Boston	2,958
Berlin Iron Bridge Company, Berlin, Conn.	3,090
Wrought Iron Bridge Company, Boston, .	3,150

A communication from Mayor Quincy, authorizing the making of a contract with John Williams for iron gates at Arnold Arboretum, without publicly advertising for bids, was received and it was

Voted, That the proposal of John Williams for furnishing and erecting the iron work for the gates at Arnold Arboretum, for the sum of \$2,850, be accepted.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 1898.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	267	46	313	143	133	37	173	42	44	313	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	54	—	54	16	35	3	15	9	35	54	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	261	51	312	107	191	14	125	89	113	304	8
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	13	—	13	5	5	3	4	3	8	13	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	3	—	3	2	1	—	3	—	—	3	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	22	15	37	11	21	5	25	1	—	37	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	40	44	84	16	68	—	32	16	2	84	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,579	338	2,917	167	2,720	30	1,450	1,233	275	2,674	243
Totals	3,239	494	3,733	467	3,174	92	1,827	1,395	477	3,482	251

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	1	—	13	1	19	7	62	5	60	8	49	7	22	11	18	8	15	2	4	—	2	—	3	1
No. 2.	1	—	16	—	17	—	3	—	7	—	6	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
No. 3.	4	—	44	—	59	3	33	14	28	9	31	10	16	11	24	2	11	—	7	2	3	—	1	—
No. 4.	—	—	4	—	2	—	4	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
No. 6.	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	7	4	1	6	3	1	4	1	3	—	2	—	—	1	—	—
No. 7.	—	—	—	—	1	1	7	12	9	9	10	6	7	8	4	6	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
No. 8.	17	3	61	41	37	39	365	74	445	77	412	81	356	69	268	41	206	29	112	19	76	8	62	14
Totals	23	3	138	42	135	50	476	107	558	107	510	110	404	95	321	58	239	31	126	21	81	9	69	15

NOTE. — "M," male, includes boys; "F," female," includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	31	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	24	Males	13
Missing persons reported	35	Females	5
Missing persons found	5	Americans	8
Lost children restored	191	Foreigners	15
Sick and injured persons assisted	360	Non-residents	18
		Minors	2

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,906	6	<i>Brought forward</i>	3,702	20
British Provinces	272	—	Denmark	5	—
Ireland	950	3	Holland	1	—
England	118	1	Wales	4	—
France	12	—	East Indies	—	—
Germany	42	9	West Indies	8	—
Italy	130	1	Turkey	6	—
Russia	94	—	South America	—	—
China	5	—	Switzerland	3	—
Greece	33	—	Belgium	1	—
Sweden	45	—	Africa	1	—
Scotland	60	—	Hungary	—	—
Spain	1	—	Asia	—	—
Norway	15	—	Arabia	—	—
Poland	6	—	Mexico	—	—
Austria	8	—	Chili	1	—
Portugal	2	—	Armenia	1	—
Finland	3	—			
<i>Carried forward</i>	3,702	20	Totals	3,733	20

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

Boston, September 14, 1898.

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees was held at the Hospital on September 14, at 12 M., the President in the chair.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Burnham and Keany.

In the absence of the Secretary, Dr. Keany was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and it was voted that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$20,930.80.

Voted, That the regular monthly draft on account of extension of boiler-house, amounting to \$134.98, be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof.

Voted, That there be allowed and paid to the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, the sum of \$440.07, on account of labor and material furnished; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be allowed and paid to Gerry & Northup the sum of \$2,144.98, as second and final payment on account of their contract dated September 22, 1897, for alterations and additions to Wards S and H; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be allowed and paid to John S. Jacobs & Son, the sum of \$8,717.60, as fifth payment on account of their contract of November 23, 1897, for erection of Ann White Vose Building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building.

It was voted that there be allowed and paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$217.94, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$8,717.60, fifth payment to John S. Jacobs & Son, on account of their contract of November 23, 1897, for the erection of the Ann White Vose Building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building.

It was voted that there be allowed and paid to the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, the sum of \$880.44, on account of labor and material furnished; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, new laundry building.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

First—Showing receipts from paying patients for the month of August.

Second—In regard to additional dining-room accommodations for nurses and help. In accordance with his recommendation, the Superintendent was authorized, until otherwise ordered, to organize an additional dining-room at the old Nurses' Home.

Third—In regard to special employment of orderlies for the sick soldiers. The same was approved and placed on file.

Fourth—Respecting additions to contracts, as follows: First, to the contract of

Gerry & Northup, addition involving \$2.82, as appears per order No. 256 from Wheelwright & Haven, architects; second, addition to contract of Kerrens Driscoll for \$98.23, as appears per order No. 258 from said architects; third, addition to contract of Kerrens Driscoll for \$200, as appears per order No. 260 from said architects. It was voted that the above additions to contracts as recommended by said orders, be approved.

Voted, That standing committees are to report to the Trustees all purchases of any considerable amount that are accepted by said committees on public or invited proposals.

FRANCIS J. KEANY,
Secretary pro tempore.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

September 20, 1898.

A special meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held Friday, September 16, 1898, at 10 A. M., to take action with regard to the death of the Hon. Frederic Walker Lincoln, Treasurer of the Board.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Mr. Day, Mr. Kerrigan, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Humphreys, Miss O'Brien and Mr. Sproules.

Voted: That a committee be appointed to prepare resolutions. Mr. Fowler, Mrs. Wolcott and Mr. Humphreys were appointed.

The following resolutions were presented by the committee and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, By the death of Hon. Frederic W. Lincoln, the Board of Overseers of the Poor in the City of Boston loses one of its most faithful officers, who has been its Treasurer for the past twenty years and whose services prior to that time as Chairman of the Board covered a period of eleven years; and

Whereas, The Board has met together to take suitable action upon Mr. Lincoln's death:

Resolved, That we hereby express our great sense of loss in the death of our Treasurer and former associate, whose long and faithful services have been of such value to the community and especially to the poor.

Resolved, That we gladly bear witness to the kindly spirit and unfailing courtesy shown by our late Treasurer in all his official relations.

Resolved, That we extend to the widow and children of our friend our most cordial and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Resolved, That as a mark of respect to the deceased we attend the funeral services in a body, and that the offices of the Board be closed on the day of the funeral.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our records, and that a copy be sent by the Secretary to the family of Mr. Lincoln.

Voted, That the Chairman of the Board, Mr. William P. Fowler, be and hereby is authorized to act as Treasurer pro tempore, until a Treasurer is elected by the Board, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Lincoln.

Voted, That the Chairman, Mr. Sproules, and Miss O'Brien be a committee to select a candidate for Treasurer.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, September 20, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held September 20, 1898:

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to fill the swamp in the glade at Franklin Park, and to remove as many of the inferior willows as he may think necessary or desirable for its improvement.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to grade and loam the gravel pits at Scarboro Hill, the park boundaries along Morton and Canterbury streets, Franklin Park, and the land adjoining Prince and Perkins streets, at an estimated cost of \$12,000.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to make working drawings, and advertise for bids, for a barn at Franklin Park at an estimated cost of \$7,000.

The Chairman reported that he had twice during the summer called on Lieutenant-Colonel Mansfield regarding the restoration of Castle Island to public use as part of the park system, and a letter was addressed to the Secretary of War requesting information as to when Castle Island will be returned to the custody of the Board.

Voted, That the plan for proposed drainage of surface water into Muddy river at Brookline avenue, and extension of sewer to the Brookline line, this day received from the Street Department, be approved in its general form, in accordance with the agreement referred to in the vote of this Board of June 27, 1898, which limits the right of maintaining surface drainage into Muddy river to one year, and that the Secretary issue permits for doing the work in accordance with said plan, subject to such modification of line and location of manholes as the Superintendent may designate.

Voted, that the drive constructed along the west shore of Jamaica Pond, from Perkins to Prince streets, be named Francis Parkman road, in honor of the historian, whose dwelling and garden were at this place.

Voted, That the bids of W. A. Snow & Co. for erecting fences at Charlesbank and Copp's Hill Terraces, and of the Van Dorn Iron Works Company for erecting fence at North End Beach and fence and gates at Stony-brook Bridge, be accepted.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, September 19, 1898.

The thirty-sixth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held on Tuesday, September 6, at 11 A. M.

A letter from Mayor Quincy was read, expressing approval of the preparations for the reception of sick soldiers at the Long Island Hospital, where three wards, containing 101 beds, are ready for their reception.

Voted, That a new washing-machine be purchased at a cost of about \$300, and that the old machine be repaired and ventilated at an expense of about \$95. (This increase in appliances is made necessary by the additional washing to be done for soldiers.)

Voted, That the Superintendent of Long Island be authorized to engage Miss Gragg, temporarily, in view of the extra assistance required, at a salary of \$30 per month.

The Superintendent reported that he had heard from Dr. Bradford, of the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association, that sick soldiers might be expected at Long Island at any time, to the number of about 100, and the Superintendent, in view of this fact, thinks it desirable to secure additional male nurses, and to raise the salary of those already employed. A vote to this effect was passed.

The following appointments were confirmed:

Patrick Cunningham, baker, salary increased from \$50 to \$55 per month; Minnie Richeldifer, cook, at a salary of \$25 per month; George T. Morris, second assistant engineer, at a salary of \$35 per month; Maggie Riley, assistant cook, at a salary of \$15 per month; Elizabeth Chapman, assistant matron, at a salary of \$20 per month; Margaret J. Chisholm, second year pupil nurse, at a salary of \$12 per month; Sarah G. Weeden, superintendent Charlestown Almshouse, at a salary of \$75 per month; Clayton H. Parmelee, farmer, Charlestown Almshouse, at a salary of \$40 per month; Theresa H. Parmelee, matron, Charlestown Almshouse, at a salary of \$25 per month.

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, September 12.

Ordered, That the sewerage charges provided for in Chapter 426 of the Acts of the year 1897, to be paid for the year 1898 by the several estates in said city for the construction, maintenance and operation of sewerage works therein, are hereby determined to be as set forth in the 1,474 sheets headed, Sewer Assessments, 1898; and that said sheets and a copy of this order be committed to the Board of Assessors of said city.

JOHN P. DORE,

JOHN H. DUANE,

Street Commissioners.

Approved.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Wednesday, September 14.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out and constructing Angell street, at West Roxbury, from Blue Hill avenue to Canterbury street.

An order was passed laying out Bennington street, at East Boston, and was sent to the Mayor for his approval.

It was voted to pay A. J. Linnell, \$3,600, W. E. and H. W. Burke, \$2,500, and F. L. Baker and others, \$5,000, for damages occasioned their several estates by the laying out of Columbia road; and to pay Michael Fitzgerald \$300, for damages occasioned his estate by the widening of Centre street; the several agreements of said parties to accept such sums having been approved by the Mayor.

A petition was received that Blandford and Cunningham streets may be laid out.

The Board issued orders of notice of their intention to lay out Orkney road, at Brighton; an extension of Dalmatia street over Woodcliff street, at Dorchester; and Clinton street, at Dorchester, from Waterloo street to Faxon street, with the name of Shafter street.

Thursday, September 15.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to relocate Sutherland-road brook and Salt Creek brook, at Brighton.

A petition was received for a sewer in Maxwell street.

It was voted to authorize and request the Superintendent of Streets to remove all buildings and other obstructions remaining within the lines of Spring street, as relocated by the order of this Board of June 28, 1898.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, September 19, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the two weeks ending September 17, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	8	5	
2...	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	12	
3...	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
4...	-	5	-	-	-	1	4	-	2	-	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	3	
6...	1	12	-	-	1	-	10	2	17	47	
7...	1	17	2	4	1	-	10	6	10	57	
8...	2	1	-	1	4	-	1	4	5	16	
9...	-	4	-	2	-	-	2	1	10	22	
10...	-	2	2	1	6	-	1	2	7	20	
11...	1	4	-	-	-	-	1	7	13	34	
12...	-	5	-	-	2	1	2	-	7	13	
13...	4	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	9	5	
14...	1	6	1	1	-	-	3	1	10	19	
15...	4	1	-	-	-	4	1	-	3	7	
16...	5	5	6	-	2	6	3	2	5	25	
17...	4	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	17	23	
18...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	14	
19...	7	1	5	-	-	2	1	2	10	22	
20...	16	6	2	-	-	25	3	5	10	59	
21...	3	5	7	-	-	5	1	-	7	44	
22...	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	7	19	
23...	7	5	5	1	-	12	4	2	10	20	
24...	6	10	7	-	-	9	4	6	13	17	
25...	18	3	4	-	-	15	3	9	3	21	
T'ls..	86	107	42	10	20	82	59	51	210	524	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, September 19, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending September 17, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	93
Number of discharges of mortgages	18
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of assignments of mortgages	5
Number of assignments of wages	21
Number of married women's certificates	15
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	6

The following accident notices were filed:

September 12—Agnes Donohoe, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk at 14 Savoy street, August 10, 1898. Samuel E. O'Donnell, personal injuries, received on ferry-boat, September 9, 1898.

September 15—J. W. Critchett, injury to horse on North Ferry, August 18, 1898. Nellie M. Bond, personal injuries and injuries to bicycle, caused by alleged defect in highway on Columbus-avenue extension, September 5, 1898.

City Hall, September 26, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending September 24, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	93
Number of discharges of mortgages	18
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of assignments of mortgages	2
Number of assignments of wages	24
Number of married women's certificates	12
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgage	4

Accident notices were filed as follows:

September 21 — Joseph E. Rourke, personal injuries, caused by an alleged defect in sidewalk at 480 Boylston street, on September 15, 1898.

September 22 — Nellie M. Bond, personal injuries and injury to bicycle, caused by alleged defect in highway on Columbus avenue, September 5, 1898. Ellen Cannon, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in highway, on Newhall street, near Ashmont street.

September 23 — William Condon, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in grating on sidewalk on Travers street.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, September 19, 1898.

The following official action has been taken during the last three weeks by the Fire Commissioner:

Fire-alarm box 732 has been reconnected for service in the Boston Museum.

The salary of George W. Stimpson, veterinary surgeon of this Department, has been increased from \$1,800 to \$2,000 per annum.

J. H. Clemens has been transferred from Ladder Company 2 to Engine 40, and Charles McCarthy from Engine 40 to Ladder Company 2.

The following permanent substitutes have been appointed permanent members:

Joseph F. Boutlier, John F. Watson, Samuel A. Dwight, James E. Reiley, William J. Delany, Thomas H. Duggan, William H. Van Dalinda, jr., Chauncey R. Delano, Joseph Dooley, Edward V. Stone, Martin J. Little, William Hart, Miles E. Tennihan, Victor H. Richer, Stephen A. Moran, John P. Walsh, John J. Hurley, Henry Krake, William Peterson, George A. Wyman, jr., William McCarthy.

Ordered, That John McCarthy, of Ladder Company 2, forfeit two weeks' pay, days off for two months and his position as senior ladderman, for conduct unbecoming a citizen and fireman while on leave.

Eugene Rogers, of Ladder Company 1, has been sentenced to forfeit two weeks' pay and days off for two months, for neglect of duty.

T. F. Reynolds, of Ladder Company 1, has been sentenced to forfeit two weeks' pay and days off for two months, for absence without leave.

John F. McWhirk, of Engine Company 43, has been dishonorably discharged for absence without leave, being under the influence of liquor and conduct unbecoming a member of this Department.

Ordered, That ladderman John McCarthy, of Ladder Company 2, be fined two days' pay for performing house patrol duty improperly by loitering on the rope.

Ordered, That hoseman George B. Atwood, of Engine Company 9, be fined four days' pay for performing house patrol duty improperly and in a slovenly uniform.

Ordered, That the order of July 25, dishonorably discharging Frank Coyle, of Chemical Company 1, for prolonged absence without leave, be revoked, and that his resignation be accepted.

A special draft has been drawn for \$980 in favor of Perkins & Betton, for preparing plans and specifications for new engine-house in Haymarket square.

Orders have been drawn as follows:

For hay and straw for September and October, Districts 1 to 9, inclusive, Hosmer & Robinson; District 10, Samuel Gannett; District 11, J. Loring & Co. Three chestnut horses, Welch & Hall, at \$140 each. Eureka Fire Hose Company, 1,000 feet of three-inch Paragon hose and the C. Callahan Company 1,000 feet of three-inch jacket hose.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, September 17, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Peter Hughes, Farnham street, Ward 17, two additional horses (five in all); hearing September 22, at 11 o'clock. Louis Goldstein, rear 138 Chelsea street, Ward 2, thirteen additional horses (fourteen in all); hearing September 22, at 11 o'clock. Joseph Harris & Co., 10 Hunneman street, Ward 17, six horses; hearing September 29, at 11 o'clock.

The petition of Frederick L. Walker, for the occupancy of a stable on 110 Melville avenue, Ward 24, for three horses, was granted.

The petition of Joseph A. Locke, for the occupancy of a stable on 220 Friend street, Ward 8, for thirty-five horses, was refused.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending Saturday, September 17, 1898:

Twelve car-loads, 2,550 crates of melons, twenty-three pounds of immature veal.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending September 16:

Steers	285
New England cows	12
Sheep	340
Calves	398
Total	1,035

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending September 17, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	8	15	23
Negative	23	14	37
No growth	0	0	0
Totals	31	29	60

Remarks: Typhoid diagnoses: three cases, two negative, one positive.

Old Court House, September 24, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Ellen Sullivan, Granville street, Ward 23, nine cows; hearing September 29, at 11 o'clock. H. B. Wood, 137 Glenway street, Ward 20, two additional horses; hearing October 6, at 11 o'clock. C. E. Mugford, 4 Havey street, Ward 23, one horse; hearing October 6, at 11 o'clock.

The following applications for stables have been granted:

Charles J. Jacobs, Parker Hill avenue, Ward 19, six additional horses and one cow; Peter Hughes, Farnham street, Ward 17, two additional horses; Louis Goldstein, rear 138 Chelsea street, Ward 2, four horses.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending September 23:

Steers	264
New England cows	14
New England bulls	2
Sheep	349
Calves	319
Total	948

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending Saturday, September 23, 1898:

One hundred and seventy-three pounds of tainted veal, 110 pounds of ham, sixty-three pounds of immature veal, two bushels of apples and four bushels of cucumbers.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending September 24, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	11	6	17
Negative	19	18	37
No growth	1	2	3
Totals	31	26	57

Cultures were made in three cases of suspected typhoid fever, with negative results.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, September 19, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending September 17:

Cases pending	0
Number of applications	99
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	41
Long Island Almshouse	16
Charlestown Almshouse, Observation Hospital, Deer Island	6
Boston Insane Hospital, Foxboro' Asylum	2
Westboro' Insane Hospital	1
Worcester Lunatic Hospital	14
Epileptic Hospital	1
	83

Number of applications refused, Number of applications withdrawn	6
Cases pending	9
	1
Legal settlements investigated,	99
	114

28 Court Square, September 26, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending September 24:

Cases pending	1
Number of applications	103
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	46
Long Island Almshouse	13
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	6
Boston Insane Hospital, Foxboro' Asylum	7
Worcester Lunatic Hospital	3
Danvers Lunatic Hospital	4
	1
	80

Number of applications refused, Number of applications withdrawn	8
Cases pending	10
	6
Legal settlements investigated,	104
	113

JOHN E. GILMAN, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, September 19, 1898.

Statistics for week ending September 17, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	142	26
Females	17	3
Totals	159	29

Offences:		
Against the person . . .	14	10
Against property . . .	16	12
Against public order and decency	134	7
Totals	164	29
Discharges:		
Males	216	11
Females	32	10
Totals	248	21
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence .	147	20
Permit of Commissioner,	74	1
Payment of fine . . .	27	0
Totals	248	21
Population:		
September 10, 1898 . .	1,568	519
Committed since September 10, 1898	159	29
Totals	1,727	548
Discharged since September 10, 1898		
	248	21
September 17, 1898 . .	1,479	527

32 Tremont Street, September 26, 1898.

Statistics for week ending September 24, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	208	11
Females	38	4
Totals	246	15
Offences:		
Against the person . .	8	4
Against property . . .	12	8
Against public order and decency	228	3
Totals	*248	15
Discharges:		
Males	171	9
Females	28	9
Totals	199	18
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence .	109	15
Permit of Commissioner,	55	2
Payment of fine . . .	35	1
Totals	199	18
Population:		
September 19, 1898 . .	1,479	527
Committed since September 19	246	15
Totals	1,725	542
Discharged since September 19		
	199	18
September 24, 1898 . .	1,526	524

* Two committed, with two offences each.

THOMAS FRANCIS HUNT,
Acting-Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, September 19, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending September 18:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	412
Defects reported	69
Defects corrected	73
Dead wire removed (feet)	9,600
Poles inspected	18
Notices of new work received	2
Fixtures removed	18

Investigation has been made of the car fire at the corner of Hayward place and Washington street, September 13.

All hands responded to the second alarm of fire from box 45 at 6.20 P.M., September 16, corner of Franklin and Arch streets.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	190
Notices of new work received	67

Two fires reported due to electrical causes were investigated, one at 411 Washington street and the other at 79 Franklin street.

The electrical disturbance at 18-20 Columbus avenue, premises occupied by L. J. Killian, has been investigated.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	1
Building connections	8
Lamp connections	1
Repairs	4

Inspections have been made as follows:

Building connections	6
Lamp connections	2
Repairs	4
Cable drawings	27
Installation of underground transformer	1

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	3,041
Feet of duct laid	47,509
Manholes built	20
Service connections made	31
Feet of cable drawn in	22,173

Old Court House, September 26, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department, for the week ending September 24:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	296
Defects reported	85
Defects corrected	136
Dead wire removed (feet)	10,700
Notices of new work received	13
Fixtures removed	15
Number of poles removed in 1897 district by Boston Electric Light Company	31

A reported tree fire on B street, near Broadway, South Boston, September 23, was due to wire of the Boston Electric Light Company falling on limb of tree, as a result of rain-storm.

A second alarm of fire, box No. 52, September 25, was responded to. The fire was in Nos. 13-17 Otis street.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	196
Notices of new work received	71
Tests made	8

Inspections have been made of the wiring at the various theatres.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals of street openings have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	1
Building connections	10
Pole connections	3
Repairs	2

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	21
Building connections	13
Lamp connections	2
Pole connections	2
Repairs	6
Cable drawings	9

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

ACT RELATIVE TO SEWERAGE WORKS IN BOSTON.

Chapter 257 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1898 reads as follows:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SEWERAGE WORKS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the year 1897 is hereby amended by inserting in the tenth line, after the words "determine to be", the words:—the amount to be used for interest on the bonds issued for sewerage works, and also,—so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Boston shall annually appropriate, to be met by the issue of bonds as hereinafter provided, sums not exceeding \$1,000,000 in any one year, for constructing sewerage works in said city, and shall also appropriate, to be met by the annual charges hereinafter provided for, such sums as the Mayor of said city shall deem sufficient for maintaining and operating the sewerage works, and such sums as the City Treasurer of said city shall each year determine to be the amount to be used for interest on the bonds issued for sewerage works, and also the amount to be used for the sinking-funds for bonds issued for sewerage works, which, with all other amounts so used and their accumulations, will pay all such bonds at maturity; and there shall also be used for said sinking-funds all premiums received from the sale of said bonds, and all amounts received for breach of any contract for constructing sewerage works, or for securities deposited as security for making such contracts and declared to be forfeited to the city, or for sales of property. All sewers, drains, pumping stations and other works for the collection or disposal of sewage, or surface or ground water in said city, shall be included in the term "sewerage work," as used in this Act, and no such work shall hereafter be constructed in said city, except under authority of this Act, unless the same has been ordered to be constructed before the passage thereof.

Sect. 2. Section 6 of said Chapter 426 is hereby amended by striking out the words, "\$1,000,000 in any one year," in the sixth and seventh lines, and inserting in place thereof the words:—\$2,000,000 in the aggregate in the period included in the years 1897 and 1898, and \$1,000,000 in any one year thereafter,—so as to read as follows:

Sect. 6. The Treasurer of said city, to meet the expenses incurred in constructing any sewerage works heretofore or hereafter ordered to be constructed in said city, shall from time to time on the request of said Board, approved by the Mayor, issue to the total amount appropriated, but not exceeding \$2,000,000 in the aggregate in the period included in the years 1897 and 1898, and \$1,000,000 in any one year thereafter, bonds of said city, registered or coupon, as said Treasurer shall from time to time determine, and the same shall not be considered in determining the limit of indebtedness of said city; said bonds shall have printed on the face thereof the words, Sewerage Loan; shall be countersigned by the Mayor and be made payable in terms of thirty years from their date; and shall bear such rates of interest not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of January and the first day of July of each year, and be issued and disposed of in such amounts, in such modes, and at such times and prices, as said Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor shall from time to time determine. [Approved April 1, 1898.]

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending September 24, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897,	20.9
Number of deaths:	
Males	118
Females	101
Total	219
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	208

Increase 11

Of the 219 decedents, all were white; 159 were born in the United States, 56 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 35 were of American parentage, 166 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 18 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	38	4
Scarlatina	10	—
Typhoid fever	19	6
Measles	11	—
Totals	78	10

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	8
Whooping-cough	2
Heart disease	14
Bronchitis	7
Marasmus	17
Violent causes	8

Total from principal causes	83
Total from infectious diseases	10
Total from other causes	126

Total from all causes	219
Deaths of children under 1 year	72
Deaths of children under 5 years	98
Deaths of persons over 60 years	36
Deaths in public institutions	42

The Annual Report of the Water Department, Richmond, Va., shows that the receipts during the year 1897 were \$155,746.18, allowing \$20,473.94 for water used by the city and granted free. The total expenditures, including extensions, repairs and operation, amounted to \$58,963.13.

In the report of the Adjutant-General of the G. A. R., the following figures relating to the membership of the organization are given:

The members in good standing June 30, 1897, numbered 319,456. The total loss by death, discharge, etc., amounted to 46,306 during the year. The members in good standing June 30, 1898, numbered 305,603.

The amount expended in charity during that period was \$171,903.

The Borough of Brooklyn, New York City, maintains a laboratory for tests of asphalt and other paving material.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, September 20, 1898.

The undersigned request permission to project from building No. 328 Washington street, Ward 25, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories, also a cornice to project over Washington street. Dimensions: Nineteen feet high, 8 feet wide, and 1 foot 2 inches over line of street, cornice to project 2 feet for a frontage of 25 feet.

C. W. & F. A. DAVIS,

By KENDALL, TAYLOR & STEVENS,

87 Milk street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the tenth day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the BRIGHTON ITEM and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

The Pauper Institutions Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing for the pauper institutions of said city, until January 31, 1899:

About 2,000 tons soft coal and 250 tons hard coal. The bidder must fill out and sign proposal in the form to be obtained at the office of the Trustees for Paupers, No. 28 Court square, in said city, furnish bond of \$1,000, with surety satisfactory to said Trustees, for faithfully carrying out the contract, and leave the proposal, with a certified check for \$500, payable to the City of Boston, at said office before 12.30 o'clock P.M. of October 3, 1898, at which time and place the proposals will be opened and read. This check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all proposals.

WILLIAM T. SEDGWICK,

Chairman Trustees for Paupers of the City of Boston.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 23, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,875 linear feet of sewer work in Savin Hill avenue, between Wesley avenue and Evandale terrace, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, September 30, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 24, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 992 linear feet of sewer work in Charlestown street, between Haymarket square and Causeway street, city proper, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, September 30, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 24, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building sewer work in Bragdon street, between Columbus avenue and Amory street, Roxbury District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, September 30, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 27, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Northampton street, corner Roosevelt street, Ward 12, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Northampton street, corner Roosevelt street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, 8 feet wide, and 18 inches over line of street.

B. J. CONNOLLY,

93 Dale street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 27, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the tenth day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by publication of a copy of said petition with this order thereon in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

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THE CITY OF BOSTON

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BOSTON, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1898.

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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 28, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

REPRESENTATION AT BRISTOL, ENGLAND.

The following letter has been received by His Honor the Mayor with regard to the recent visit of Hon. John W. Candler, as the representative of the City of Boston, on the occasion of the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science and the dedication of the Cabot Memorial:

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCE-
MENT OF SCIENCE.

Bristol Meeting, September 7-14, 1898.

Bristol, September 22, 1898.

THE HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor, Boston,
U.S.A.

DEAR SIR: On behalf of the Local Executive Committee, I beg to return you many thanks for the honour you have done to us and to our city by sending Hon. John W. Candler as the representative of Boston.

Mr. Candler has quite won our hearts. His talent for business, his wide knowledge of affairs and his capacity for appreciating the main facts of a position have recommended him to our men of business, while

his dignified bearing, his courtesy and his eloquence have endeared him to all classes of our community.

Mr. Candler leaves here with a full grasp of the situation; he knows the drift of opinion amongst our men of business here; he knows that Bristol is anxious to clasp hands with Boston, and to build up a trade which shall pass through the two ports, and increase in volume year by year to the benefit of both; he knows that our ambition here is to make the trade route between Bristol and Boston a well-beaten commercial track; he knows that we number men of enterprise amongst us, who are determined that Bristol shall secure all the advantages that her geographical position warrants, and he has told us that Boston, too, is in a similar position in this respect.

Under these circumstances, therefore, I sincerely hope that the visit of Mr. Candler to Bristol as the honoured representative of your great city may incite your citizens and ours to increased efforts to improve the business relations which exist between the two ports. I trust that Bristol may look more to Boston, and Boston may look more to Bristol, as being the ports which nature has fitted to be those through which a great volume of transatlantic trade may be conducted.

When Mr. Candler returns, you will have one to whom you may turn for advice founded on practical, personal experience of men and things on this side of the Atlantic, and on behalf of the business community here I again tender you our grateful thanks for the interest you have taken in our recent celebrations and for the choice of a representative who has been to us such a welcome guest.

I am

Very faithfully yours,

ARTHUR LEE.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments was issued by His Honor the Mayor on October 1:

Circular No. 47.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby notified that Mr. Nathaniel G. Robinson has this day been appointed Mayor's Secretary.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS, NO. 2, OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS.

The Department of Municipal Statistics has issued the second number of a series of publications, analyzing the finances of the city. The entire series, when completed, will give a complete view of the income and expenditure of the city for the five years ending January 31, 1897.

For convenience and clearness of presentation the accounts of the city have been divided into four parts—(1) Ordinary Receipts and Expenditures; (2) Extraordinary Receipts and Expenditures; (3) Trust Funds; and (4) Book-keeping Items. Special Publication, No. 1, was an analysis of a portion of the first above-named account, namely, the ordinary expenditures of the city. Special Publication, No. 2, is a companion volume, and is an analysis of the ordinary receipts of the city for the same period.

The publication begins with a financial statement for the five fiscal years, 1892-1893 to 1896-97 inclusive, showing the division of the total receipts and expenditures of the city as between the four above-mentioned accounts. A series of five tables follows, summarizing the ordinary receipts of the city by fifteen principal items, namely: Taxes, liquor and other licenses, special assessments, judicial and other fees, fines, costs and forfeitures, services rendered, rents, labor and manufactures of inmates of institutions, sales of old material, sales of city property, interest, income of trust funds, overpayments refunded to the city, receipts from the State for soldiers' relief and miscellaneous receipts.

These tables show the gross income, the amount of such income refunded, and the net income by items. They also show what portion of the gross income was covered into the city treasury as a part of the general fund to be appropriated by the City Council and what portion was credited directly to department appropriations without yearly action by the Council.

The remainder of the work is devoted to a further analysis of each item of income. The receipts from taxation are treated in considerable detail in six tables. These

tables show (1) the receipts from each tax for the five years; (2) the valuation of each class of taxable property and the number of polls assessed; (3) the amount of tax assessed upon each class of property; (4) the amount of each year's tax committed to the Collector and the amount collected, abated and uncollected; (5) the amount of the various warrants included in the tax for the year; and (6) the amount and percentage of collections of the tax levied upon the various classes of property. The other items of income are each treated in detail in such manner that each item may be checked by reference to the Auditor's Report of the corresponding year. The items included in each detail sheet will show the reader at once the significance of the totals which have been gathered together for each year in the summary tables described above.

THE TAX UPON VISITORS TO BOSTON INSANE IN STATE HOSPITALS.

Following is a paper on "The Tax upon Visitors to Boston Insane in State Hospitals," read at the Institution's Quarterly Conference, on September 30, 1898, by Philip Coombs Knapp, M.D., Secretary, Insane Hospital Trustees:

The course adopted by the City of Boston in caring for its insane, has for many years been the subject of criticism and condemnation by all who have been familiar with the subject. In 1839, a hospital was built at South Boston, the third in the State, to receive the city insane. In 1845, it was overcrowded and the next year some additions were made. This remained the only hospital for the city insane without further accommodations, until 1887, when the old institution for female paupers at Austin Farm was made over into a retreat for the quiet insane. In 1895 the old hospital at South Boston was finally abandoned and the patients transferred to the new hospital which had been built at Pierce Farm near Austin Farm. In the meantime, in 1892 and 1893 additional buildings had been erected at Austin Farm, so that when Pierce Farm was occupied the two institutions accommodated about five hundred patients.

The crowded condition of the South Boston Hospital, which began in 1845, led in 1865 to a movement for a new hospital. Land was taken at Winthrop and plans were drawn for a modern hospital to accommodate five hundred patients. This was defeated and subsequently the Danvers Hospital was built in 1878, especially to accommodate Boston patients. In 1857 the Boston Hospital by Act of the Legislature was forbidden to receive any State cases. In 1875 there were 198 of the city insane at South Boston, and 146 of the city insane in the State hospitals, who could not be accommodated at South Boston for lack of room. Inadequate as the provision was then, it has grown more inadequate as years go on, in spite of the additional accommodations of the hospital at Austin and Pierce farms. On the first of January, 1898 the Boston Insane Hospital had 519 inmates, about one-third

of the city's insane. One thousand and eighteen insane persons belonging in the City of Boston were in the State hospitals, supported at the city's expense at a cost of about \$180,000 a year.

These statistics are probably of little significance to the majority of people. If the insane be well-cared for what matters it whether they be cared for at Boston or Worcester or Danvers or Taunton? In fact, owing to the failure of the city government to make adequate appropriations for the Boston Insane Hospital it is probable that they have better accommodations and more comforts in the State hospitals than they do at Boston.

The objection, however, to this method of providing for the city's insane is that it involves an oppressive tax upon the people least able to bear it. The \$180,000 appropriated for the support of the 1,018 people is distributed over the whole community. There is another tax, not entered in the treasurer's reports, which is unjust and falls only upon the poor.

The so-called pauper insane are usually not of the pauper class but they have been self-supporting up to the beginning of their sickness; in consequence of that sickness they have become dependent and must be supported by the State.

Those who recover usually return to work and cease to be a burden to the State. It is unjust; therefore, to class them with the paupers and criminals. During their sickness it is only natural that their relatives and friends should wish to visit them and that they should wish to receive such visits. Not only is such a desire natural and proper, it would be cruelty to prevent it. There are, of course, cases in which it is desirable for an insane person for a time to see no visitors, but such cases are the exception. The City of Boston, however, puts a burdensome and prohibitory tax upon this natural desire to visit a sick wife or husband, parent or child, brother or sister.

If wife or husband, parent or child, brother or sister be sick, it is certainly not unreasonable to desire to visit them once a month. Upon that basis what is the amount of the tax which the city exacts by sending its insane to the State hospitals? Of these 1,018 insane, 170 are provided for under special laws—the inebriates at Foxboro', the criminal insane at Bridgewater, the idiots at Waverly, and those boarded out in private families. Eight hundred and forty-eight are at the different State hospitals. If their relatives paid them one visit a month the cost in railway fares from Boston to these hospitals and back would be \$14,705.28 a year. Furthermore, it would take fully half a day on the average to make the visit and return, which, if the visitor earns \$1.50 a day, would incur a loss of \$7,707, in the year—a total tax therefor of \$22,412.28, the interest at four per cent. on \$560,307.

Of course only a portion of this tax is paid. It falls chiefly upon the poorer classes, and it is so burdensome that it cannot be paid. The result is that it has a prohibitory effect, preventing the poor from visiting their sick relatives in the State hospitals. Many a time in the past year the Trustees of the Boston Insane Hospital have been urged to transfer a patient from some State hospital to the city institution, because the mother earning \$3 a week, could never afford to visit her

sick son, at an expense of one or two dollars and the loss of half a day's earnings; and many a time the Trustees, with the Boston Hospital overcrowded and realizing the impossibility of putting three persons in one bed, have been obliged to refuse.

The cruelty of this tax is obvious. The moral is equally plain. If this sum of \$22,412.28 were added to the general tax levy it would add little to the general burden and it would pay the interest on a loan large enough to provide additional land and buildings at Austin and Pierce Farms to accommodate many of the insane now in the State hospitals. Fifty thousand dollars added to the tax levy would pay the interest on a loan sufficient to provide buildings to accommodate all the city's insane, while the money now appropriated to pay the board of these patients in the State hospitals, \$180,000 a year, would more than provide for their maintenance in the city institution, and would leave a margin of profit toward the interest on the loan. The tax upon the poor, which they must either pay or neglect their sick, would be abolished, and the city would at last perform a long neglected duty.

NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The new rules and regulations which were adopted June 30 by the School Committee (see THE CITY RECORD, page 347 and page 415), have been issued as School Document No. 11, 1898, under the title of Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools of the City of Boston. The publication contains 131 pages, viz.:

The document of 1898, as a whole, contains eight pages more than the similar document in 1897, the Index in the former being fuller than in the latter. The new rules and regulations are less voluminous than the old, the former being contained in 392 sections, covering sixty-five pages, while the latter are embraced in 348 sections in sixty-one pages.

The new rules and regulations do not go so far towards revolutionizing the organization of the School Committee as was originally proposed. (See article by Mr. A. Lawrence Lowell in THE CITY RECORD, page 136.) For instance, division committees have not been abolished, and a "School Faculty" has not been instituted.

Under the old rules there were fifteen standing committees of five members and four of three members each, in addition to eleven "committees in charge," consisting of five members each. Under committees in charge were included nine division committees, a committee on the Normal School and a committee on High Schools.

The new rules provide for only fourteen standing committees, each consisting of five members, as follows: *On Accounts*; *Courses of Study and Text-Books*; *Hygiene and Physical Training*; *Legislative Matters*;

Rules and Regulations; Salaries; School-Houses; New Buildings; Supplies; Evening Schools; High Schools; Normal School; Horace Mann School for the Deaf, and Truant Officers.

The committees whose names are printed in italics in the foregoing list are found in the old rules and regulations, as well as in the new. The old Committees on Drawing, Examinations, Kindergartens, Manual Training, Music, Nominations, Text-books and Elections have been discontinued.

As heretofore there are nine division committees of five members each, but they are no longer authorized to recommend the nomination or dismissal of teachers in their several districts.

The present functions of the Division Committees are set forth as follows in the new rules:

Section 52. The Division Committees shall visit the respective districts, schools, and classes to which their duties relate, and shall make written reports thereon to the Board in November, and may make reports at any other time.

Section 53. It shall be their duty to bring to the attention of the proper committee, the Superintendent, or other proper officer, all matters which, in their judgment, require criticism or suggestion.

Section 54. The committees in charge of the respective schools or districts affected may, by written permits, transfer pupils from one school or district to another.

The Committee on Courses of Study and Text-books is practically a new committee; that on New Buildings is absolutely a new committee on whom certain functions formerly belonging to the Committee on School-houses have been devolved. Their duties are set forth below.

Section 40. The Committee on Courses of Study and Text-books:

1. Shall take into careful consideration every proposition to change the courses of study, and no such proposition shall be acted upon by the Board until it has been referred to this committee and reported upon.

2. Shall see that no programme of a special study is put into use in any school until it has been considered by this committee and approved by the Board.

3. Shall pass upon every proposition for the introduction of a text-book; book of reference, globe, map or chart, before it is acted upon by the Board.

4. Shall make a printed report to the Board in April of each year.

Section 36. The Committee on New Buildings:

1. Shall, as herein provided, have general supervision over the construction of all new school buildings, and of additions to old buildings.

2. Shall consider the fitness of locations for school-houses, and after consultation with the Superintendent and the proper committee, submit to the Board such reports and recommendations relating thereto as they shall deem proper.

3. Shall advertise for school-house sites, receive proposals, and give public hearings

with reference to the selection thereof, and perform the other duties prescribed in Section 1 of Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897.

4. Shall nominate to the Board an architect or architects to design plans and supervise the construction of buildings to be erected, or upon which additions are to be made; but the services of the School-house Agent shall, so far as practicable, be availed of in such work.

5. Shall prepare plans for the erection of new school buildings, or for additions to old school buildings, and after such plans shall have been approved in writing by the Superintendent and the School-house Agent shall submit the same to the Board for its approval, together with careful estimates of the cost of the proposed new buildings and the additions to old buildings.

6. Shall consider, and report upon temporary accommodations for school purposes, and shall have authority in cases of immediate and pressing necessity, after consultation with the Superintendent and the appropriate committee, to provide such accommodations; all such contracts to be reported to the Board at its first meeting after the making of the same.

7. Except in case of pressing necessity for temporary accommodations the committee shall not make or authorize a contract of any kind until it has been approved by the Board.

8. Shall annually, in the month of December, after consultation with the School-house Agent, report to the Board in detail the expenditures made during the year for new school-house accommodations, with their opinion as to the condition and adequacy of existing school-house accommodations and recommendations as to future needs.

9. Shall report in writing upon all propositions for changes in district lines before they are acted upon by the Board.

Section 37. The Committee on School Houses:

1. Shall, as herein provided, have general supervision of the care, repair, furnishing, warming, cleaning, and ventilation of the several school-houses.

2. Shall not make or authorize any contract, except as provided in the following paragraph, for a sum exceeding \$50, until it has been approved by the Board.

3. Shall, at the first meeting of the Board in June of each year, submit for approval separate estimates of such expenditures as this committee recommend to be made during July and August, and, after the approval of such estimates, may, during said months, authorize contracts and necessary changes therein, in accordance with such estimates, which contracts and changes shall be valid without submission to and approval by the Board; but, so far as practicable, contracts for all work to be done during July and August shall be submitted by this committee to the Board for approval before the adjournment for vacation.

4. Shall, subject to the approval of the Board, appoint and discharge the janitors of the several school-houses, and make such regulations as they deem necessary for their government, such rules to be printed and distributed to the principals of the schools and janitors.

5. Shall propose to the Committee on Salaries a scale for the compensation of janitors, which compensation shall be in full for all services rendered.

Section 38. Both the Committee on New Buildings and the Committee on School-houses:

1. Shall cause bids for all contracts, the estimated amount of which exceeds \$500, to be solicited by advertisement in THE CITY RECORD, and at least two daily newspapers published in the City of Boston; such advertisement to state the time and place for opening the proposals in answer to said advertisement, and reserving in such advertisement the right of the committee to reject any or all proposals.

2. Shall require every such bid to be accompanied by a suitable bond, certified check or deposit of money for the faithful performance of such proposal, and shall keep all such proposals unopened until the time fixed in the notice for their opening, shall at such time open the proposals, and thereafter keep them and allow the public to inspect the same.

3. Shall not, after the execution thereof, alter any contract except by a writing signed by the School-house Agent, by the contractors, and by the sureties on the bonds, whenever their liability may be affected by such alteration; but no such alteration involving an additional expense of more than \$100 shall be made until it has been approved by the Board.

4. Shall see that all contracts are faithfully performed and all penalties properly enforced for breaches of contract, unless the Board, on report of the committee, shall otherwise order.

5. Contracts shall in all cases be awarded to the lowest bidder, unless the Board shall, on report of the committee, for good cause shown, otherwise order.

Under the new rules, the Superintendent of Schools is given greatly enlarged powers, and charged with responsibilities formerly distributed among certain standing committees.

Section 57. A Superintendent of Schools shall be elected by ballot in the month of June, 1898, and biennially thereafter, who shall hold his office for the term of two years from the first day of September in the year of his election.

Section 58. The Superintendent shall be the executive officer of the School Board in all matters relating to instruction. He shall see that all regulations of the public schools and all orders of the School Committee concerning the supervision, instruction and management of the schools are executed. He may appoint such clerical assistants as shall be necessary, subject to the approval of the Board.

Section 59. He shall assign to each supervisor such duties as he thinks best, and he may delegate to any one or more of them any part of his authority, except such of it as relates to the appointment, transfer and removal of instructors and other officers, to the approval of plans, and to recommendations to the Board or other relations with it. Such delegated authority shall be exercised under the direction of the Superintendent, and he shall be personally responsible therefor. He shall have authority to make such arrangements, and give to the supervisors, directors, principals and instructors of special subjects such directions, not contrary to the regulations or orders of the Board, as in his judgment the welfare of the schools requires.

Section 60. He shall, after consultation with members of the Board of Supervisors, and subject to the approval of the Board, appoint, transfer and remove all directors, principals and other instructors, provided that in the case of subordinate instructors he shall also consult the principal of the school, if any, to which the action relates, and with the appropriate director if the action relates to his department.

He may appoint temporary teachers for a term not exceeding two months, such appointments to be reported to the Board at the meeting next following, but this period shall not be extended or renewed without the approval of the Board.

Section 61. He shall take into careful consideration every proposal to change the courses of study, and no such proposal shall be acted upon by the Board until it has been reported upon by him. No programme of a special study shall be put into use in any school until it has been considered by him and approved by the Board.

Section 62. He shall report upon all propositions for changes in the regulations before they are acted upon by the Board.

Section 63. He shall determine the forms of all registers, record-books, blanks, and cards used in the schools, and shall see that they are of uniform patterns. He shall make investigations as to the number and condition of the children of the city who are not attending the public schools, and shall endeavor to ascertain the reasons for such non-attendance, and to suggest and apply the remedies.

Section 64. Annually, in the month of March, he shall present to the Board, in print, a report, giving an account of the duties he has performed, together with such facts and suggestions relating to the condition of the schools, and the increase of their efficiency and usefulness, as he may deem advisable. He shall embrace in the report an abstract of the semi-annual returns of the public schools, and a schedule showing the number of teachers employed. He shall, in the month of September of each year, present, in print, an abstract of the semi-annual returns for the preceding half year.

Section 65. The Superintendent is authorized to dismiss the Grammar Schools one half-day in each term, and the Primary Schools two half-days in each term, for the purpose of advising teachers on the best method of instruction and discipline. He shall decide when there shall be but one session of the Grammar and Primary Schools on account of stormy weather.

Section 66. He shall render such aid and communicate such information to the various committees as they may require of him; and shall have a right to attend all committee meetings, and shall attend any meeting of a committee when requested to do so by the chairman thereof.

Section 67. He shall, except when the election or salary of Superintendent is under consideration, be present at all meetings of the Board, unless, by a three-fourths vote of the members present, the Board shall go into exclusive executive session. When present he shall have the same right as a member to take part in debate. He may propose to the Board or its committees, in writing, such action touching the schools as he may deem necessary.

Section 68. Any member of the Board may, in executive session, ask him any question relating to the administration of the schools.

Section 69. He shall consider and report upon such matters as may be referred to him to the Board or its committees; and he shall perform such other duties as the Board may require.

The new rules also provide for the appointment of a School-house Agent, a totally new officer, whose duties are prescribed as follows:

Section 103. The School-house Agent shall be the executive officer of the Board in all matters relating to the construction, furnishing, repair and maintenance of all school buildings and grounds. Before entering upon the performance of his duties he shall give a bond conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, payable to the City of Boston, in such penal sum as the Board may, on recommendation of the Committee on School-houses, determine.

Section 104. He shall have authority to order to be made, on his own responsibility, current minor repairs upon school-houses at an expense not exceeding in the aggregate a sum to be fixed from time to time by the Committee on School-houses, with the approval of the Board.

Section 105. He shall make a quarterly report of all needed repairs on school-houses, with an estimate of the cost thereof, and a monthly report of all his doings and expenditures, all of which shall be submitted to the full Board for its inspection.

Section 106. He shall certify to the correctness of all bills for expenses incurred for the construction, alteration, or repair of school-houses where an architect is not employed, and he shall have charge of all furniture and other school-house fittings in the possession of the Board.

Section 107. He shall be present at all meetings of the Committee on School-houses and of the Committee on New Buildings, and shall have a right to take part in the discussions.

Section 108. He may appoint such assistants as may be necessary, subject to the approval of the Board.

Section 109. He shall have the supervision of the janitors of the school-houses, and shall see that they carry out all regulations of the Board and directions of the Committee on School-houses, and shall report all cases of negligence or inefficiency to the Committee on School-houses. But nothing herein is to be construed as affecting or in any way impairing the responsibility of the principals of the schools for the control of janitors as provided in Section 198 of the regulations.

Section 110. He shall perform such other duties as the Board or the Committee on School-houses may from time to time prescribe.

The Metropolitan Park Commissioners have recently moved into new quarters in the Congregational House, fifth floor, 14 Beacon street.

Four boys escaped from Rainsford Island, Monday, September 26, at night, in a stolen rowboat.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held September 27 at Mason street at 7.30, with President Huggan in the chair, and all members present except Messrs. Bowdlear, Fleischer and Paul.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was passed:

Ordered, That the salary due Helena F. Leary, deceased, late primary assistant in the Washington-Allston District, be paid to her mother, Louisa Leary.

The Chair read the following:

(1.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

September 15, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to establish and maintain a kindergarten school in the section known as Mattapan, in Tileston School District, Ward 24.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

September 15, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

September 19, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN, Secretary.

Referred to the Superintendent of Schools.

(2.) CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

32 Tremont Street, September 27, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

DEAR SIRS: The Trustees for Children who have charge of the Parental School of the City of Boston have voted that the teachers of the Parental School should be paid at the same rate as teachers of the Boston Public Schools of the same standing.

Mr. B. C. Day, who has had large experience in connection with schools and teachers, has been appointed Superintendent of the Parental School.

In view of these facts, the Trustees for Children respectfully ask your Board to consider the question of according to the teachers at the Parental School the same rights and privileges that accrue to teachers in the Boston Public Schools.

The Trustees find that the difficulty of obtaining first-rate teachers is partly dependent on the fact that time spent in a Parental School by teachers does not count to their advantage as time spent in Public Schools does.

The Trustees intend to provide teaching of a superior quality at the Parental School, and to do everything in their power to make it fulfil the demands of an ideal Truant School.

Respectfully your obedient servant,

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

(3.) BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

Old Court House, September 27, 1898.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Esq., Secretary
School Committee.

DEAR SIR: The Board of Election Commissioners would respectfully request that they be allowed to place a voting booth occupying a space of about thirty by thirty in the yard of the Primary School, Adams street, Ward 24.

The lot connected with this school is very large and the space which we should occupy will be so small it could not possibly inconvenience the scholars, while it would be a great convenience to the Board, as we desire to place as many booths as possible in permanent locations. In this case, however, we should only expect the booth to remain until such time as the School Committee would need to use the lot for other purposes, when it would be immediately given up.

If you will kindly act upon this request at once it would be of great assistance to the Commission, as we are obliged to complete our locations at a very early date.

Respectfully,

Board of Election Commissioners,

L. E. PEARSON, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

(4.) SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

September 23, 1898.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I transmit herewith a communication addressed to me and asking for my co-operation in securing the erection in Paris of a monument to be dedicated to General LaFayette. As this communication embodies a request for the collection of money in the schools of the city, I submit it to you for your consideration.

Very respectfully,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

LAFAYETTE MEMORIAL COMMISSION.

Chicago, September 16, 1898.

PROFESSOR E. P. SEAVER, Boston, Mass.

DEAR SIR: It is proposed to signalize the participation of the United States, in the Paris Exposition of 1900, by the erection in Paris, in the name of the youth of our land of a monument to the early friend and defender of our liberties, General LaFayette, the same to be unveiled and dedicated, July Fourth, United States Day, at the Exposition.

In this connection we send you herewith a prospectus of the proposed monument.

The idea of the erection of a monument to the patriot friend of Washington, by the children and youth of America, we believe will appeal not only to your pride as an American citizen, but to your patriotism as well. The plan of the Special Commission appointed by the Commissioner General, outlined in the prospectus, is largely a suggestion for guidance in the matter of your co-operation, so necessary to the success of the movement. It is desired where possi-

ble, to raise the fund for the monument by a general admission to school exercises, to be held universally on October 19, LaFayette Day, but where this is impracticable, particularly among the smaller children, the pupils should be asked to solicit from their parents or acquaintance contributions of from one to ten cents, to be donated to the fund from your school.

Your enthusiastic aid is so essential that the Commissioner cannot urge you too strongly to take the matter up in your community and in your school. Much depends upon your efforts, and we trust you will call to your aid such influences as the local conditions may suggest.

Very respectfully,

FERDINAND W. PECK,

Commissioner-General.

ROBERT J. THOMPSON,

Secretary LaFayette Memorial Commission.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Lowell it was

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

On motion of Mr. Lowell the appointments and confirmations presented at the last meeting were approved.

Resignations were accepted of six teachers.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him, as made in accordance with the rules and regulations:

(1.) Special assistants, ten; laid over, under the rule. (2.) Temporary teachers, fifteen; placed on file. (3.) On probation, nine teachers; laid over, under the rule. (4.) For confirmation, six teachers; laid over, under the rule. (5.) Transfer of one teacher; laid over, under the rule.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to six teachers.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the regulations pertaining thereto: (1.) One special Assistant; laid over, under the rule. (2.) Seven temporary teachers; appointed under suspension of the rules. (3.) One teacher, on probation; laid over, under the rule.

On the recommendation of the Committee on School-houses, it was ordered:

(1.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Paul Revere School-house, furnishing, \$7,000.

(2.) That permission be granted the Board of Election Commissioners to place a temporary voting booth in the yard of the Adams street Primary School, said booth to be removed at any time upon request of the Committee on School-houses.

On the recommendation of the Committee on New Buildings, it was ordered:

(1.) That the City Council be requested to transfer to the School Committee the

Webb School-house on Porter street, East Boston, surrendered by the School Committee, April 14, 1896, the use of said building for school purposes again being required.

(2.) That the City Council be requested to transfer to the School Committee the Austin School-house on Paris street, East Boston, surrendered by the School Committee, February 12, 1895, the use of said building for school purposes again being required.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, reported that under authority granted by the Board, July 26, they have advertised for and received proposals for the construction of a new four-room primary school-house at Forest Hills. Finding that the cost of this building, on the basis of the bids received would exceed the appropriation by about \$5,000, your committee felt obliged to reject all proposals for the main contract. Subsequently they have very carefully revised the specifications, and have obtained a proposal from G. A. Cahill, the lowest bidder, to undertake the general contract for the sum of \$27,178, a reduction of \$2,337 from his original bid. Your committee estimate the entire cost of the building, including architects' commission, at \$32,430, which is in excess of the appropriation of \$30,000. This building differs from the other primary school-houses lately placed under contract, in that the rooms are of grammar instead of primary size, as it is not improbable that it will ultimately become the grammar school of a new district. Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the following orders:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

New Primary School-house, Forest Hills,
additional \$2,500

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are authorized to execute contracts in connection with the new primary school-house, Forest Hills, as follows:

Building, G. A. Cahill \$27,178
Plumbing, William N. McKenna . . . 1,550
Heating and ventilating, the Fuller &
Warren Warming and Ventilating
Company 2,158

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the report was recommitted; which vote was reconsidered later in the session on Mr. Eaton's motion — Yeas, 13; nays, 4.

The point of order was raised that the bids must be again called for on account of change in specifications, before the contract could be signed.

The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Mr. Coolidge appealed from the decision of the Chair.

By a vote of 4 to 10 the Board declined to sustain the Chair.

The orders were taken up separately and passed.

Mr. Huggan, who had resigned the chair to Mr. Lowell, moved that the board reconsider its vote to be found on page 456 of the minutes, whereby the board failed to authorize the Committee on New Buildings to execute a contract in the sum of \$203,006 with

Mead, Mason & Co., for constructing the East Boston High School-house.

Reconsideration was taken — Yeas, 13; nays, 7; and the committee was authorized to make a contract with Mead, Mason & Co., in the sum of \$203,006, by a vote of yeas 15, nays 5.

On the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools it was ordered:

(1.) That the Board authorize the employment of a special teacher of phonography, book-keeping and typewriting in the Girls' High School, the salary of said instructor to be at the rate of \$1,200 per annum.

(2.) That an additional assistant be allowed in the West Roxbury High School.

(3.) That a special teacher of phonography, typewriting and book-keeping be allowed in the Charlestown High School.

(4.) That a special teacher of phonography and typewriting be allowed in the Roxbury High School.

(5.) That a special teacher of phonography and typewriting be allowed in the East Boston High School.

(6.) That an additional assistant be allowed in the Charlestown High School.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, to whom was referred, August 19, the appointment on probation of John Haynes, junior master in the Boys' Latin School, to date from September 6, 1898, reported that they have considered the matter and recommend that the appointment be approved.

Mr. Eaton for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute contracts with the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, in connection with the extension of the heating and ventilating system at present installed in the Bowditch School-house, on account of the construction of a two-room addition to said building, as follows:

Necessary changes and extension of present system \$310.

New apparatus to be installed in addition \$425.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, reported that on September 1, a hearing was granted by them on the request of a committee, representing the Building Trades' Council of Boston and vicinity, with regard to discriminating in favor of organized labor on school-house work. Subsequently at the request of your committee a definite statement in writing was submitted to them of the action desired by the petitioners, viz.: The insertion in all contracts of a clause providing that citizens of Boston, and Union men carrying a card of Building Trades' Council of Boston and vicinity be given preference in employment on such work, and that similar preference be exercised in favor of local bidders in the award of contracts. The committee were impressed by the arguments presented by the petitioners, but however fully they might be in sympathy with the efforts of organized labor to obtain just recognition in the distribution of public work, and the proposition that citizens of Boston and local bidders should be preferred in the award of contracts, where such preference does not prejudice the public interest, they feel that it is clearly not within their power

to change the present form of contract upon their own responsibility, especially as the rules provide that all contracts shall be awarded to the lowest bidder, unless the Board shall, for good cause shown, otherwise order. They therefore report the matter to the Board for such action as may be deemed expedient.

Laid on the table.

On the recommendation of the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Ordered, That the afternoon session of the schools in the Charles Sumner, Longfellow and Robert G. Shaw Districts shall begin at fifteen minutes before two o'clock and close at fifteen minutes before four o'clock throughout the school year.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Normal School, it was

Ordered, That Larkin Dunton, Head Master of the Normal School, be granted a leave of absence, on half pay, from October 1, 1898, until August 31, 1899.

Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, reported that in consequence of the passage of Chapter 496 of the Acts of 1898, there is a question whether the truant officers who have been elected by the Board under the authority conferred by Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1894, can continue to act in that capacity without another election. They therefore nominate the following-named persons to serve as truant officers of the City of Boston, from September 1, 1898: George Murphy, Chief; George W. Bean, Henry H. Blackwell, James Bragdon, Frank Hasey, John T. Hathaway, A. M. Leavitt, James P. Leeds, David F. Long, John McCrillis, Amos Schaffer, William B. Shea, Warren J. Stokes, Daniel J. Sweeney, Charles E. Turner, Richard W. Walsh, John H. Westfall, Charles B. Wood and Charles S. Woodindale.

Accepted, and the nominations approved.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Salaries, it was

Ordered, That the salaries of the truant officers be continued from September 1, 1898, at the same rate as heretofore, viz.: Chief truant officer, \$1,800; truant officers, \$1,300 per annum each, subject to a reduction of ten per cent. from the amount due for the month of August, 1899.

At 10.47 P.M. the Board adjourned.

APPOINTMENTS.

In accordance with the appointments made in July last, Mr. Thomas A. Mullen, formerly Private Secretary to His Honor Mayor Quincy, assumed the duties of Assistant City Solicitor on October 1, 1898, and Mr. Nathaniel G. Robinson, who has been Assistant Secretary, became Private Secretary on the above date. The new office of Corresponding Secretary will be filled by Mr. James A. McKibben.

Mr. Michael J. Dwyer, late Superintendent of the Marcella-street Home for Children, has been appointed Secretary of the Music Department of the City of Boston.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, September 29, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Shelter at Parkway.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 22, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Commission in regard to your order requesting them to provide a shelter or emergency house on Jamaica Pond, for the better protection of people who may meet with accidents.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

September 6, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Regarding the order of the Common Council, requesting this Board to provide a shelter or emergency house for the better protection of people who may meet with accidents in the parkway or Jamaica Pond, we think this order has been passed under a misunderstanding.

Pine Bank House, at Jamaica Park, is open for the accommodation of the public from 6.30 A.M. to 6 P.M., and at night, the police have keys to the house. This building is heated and lighted and provided with toilet facilities for men and women, and there is a large room for the use of the public.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Transfer of School Property.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 29, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith copies of orders passed by the School Committee at its last meeting requesting that the Webb School-house, on Porter street, East Boston, and the Austin School-house, on Paris street, East Boston, which were surrendered by the School Committee, be again placed under the charge of the School Committee.

Very respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

September 27, 1898.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to transfer to the School Committee

the Webb School-house on Porter street, East Boston, surrendered by the School Committee April 14, 1896, the use of said building for school purposes again being required.

Passed.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

September 27, 1898.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to transfer to the School Committee the Austin School-house on Paris street, East Boston, surrendered by the School Committee February 12, 1895, the use of said building for school purposes again being required.

Passed.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Schools and School-houses.

Flag—Adams-Street School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 29, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee saying that, in accordance with the request contained in an order of your body, the Adams-street School-house has been furnished with a flag.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

September 27, 1898.

The Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred, June 14, an order from the Common Council to the effect that a flag be provided for the Adams-street School-house, report that the school-house named has been furnished with a flag, and that no further action in the matter is necessary.

For the Committee,

A. T. DAVISON, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

City Hospital Rules.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 29, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital in reply to your order asking them "to so amend their rules as to empower the Superintendent of the City Hospital to honor the requests made by members

of the City Council asking for admittance of relatives and friends to visit patients confined in the hospital."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL.

September 26, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, wherein you refer to them an order of the Common Council relative to the visiting of patients at the City Hospital, for such action as they deem proper.

The order passed by the Common Council is as follows:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the Trustees of the City Hospital to so amend their rules, as to empower the Superintendent of the City Hospital to honor the requests made by members of the City Council, asking for admittance of relatives and friends to visit patients confined in the hospital.

The Trustees have given the request a careful consideration, and beg to offer the following reply:

They have long regarded the regulation of visitors to patients in the hospital as of great importance. It affects the welfare of the sick in the same way as the professional treatment, the giving of medicines, the nursing or rest and sleep; a neglect of the patients' well-being in this respect may absolutely neutralize otherwise beneficial treatment.

The present regulations regarding the visiting of patients provide that friends may be permitted to visit patients on week days, from 2 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon, but that no patient shall have more than two visitors on the same day. Relatives and friends of patients whose names are placed on the dangerous list are, however, permitted to visit them at other hours without special permission. The practice also exists of admitting visitors at other hours upon passes, which may be issued by any Trustee. This practice is supposed to be limited to relatives or near friends who are unable to visit in the regular hour and to cases of special necessity, and not exceeding two passes are to be given to visit the same patient in one day. The passes admit only between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 7 o'clock in the afternoon, "providing in the judgment of the Superintendent it will not be detrimental to the patient named or to the interests of the hospital."

The difficulty of making proper provision for the visiting of patients by their relatives and friends and at the same time of protecting the sick under their charge from the annoyance and dangers which would result from too much visiting, has been for a long time a subject of serious consideration by the Trustees. Requests for more liberal provisions for visiting, and earnest suggestions that more rigorous rules against visiting should be adopted, have alike from time to time been received.

Several months before the passage of the order of the City Council, the Trustees had instituted a special investigation of the subject for their own information and guidance. They requested from the members of the

medical and surgical staff of the hospital, the house staff and the head nurses, answers to a series of questions as to the effect of visiting upon the patients and the work of the hospital. A summary of the reports received make up a document of thirty-two pages, and embrace the opinions of some of the ablest and best-known physicians and surgeons in the city, and of many persons of great experience in hospital management.

It was the almost unanimous opinion as expressed in these reports, that while a regular visiting hour afforded much pleasure and comfort to the patients as a whole, even then much harm was done in individual cases, of which instances in point were given. A large majority of the reports asserted that there was too much visiting outside of the regular visiting hour, and many suggested a further restriction of such visiting. The reports gave in much detail the effects produced by the visiting upon the patients and upon the nursing and care of the sick.

The size of the summary of these reports prevents its insertion here at length, but a few extracts from the reports are given, showing the effect of liberal visiting and the nature of the criticisms made:

A large number of visitors coming in even at regular visiting hours could not do otherwise than interfere with the nursing and care of the patients.—Dr. David W. Cheever.

There are a good many things done for patients in the way of personal attention which cannot be carried out with visitors in the wards. When a patient is critically ill, his strength is exhausted by seeing people with whom he wishes to communicate.—Dr. H. L. Burrell.

Patients weakened from any cause are often tired out and made worse by too much talking from friends and visitors.—Dr. G. W. Gay.

I think that a number of people sitting around the bed of a very sick patient is bad for all concerned, especially so, when in a small room difficult to ventilate at best.—Dr. V. Y. Bowditch.

An influx of visitors may interfere with the nursing and may be seriously disturbing to many very sick patients who are in need of sleep and rest.—Dr. A. L. Mason.

Large numbers of visitors cause disturbance and trouble in the wards and prevent other patients sleeping, and in several cases, patients have been almost exhausted after their visitors have left.—Dr. Arthur R. Perry.

Their sleep has been broken for the night, and the patient, tired out from too much talking, has been made nervous and exhausted.—Dr. Charles S. Knight.

The nurses prepare for the visiting hour, so that the nursing or care is not so seriously interfered with. Visitors allowed by special permission to visit patients outside of regular visiting hours, do interfere with the nursing and care of other patients, especially when the patient visited is in a room or ward containing two or more patients.—Miss Drown, Superintendent of Nurses.

Since there are certain things that cannot be done when a patient has visitors, their presence in the ward must interfere greatly with the work.—Miss Riddle, Matron South Department.

The regular visiting hour is something we expect, and therefore plan our work accordingly, but visitors coming outside of regular visiting hours do retard dressings, enemata, etc.—Miss Parker, Head Nurse.

The number of nurses on duty after six o'clock is usually smaller than during the day. If visitors are admitted to the wards after 6.30 P.M., it does greatly hinder the care and nursing of the patients.—Miss Worth, Head Nurse.

The Trustees also ascertained that for a series of months preceding the investigation, the daily average number of visitors to patients coming to the hospital at the regular visiting hour was 291, and that there were about 130 visitors each day at irregular hours, outside of the hour fixed for visiting. These made an approximate total of 154,000 visits to patients during the year.

The Trustees further investigated the practice that obtains in other hospitals, and found that in nearly all first-class hospitals in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and other large cities which were generally more restricted than in the Boston City Hospital, no visiting was allowed outside of the regularly appointed hours, except a limited number of visitors permitted to patients dangerously ill. The practice of giving "passes" seemed not to exist in any other large general hospital, except one.

In the light of the information obtained from these investigations and in comparison with the practices existing in other great hospitals, the regulations of the Boston City Hospital seem liberal in respect to the admission of visitors.

The Trustees have been well aware of the satisfaction and relief which are given to the relatives and friends of patients by coming to them and seeing for themselves that the patients are well cared for, and of the great consolation and happiness which a patient often experiences by the sight and voice of a relative or friend at his bedside, and they have accordingly felt justified in their desire to afford every reasonable facility for such visits. They are at the same time, compelled to remember that the best possible care and treatment of the sick, with a view to their comfort and speedy recovery, must underlie every regulation made for their pleasure or for the satisfaction of their friends.

The Trustees recognize that for a large number of the relatives and friends of the patients the necessary regular hour for visiting is so inconvenient as to be almost impossible and that for pressing reasons exceptions must be made in certain cases, according to the condition or exigencies of the particular patient; but they are sure that the affection of a relative or the kindly interest of a friend should not be permitted to weigh against the permanent welfare or recovery of the patient.

Again, since patients are in a hospital congregated in wards, while visitors may not injure or interfere with the particular patient visited, their presence in the ward may and frequently does harm other patients who are in a sicker or more precarious condition. Their presence in wards likewise often interferes with the necessary examinations of physicians and the required attention of nurses. This is obviously the case when male visitors are present in women's wards, or women are visitors in male wards, and treatment and care which should be given at once must be delayed or be imperfectly accomplished. Patients admitted to a hospital where there are hundreds of other patients gain many real advantages over patients singly treated in private homes, but they are necessarily obliged to forego some of the comforts which the home life affords, but even in the private home the attending physician fully prescribes the nature and number of visits that the patient

shall receive or altogether prohibits the visitor.

The order passed by the City Council requests the Trustees so to amend their rules as to empower the Superintendent to honor the requests of its members asking for admittance of relatives and friends to visit patients in the hospital, presumably at other than the regular visiting hour and at such times as the interest or convenience of the visitor may determine.

To honor all such requests for the admission of visitors would seem to suspend regulations for the treatment of patients in a matter requiring careful inquiry and great delicacy of judgment and involving the responsibility for the welfare of the sick, made after much consideration and experience and with the advice of those directly charged with the care of patients, and to place upon others, who cannot have an accurate knowledge of the condition of patients or hospital necessities, the responsibility which the laws and ordinances have imposed upon the Trustees and the officials appointed by them. Your Honor and the members of the City Council have so uniformly and zealously seconded the Trustees in their efforts to help in every way the sick who are entrusted to their care in the City Hospital, that the Trustees are now sure that they will see the wisdom of the adoption of careful precautions in the matter of visiting at the Hospital, and are likewise sure that they will expect the Trustees to exercise the responsibility imposed upon them to care for the sick sent to the Hospital according to their best judgment, and the advice and experience of the efficient staff who are charged with the direct treatment of patients.

The Trustees are confident that the members of the City Council will, upon further consideration, unite with them in believing that no change should be made in the regulations for visiting at the Hospital, which may tend to interfere with the attention due to patients or to impede or imperil their recovery. When patients are placed upon the dangerous list their friends will always be notified, and will be received at all hours, so far as is consistent with the condition of the patient; and inquiries at the office as to the condition of individual patients will always be readily answered.

For the Trustees,

Yours respectfully,

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Placed on file.

Foster Bequest.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 29, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith orders prepared by the Corporation Counsel authorizing the acceptance of the munificent legacy of \$30,000 left to the city by the late John Foster for the purpose of erecting a monumental statue of William Ellery Channing, and providing for the location of such statue upon the Public Garden, as designated by the testator, and for its erection by the new

Board of Art Commissioners under the powers vested in them by the statute of the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Council gratefully accepts, on behalf of the city, the legacy of \$30,000, from the estate of the late John Foster of this city; that the City Treasurer be authorized to receive the same, on behalf of the city, and that the sum received constitute a trust fund, to be designated as the John Foster Trust Fund.

Ordered, That the Board of Art Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, be and hereby is authorized to procure a monumental statue of the late Rev. William Ellery Channing, and to cause said statue with a canopy over the same to be erected in the Public Garden, opposite the Arlington Street Church.

Ordered, That the Treasurer, hold, invest and reinvest said sum and use the same with the income thereof to meet the expenses incurred by said Commissioners under the above order, and pay any balance remaining of said sum and interest, after paying said expenses, to the executors of the will of the late John Foster, or their successors in said office.

The order was passed, and the message and order sent up.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following notice to holders of liquor licenses was issued by the Board of Police on September 29, 1898:

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF LIQUOR LICENSES:

The Board of Police hereby instructs all holders of liquor licenses that the licenses issued to and held by them are in law purely personal privileges, and that such licenses authorize no one to sell intoxicating liquors except such holders and their servants and agents employed by and acting for them, and that any holder of a liquor license who allows his name or his license to be used by any person other than himself or his bona fide servants or agents, or who enters into any agreement or contract of pretended agency or of pretended partnership for the purpose of allowing some person other than himself to carry on a liquor business under cover of his license, is abusing the privilege conferred upon him, and will be so considered by the Board of Police.

By order of the Board of Police,

THOMAS RYAN, Clerk.

At a special town meeting, held Monday, October 3, 1898 in Melrose, it was voted to authorize the selectmen of the town to petition the next General Court for a city charter.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved September 30, 1898:

Ordered, That the expenses incurred by the city in the reception and entertainment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in connection with the meeting in Boston of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of said order, and also the expenses attending the reception to the officers and men of the United States war vessels in this harbor, the parade of the marines from such vessels and the entertainment of the sailors of said vessels, be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Phillips the sum of \$130.46, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate, 75 Lowell street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 548.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Benjamin Lancy the sum of \$49.10, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate, 551 Dorchester avenue, for unpaid taxes of the year 1892, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2162, fol. 507.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Bentley W. Warren the sum of \$28.92, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Etna street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2408, fol. 76.

The following was approved October 1, 1898:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the George Lawley & Sons Corporation to build outside the building limits a wooden building on rear of East First street, near O street, Ward 14, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for a ship-building shed.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved September 28, 1898:

Ordered, That the consent of the Board of Aldermen be hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company, to establish and maintain the electric system of motive

power in the operation of its cars in the City of Boston, by the overhead system, so called, on Geneva avenue from Bowdoin street to Park street, and on Park street to Dorchester avenue, connecting with the existing overhead system of said company on Bowdoin street and Dorchester avenue and with its car-house on Park street.

And permission is hereby granted to the said West End Street Railway Company to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Geneva avenue from Bowdoin street to Park street, thence on said Park street to Dorchester avenue, with necessary curves, sidings, cross-overs, switches, and connections, connecting with the company's existing tracks on said Bowdoin street and Dorchester avenue and with its car-house on said Park street, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated August 25, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within nine months from the date of the passage of this order.

The following were approved September 29, 1898:

Constable's bond of William L. White.

Permit to Timothy F. Callahan to project

a bay-window over the corner of Warren and Winthrop streets, Ward 5, from building 50-52 Warren street.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

To R. F. Garland, illuminated sign, 154 Main street, Ward 5.

To Felice Lauricella, signs, Hanover and Richmond streets, Ward 6.

To Samuel Caro, showcase, 15 West street, Ward 7.

To Charles J. Mansfield, sign, 21 Cobb street, Ward 9.

To M. Brown, sign, 164 Merrimac street, Ward 8.

To Thomas R. Jackson, sign, 67 North Market street, Ward 6.

To B. H. Cram, illuminated sign, 105 Clifton street, Ward 10.

To Maria J. Ingersoll, sign, 4 School street, Ward 5.

To George W. Dunlap, sign, 208 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 10.

To John I. Toland, transparency, 41½ Bunker Hill street, Ward 3.

To Michael J. Cannon, barber-pole, 471 Dudley street, Ward 17.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Norcross Brothers to erect, maintain, and use one guy-post with the necessary guy-ropes attached thereto on Cove street, between Beach and Kneeland streets, Ward 7; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John C. Brooks, to lay, maintain, and use a one and one-quarter inch iron pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of estate Nos. 15 and 17 Myrtle street, Ward 11; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to D. Henry Cram, to erect, maintain and use one guy-post with ropes attached thereto in and over Huntington avenue at or near Hotel Oxford, for use in constructing the new station of the Boston & Albany Railroad, Ward 11; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the George A. Fuller Company to erect, maintain and use guy-posts with the necessary ropes attached in the following streets, viz.: One on Essex street, near East street; one on East street, corner East-street place; one on Atlantic avenue near East street, for use in building construction, Ward 7; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized, under the authority of Chapter 562 of the year 1898, to provide the necessary accommodations and furniture for the Land Registration Court; the expenses of the same to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following order was presented to the Mayor, September 20, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the several departments hereinafter named be authorized to expend the sums of money, and for the purposes herein specified, and that to meet the appropriations aforesaid, the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount, viz.:

BATHS DEPARTMENT.

Commonwealth Park Gymnasium, additional . . . \$5,000
Public bath-house, Dover street, additional laundry, machinery, electric wiring, furnishing, etc. . . . 6,000
\$11,000

ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Additional portable booths and furnishings 30,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Completion of salt-water pipe system 7,500

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

North Grove-street morgue, additional . . . \$3,000
Steamer "Vigilant," new boiler 5,000
\$8,000

INSANE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Improvement of water service 2,000

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Salt-Water fire system, Long Island . . 11,000

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Street Improvements:
Street improvements, general . . . \$60,000
Ward 1 6,000
Ward 2 6,000
Ward 3 6,000
Ward 4 6,000
Ward 5 6,000
Ward 10 6,000
Ward 11 6,000
Ward 13 6,000
Ward 14 6,000
Ward 15 6,000
Ward 21 6,000
Ward 25 6,000
132,000
Total \$201,500

By the Board of Aldermen.

The two following orders were presented to the Mayor, September 20, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing in front of premises 8 Oakley street, Dorchester; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of premises 41 Telegraph street, South Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Awards of Contracts.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court square, October 4, 1898.

Proposals for furnishing coal for the Pauper Institutions Department were opened at the office of the Trustees on Monday, October 3, as follows:

	60 tons Stove.	100 tons Egg.	90 tons Broken.	2,000 tons Soft.
Henry T. Woods	-	-	-	\$2 69*
Wellington-Wilde Coal Company	-	-	-	2 90
Garfield & Proctor Coal Co.	-	-	-	2 90
Metropolitan Coal Company	\$5 08	\$4 83	\$4 68	2 68

* Or coal similar grade, Sterling, \$2.49.
NOTE.—The contract provides that the broken coal be delivered at Charlestown Almshouse and the soft coal be delivered at Long Island.

The contract was awarded to Metropolitan Coal Company.

WILLIAM T. SEDGWICK, Chairman.

Street Department.

Proposals for sewer work have been opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as follows:

Sewer in Oakridge Street and outlet in Morton street, Dorchester; bids opened September 29:

Bidders.	Bids.
D. M. Dwyer	\$1,446 30
P. McCarthy	1,530 61
F. E. McCarthy	1,541 70
D. F. O'Connell	1,749 00
McDowell & Sons	1,783 00
Flynn & Brophy	1,928 51
D. E. Lynch	2,103 10
R. J. Malone	2,664 00

The contract was awarded to D. M. Dwyer.

Pipe drains in Bragdon street, Roxbury; bids opened September 30:

McDowell & Sons	\$438 85
J. P. O'Connell	472 20
D. E. Lynch	680 32
James Dolan	722 62

The contract was awarded to McDowell & Sons.

Sewer in Charlestown street; bids opened September 30:

R. J. Malone	\$3,211 00
J. P. O'Connell	5,158 00
D. E. Lynch	5,698 20

The contract was awarded to R. J. Malone.

Sewers and drains in Savin Hill avenue; bids opened September 30:

McDowell & Sons	\$4,502 25
D. F. O'Connell	4,987 50
P. McCarthy	5,092 50
R. J. Malone	5,110 00
John McMorro	5,276 75
D. E. Lynch	5,929 50

D. M. Dwyer	6,437 50
John Donovan	6,524 25

The contract was awarded to McDowell & Sons.

Proposals for macadam roadway have been opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as follows:

Macadam roadway in North Harvard street; bids opened September 29:

George H. Wentworth & Co.	\$7,240
James Doherty & Co.	9,508
Neill McBride	9,788
Collins & Ham	10,423
D. E. Lynch	14,450
T. H. Gill & Co.	16,022

The contract was awarded to George H. Wentworth & Co.

Macadam roadway in Stuart street; bids opened September 29:

Collins & Ham	\$643 26
John Connors	679 00
D. E. Lynch	761 90

The contract was awarded to Collins & Ham.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Canvass of Bids.

Cambridge Bridge Commission.

Proposals for building a temporary pile bridge across Charles river, near the West Boston bridge, were opened at the office of His Honor the Mayor, on Saturday, October 1, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Benjamin Young	\$32,200
William J. Lawler	35,800
G. A. Cahill	36,315
W. H. Keyes & Co.	37,986
John T. Scully	40,200
John Cavanagh & Co.	40,500
W. L. Miller & W. H. Ellis	42,873
J. N. Hayes & Co.	45,000

The bids were taken under advisement.

WILLIAM JACKSON,
City Engineer of Boston.

HOUSES ORDERED VACATED BY BOARD OF HEALTH.

The following is a list of houses ordered vacated by the Board of Health during the month of September, 1898:

No. 41 Rochester street, 221 Endicott street, 1 Prentiss place, 20 South Margin street, First rear 20 South Margin street, 28 South Margin street, First and second rear 28 South Margin street, 71 Northfield street, 645 Saratoga street, 32 Oswego street, 36 Oswego street, 54 Taber street, 51 Worcester street, First and second rear 26 Tennyson street, 1241 and 1243 Blue Hill avenue, 4 Leonard street, 8 Morton street, 6 Stillman street, 9 Stillman street, 1 Fay street, 9 Bickford street, rear 238 Centre street.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

City Hall, September 22, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Chairman, J. Albert Brackett, 92 State street, Boston, on Tuesday, September 13, 1898, at 3.30 P.M.

There were present: Messrs. Brackett, Atteaux, Morse, Fallon and Hersey.

Bills to the amount of \$854.47 were approved.

The Trustees formally considered the various plans of the new chapel to be constructed at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Voted, That the Trustees inspect the cemetery chapels in the vicinity of Boston and that they meet on Thursday afternoon, September 22, and visit the cemeteries for that purpose.

Voted, That the Chairman have full authority to proceed with the work of having classified and recorded the records of the burials in the old cemeteries in charge of the department.

NELLIE V. NORTON, Secretary.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, September 26, 1898.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held September 26, 1898:

A letter was received from the Mayor consenting to the making of a contract with the Boston Bridge Works without advertising, and it was

Voted, That the bid of the Boston Bridge Works for building an iron foot-bridge at Wood Island Park for \$2,850 be accepted.

It was also voted to accept the proposition of the Boston Bridge Works to furnish and erect four lamp posts for the bridge, for the sum of \$65.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institution Department.

28 Court square, October 3, 1898.

The thirty-seventh regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held on Monday, September 19.

The Hospital Committee reported that on September 13, 61 sick soldiers had been received at Long Island. They had come from Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, on the "Relief," and the Ambulance Corps assisted in transporting them to the hospital on Long Island. According to a conference held on September 9, between members of the Hospital Committee and of the Visiting Staff, this first installment of soldiers, some of whom were convalescent, was sent to Long Island by direction of Dr. Bradford, of the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association. Dr. Minot, of the Visiting Staff,

has offered to make daily visits at Long Island, and arrangements have been made by which the steamer "John Howard" will run on daily trips to suit the convenience of the Staff.

Voted, That the Superintendent of Long Island be instructed to keep an account of unusual expenses incurred for soldiers, to be submitted later to the Mayor.

A letter from Mayor Quincy was read, stating that he had been requested by the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association to make such arrangements that any wounded and sick soldiers, who are without means and need some further public care, may be sent directly from the Association to Long Island. (It was understood that the Mayor would act upon this request.)

A letter from Dr. Taylor was read, recommending on behalf of the Staff, the appointment of Dr. Joseph B. Ingoldsby as house-officer at Long Island.

Voted, That Dr. Ingoldsby be appointed, in accordance with the suggestion of the Medical Staff.

A letter from Superintendent of Long Island was read relative to religious services. It is now understood that both Catholic and Protestant services will be held weekly.

The report of Mr. Edward W. Forbes, in regard to the library of Long Island was accepted and placed on file. There are 659 volumes in the library.

The Superintendent of Long Island reported that the soldiers there are doing well. Seven are critically ill, but are thought to be improving. There are thirteen cases of typhoid fever.

The following appointments were confirmed:

George Pike, farm hand, \$25 per month; Samuel Wallis, assistant cook, \$25 per month; Frances McKenzie, probationer, \$10 per month; Benjamin Haydock, nurse, \$30 per month; Mabel Howard, probationer, \$10 per month; Walter H. Bond, farm hand, \$25 per month; Annie Adams, night matron, \$20 per month.

Census for Long Island, September 17, 1898:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	55	109	164
Children	1	2	3
Dormitory:			
Adults	0	224	224
Children	3	4	7
Institution	214	0	214
Total	273	339	612
Same date 1897			584

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

A wide-tire ordinance has been adopted in Kansas City, Mo., to protect the boulevards and parkways of the city. All carts and wagons using these carriage-ways must have tires at least three inches wide, if they are drawn by one horse and at least four inches wide if drawn by two or more horses. Wagons with small tires may carry merchandise to premises on these carriage-ways provided they enter at the nearest cross-street and do not go more than a block over the boulevard or parkway.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, October 3, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending October 1, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	115
Number of discharges of mortgages	23
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	4
Number of bills of sale	7
Number of assignments of wages	26
Number of married women's certificates	13
Number of ship liens	3
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1

The following accident notices were filed September 30, 1898:

Mary F. Mallon, injuries to horse caused by alleged defect in highway on Harvard street, Dorchester, on September 25, 1898. Annie V. Mahoney, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Warren avenue, Charlestown, on September 2, 1898.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, October 1, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Philip Sowden, 320 Poplar street, Ward 23, one horse; Ellen Sullivan, Granville street, Ward 23, twelve cows.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Carl F. Monk, Mountain avenue, corner Ballou avenue, Ward 24, two horses; hearing October 6, at 11 o'clock. S. A. Knapp, Beech street, near Belgrade avenue, Ward 23, one additional horse; hearing October 6, at 11 o'clock. H. B. Wood, 137 Glenway street, Ward 20, two additional horses, four in all; hearing October 6 at 11 o'clock. C. E. Mugford, 4 Havey street, Ward 23, one horse; hearing October 6, at 11 o'clock. Richard Corcoran, jr., Lee street, near Carolina avenue, Ward 23, ten cows and two horses; hearing October 13, at 11 o'clock. Linnie M. Clark, 24 Longfellow street, Ward 24, one horse; hearing October 13, at 11 o'clock. Augustus Hallstrom, Whitford street, Ward 23; hearing called for October 13, at 11 o'clock. J. L. & A. T. Weinz, Anawan avenue, near Allen street, Ward 23; hearing October 13 at 11 o'clock.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending September 30:

Steers	231
New England cows	19
New England bulls	3
Sheep	379
Calves	513
Total	1,145

Remarks: During the past week 410 pounds of tuberculous meat were condemned.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending October 1, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	8	9	17
Negative	34	31	65
No growth	0	0	0
Totals	42	40	82

Remarks: Cultures were made in four cases of suspected typhoid fever. The result was negative in three cases and positive in one case.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, October 4, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department, for the week ending October 2, 1898:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISION.

Inspections made	428
Defects reported	77
Defects corrected	60
Dead wire removed (feet)	14,100
Poles inspected	40
Notices of new work received	11
Fixtures removed	9

An investigation has been made of the electrical accident to Daniel Harrigan, an employee of the Water Department, which occurred at No. 710 Albany street, and it was found that same resulted from contact with telephone wire in contact with unknown high tension wire.

An investigation has also been made of electrical accident to Peter Martin, a trimmer in the employ of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, which occurred at the Grand Theatre, corner Washington and Dover streets, September 30. The same was found to be due to contact with alternating wires of the Suburban Light & Power Company.

The Boston Electric Light Company has removed poles as follows:

Corner Travers and Haverhill streets	1
Union street	2
Medford street	4
Portland street	7
Lancaster street	4
Merrimac street	3
Allen street	7
Derne street	2
McLean street	1
Causeway street	2

The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company has removed sixteen poles from Charles street, between Cambridge and Leverett streets.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	224
Notices of new work received	104

Inspections have been made of temporary wiring at the various theatres.

One fire reported to be due to electric wires was investigated, and found to be due to causes other than those of an electrical nature.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals as follows:

Conduit construction	2
Building connections	16
Repairs	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	28
Building connections	9
Lamp connections	10
Pole connections	4
Repairs	3
Cable drawings	17
Inspections of underground transformers,	1

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	5,733
Feet of duct laid	38,482
Manholes built	27
Service connections made	40
Feet of cable drawn in	24,910

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

PRIZE FOR ESSAY.

A prize of \$250 is offered by the "Cosmopolitan Magazine" for the best essay on the arrangement and construction of subways for carrying the sewers, water and gas pipes and other conduits of great cities.

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MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending October 1, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	24.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897 ..	17.3
Number of deaths:	
Males	133
Females	115
Total	248
Total deaths in corresponding week,	
1897	172
Increase	76

Of the 248 decedents, 245 were white and 3 colored; 169 were born in the United

States, 76 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 36 were of American parentage, 178 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 34 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	22	2
Scarlatina	20	1
Typhoid fever	27	8
Measles	22	2
Totals	91	13

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	28
Pneumonia	12
Whooping-cough	3
Heart disease	14
Bronchitis	5
Marasmus	10
Violent causes	15
Total from principal causes	87
Total from infectious diseases	13
Total from other causes	148
Total from all causes	248

Deaths of children under 1 year	75
Deaths of children under 5 years	98
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Naval orders promulgated October 4 include the following relating to Boston:

Commander J. E. Pillsbury appointed Commander at Boston Navy Yard from August 10, in place of Commander F. M. Green, retired, detached and ordered home.

Commander H. G. O. Colby detached from command of the "Hannibal" and ordered to duty as Inspector, Second Light-house District, Boston.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 28, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building two masonry abutments and a masonry pier for the bridge on Columbia road over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$20,000 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, October 10, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 1, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 5,217 linear feet of sewer work in Richmond and Adams streets and outlet, Dorchester, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 o'clock M., of Friday, October 7, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 4, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that an outlet for a sewer in Rosemary street, at West Roxbury, be constructed in private land, between said Rosemary street and a taking made for a sewer by the City of Boston in June, 1895, and that land be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said land deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the eighteenth day of October, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 4, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the passageway from River street to Pinckney street, called River-street place, be laid out as a public alley, designated as No. 301, in District No. 4, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on plan of said public alley in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the eighteenth day of October, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

NOTICE TO VOTERS.

Old Court House, October 3, 1898.

The Board of Election Commissioners hereby gives notice that it has received from the respective City Committees the names of persons suggested by them for appointment as precinct officers for the year beginning November 1st next. Lists containing the above names have been prepared and are now open for inspection at the office of said Board in the Old Court House, Court square. The Board desires to receive full information as to the qualifications of said candidates, and for that purpose will keep said lists open until October 8.

LINUS E. PEARSON,

TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,

GEORGE P. SANGER,

JOSEPH J. CORBETT,

Board of Election Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

The Pauper Institutions Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing to the City of Boston, 134 tons of cast-iron water-pipes.

A bond of one thousand (1,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety, for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, enclosed in an envelope, and, with a certified check for three hundred (300) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, left at the office of the Pauper Institutions Department, No. 28 Court square, Boston, Mass., before 12 o'clock M., of Monday, the seventeenth day of October, 1898.

This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

Proposals filled out and left with check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city. Said envelope should be endorsed, "Proposal for Cast-Iron Water-Pipe."

WILLIAM T. SEDGWICK, Chairman.



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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting on Monday, October 10, 1898, voted to confirm the following appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

Nathaniel J. Rust and Ubert K. Petten-gill, to be members of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds, for the term ending April 30, 1901.

John J. Sullivan, to be a Constable, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Walter Bryant, Hollis O. Thomas and Frederick T. Wort, to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

DEATH OF STEPHEN D. MURPHY.

Stephen D. Murphy, Quartermaster-Sergeant, Company I, Ninth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, died on the twelfth instant, of typhoid fever, in Framingham Hospital, South Framingham, Mass.

In April, 1898, Sergeant Murphy left the position of Foreman of the Municipal Printing Office (where he had been employed since March 29, 1897) to enlist. While the Ninth Regiment was at Camp Alger, in Virginia, Sergeant Murphy was detailed, with

the late Major O'Connor, for recruiting service in Boston.

On July 26 he returned to Camp Alger. He was taken ill on September 1, while at Camp Gordon Meade, Middletown, Penn., where he remained until Sunday, September 4. On that day he left Camp Meade with the detachment of the regiment, bound for South Framingham, where he arrived on Monday, September 5. He was immediately transferred to the hospital, where he remained during his entire sickness.

Mr. Murphy leaves a widow and an infant child. His home was in Dorchester.

INSTITUTIONS QUARTERLY CON- FERENCE.

The regular quarterly conference of the Institutions Trustees was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, September 30, 1898, at 4 o'clock.

There were present: Mrs. R. C. Lincoln and Mr. William L. Rutan of the Pauper Institutions Trustees; Mr. Sproules of the Overseers of the Poor; Dr. H. C. Baldwin, of the Insane Hospital Trustees; Mr. John O'Hare, of the Trustees for Children.

Mayor Quincy was also present. Dr. Philip C. Knapp was present, but was obliged to leave before the meeting was called to order.

Mrs. Lincoln, for the Pauper Institutions Trustees, made the following report:

The Pauper Institutions Trustees report that on August 25 last a conference was held between the Hospital Committee and the Visiting Staff of the Long Island Hospital, at which it was determined that in case of necessity, 129 sick soldiers could be comfortably accommodated at Long Island.

A statement to this effect was immediately made to the Mayor, and the entire middle wing of the hospital (comprising three wards) was prepared by the Superintendent for use by the soldiers.

A letter from Dr. James J. Minot of the visiting staff was received by the Trustees, stating that in case soldiers were sent to Long Island, he was prepared to make daily visits to the hospital, and would return from his vacation to do so if the necessity arose immediately.

This offer was accepted gratefully by the Trustees.

On September 13, notice was sent to Long Island from the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association that soldiers coming from Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, on the ship "Relief," would be sent there. They were transferred in Boston from this boat to the "J. Putnam Bradlee," and were removed from the "Bradlee" to the Long Island Hospital, with the assistance of the Ambulance Corps.

The soldiers, sixty-one in number, were, with one exception, members of the regular army, and had seen hard service in Cuba, some of them having been through the fights at San Juan and Santiago. A number of the men were convalescent. One had had yellow fever, and others were suffering from malaria. Thirteen cases of typhoid have developed among them.

All the cases are now reported as doing well. The one volunteer from Maine, who was seriously ill, has the satisfaction of having his mother with him.

The physicians of the staff, and the resident physicians and nurses, are doing all in their power to make the men comfortable, and the soldiers express themselves as quite content with their present surroundings.

Dr. Baldwin, for the Insane Hospital Trustees, reported as follows:

There are 543 patients at the Boston Insane Hospital, and 1,100 insane patients with Boston settlements are boarded in State institutions.

At the last meeting it was reported that for administration purposes the two institutions—Pierce and Austin Farms—had been put under one executive head. This arrangement has worked well, and the administration of the hospital is now efficient and economical.

Last year a piggery was built at the expense of \$500, and 100 pigs were bought at \$1.50 a head. This has proved a profitable investment, and the building is being enlarged so that enough swine may be properly housed to consume all the waste. The herd has been enlarged to fifty odd cows, so that all the milk needed is produced on the place.

This year the Board asked for \$163,300 for insane patients boarded in State institutions, and \$10,000 for the patients boarded in the School for Feeble Minded, a total of \$173,300—\$165,000 was granted, the appropriation being cut down \$8,300. Now, as the rate of board for patients at State institutions is a fixed charge, and the number of patients does not vary much from year to year, except that the number increases, there is bound to be a deficit, for the appropriation is not sufficient. For the first six months there is a deficit of \$5,000,

on half the appropriation, and the bills for the second half-year promise to be larger than for the first half. The amount that was asked for by the Board will be needed and probably a little more.

However useful the Repair Department may be in certain departments, viz., the care of school-houses, it is a question whether it is so useful and economical for the Insane Department. So far as possible we do our own work, but sometimes it is necessary to call in help for something unusual, like plastering, and there has been a small strike the past week at Pierce Farm where the plasterers have been at work. One of the inmates, a good worker, was assigned to carry plaster for the man who put on a skim coat of plastering. The plasterer refused to work unless he had a union man at the hod and left work. The matter was referred to the union that night, and the plasterer sustained, and work has not been renewed at last accounts.

The Board are busy at present in trying to prepare a complete plan of a proper institution for all the city insane. This involves much work, and important problems have to be solved. The situation of the hospital is excellent, surrounded as it is on two sides by Franklin Park and land forever restricted from building purposes. The hospital is very accessible. The city now owns 125 acres, and in the square there are 250 acres, part of which the city owns. More land can be obtained across the way if necessary. The help of the City Engineer and a landscape gardener have been asked to determine the availability of the land for proper building sites to care for 1,500 patients. The proper laying out of the grounds so that there shall be necessary walks and exercise room for such a number of patients is another problem, and must be successfully solved to make the plan practical. If the land is found to be available in these two ways, immediate steps should be taken to carry out the plan for such an institution. The 250 acres with Franklin Park and the restricted land would give as much breathing space to the patients as a farm of 1,000 acres. The advantage to the patients and their friends of being in the heart of the city would be very great.

The employment of the workers at truck-farming and in shops would be as healthful to the patients and as profitable to the city as ordinary labor on a farm.

Mr. O'Hare, for the Trustees for Children, made a report of progress.

Mr. Sproules, for the Overseers of the Poor, reported that everything was going on in a satisfactory manner.

ABSENCE OF THE CITY ENGINEER.

In accordance with a vote of the Cambridge Bridge Commission, Mr. William Jackson, who is engineer of the Cambridge Bridge as well as City Engineer of Boston, has gone abroad to inspect bridges in some of the principal European cities. Mr. Jackson sailed from New York on Tuesday, the eleventh instant, for Bremen. Mr. Jackson expects to visit Dresden, Frankfort, Berlin, St. Petersburg, Paris, London and Glasgow.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS.

The Music Commission which, during the past summer months, has had charge of the concerts given each week by the Municipal Band on Boston Common and elsewhere in the city, has completed arrangements for conducting a series of orchestral concerts to be held in Music Hall on Sunday evenings, beginning October 16.

Members of the orchestra, which will consist of thirty-five pieces, have been selected, and the Commission has secured the services of Mr. Emil Mollenhauer and Mr. John C. Mullally, as conductors.

In addition to the orchestra, there will be at each concert vocal music by competent soloists, and the Commission is now organizing a volunteer chorus which, it is expected, will first appear on Sunday evening, October 23.

Tickets for the concerts are on sale each day at Music Hall at ten, fifteen and twenty-five cents.

COURT OF LAND REGISTRATION.

Chapter 562 of the Acts of 1898, which provides for registering and confirming titles to land within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, went into effect on October 1.

The act authorizes the appointment by the Governor of two judges of the Court of Registration, and also a Recorder, who shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of all applications for the registration of title to land within the State, with power to hear and determine all questions arising upon such applications. Sittings of the Court are to be held in Boston, but may be adjourned to such other places as the public convenience may require.

The law establishing the Court of Registration provides for the appeal of any of its decisions to the Superior Court and to the Supreme Judicial Court on law points, for their final determination.

On October 5 the Governor appointed under this act, Leonard A. Jones, as Judge of Registration; Charles T. Davis, as Assistant Judge of Registration, and Clarence C. Smith, as Recorder, and they were confirmed by the Council on October 12, and qualified. The offices of the Court are on the second floor of the Tremont Building, corner of Tremont and Beacon streets.

The fees for registration payable under the act are as follows:

For every application made, including indexing and recording, three dollars; for every plan filed, seventy-five cents; for indexing an instrument recorded while application for registration is pending, twenty-five cents; for examining title, five dollars, and one-tenth of one per cent. of

value of land; for each notice by mail, twenty-five cents, and the cost of printing; for all services by a sheriff, the same fees as are provided by law for like services; for each notice by publication, twenty-five cents, and cost of publication; for entry of order dismissing application, one dollar; for entry of decree, three dollars, and one-tenth of one per cent. of assessed value of land; for copy of decree of registration, one dollar; for entry of original certificate of title and issuing duplicate, three dollars; for making and entering a new certificate of title, including issue of duplicate, one dollar; for each additional duplicate, after the first, fifty cents; for the registration of every instrument, one dollar and fifty cents; for making an attested copy of memorandum on each additional instrument or duplicate certificate, fifty cents; for filing and registering an adverse claim, three dollars; for entering statement of change of residence and attesting same, twenty-five cents; for entering any note in the entry book, twenty-five cents; for the registration of a suggestion of death, or notice of issue of a warrant in insolvency, twenty-five cents; for the registration of a discharge or release of mortgage, fifty cents; for the registration of a memorandum or certificate of entry for possession or deposition in proof thereof, fifty cents; for the registration of any levy, or of any discharge or dissolution of any attachment, or receipt for payment of taxes, fifty cents; for endorsing on any mortgage a memorandum of partition, one dollar; for every petition filed under this act after original registration, one dollar; for a certified copy of any decree or registered instrument, the same fees as are provided by law for registers of deeds.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN SEPTEMBER.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of September, 1898, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 547; total number of mortgages, 584; total amount of mortgages, \$2,903,315.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	114
South Boston	46
East Boston	47
Roxbury	65
Dorchester	178
West Roxbury	48
Brighton	38
Charlestown	11
Total	547

OPENING OF DOVER-STREET BATH-HOUSE.

The Dover-street Bath-house, which is now completed, will be opened on Friday evening, October 14, with appropriate ceremonies.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, October 10, 1898, Chairman Conry presiding. Absent — Alderman Codman.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1.) James M. Buckner, to be a member of the Board of Assessors, for the term ending April 30, 1901.

(2.) J. Homer Pierce, to be a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, for the term ending April 30, 1900, in place of Richard C. Humphreys, resigned.

(3.) Thomas Sproules, to be a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, for the term ending April 30, 1901.

Severally laid over, under the law.

The following messages were received:

Power to Locate Drinking-Fountains.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 10, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Inasmuch as the powers of the Water Commissioner in regard to drinking-fountains are at present somewhat indefinite, I recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance including among his powers the right to locate drinking-fountains, and to supply the same with cold water.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

City of Boston, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight. An Ordinance Relating to the Water Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 42 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relating to the Water Department, is hereby amended in Section 1 by inserting after the word "city," in the twelfth line thereof, the words "including the placing of drinking-fountains and supplying the same with cold water."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Money for General Burial Lot.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 10, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a letter from the Chairman of the Trustees of the Cemetery Department which explains itself, and I request the passage of the accompanying

loan order to provide the money required for this absolutely necessary purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Cemetery Department be authorized to expend the sum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars in preparing additional ground at the Mt. Hope Cemetery for use as a general burial lot, and that the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Approval of Temporary Bridge Location.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 10, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith, in order that it may be placed on the files of the City Clerk, a communication from the Acting-Secretary of War, notifying me of the approval by the War Department of the map of location and plans of the temporary bridge to be constructed over the Charles river from Cambridge street in Boston to Main street in Cambridge.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Subject: Temporary bridge, Charles river, Boston and Cambridge, Mass.

File No. 6287. — War Department.

Washington, September 14, 1898.

GENTLEMEN: Referring to your application of the tenth ultimo, I have the honor to transmit herewith an instrument approving the map of location and plans of a temporary bridge to be constructed by you over Charles river, from Cambridge street in Boston to Main street in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Yours respectfully,

G. D. MEIKLEJOHN,

Acting-Secretary of War.

Messrs. Josiah Quincy, Alvin F. Sortwell and E. D. Leavitt, Cambridge Bridge Commissioners, No. 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass.

(Inclosure: Instrument — 3 of 6287.)

Whereas, by Section 3 of an act of Congress, approved July 13, 1892, entitled "An act making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," it is declared that it shall not be lawful to construct by authority of the legislative act of a State any bridge not already authorized by law, over a navigable water of the United States wholly within the limits of such State, without the approval by the Secretary of War of the location and plans of such bridge;

And whereas, the Cambridge Bridge Commissioners having authority under an Act of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts to construct a temporary bridge over Charles river from Cambridge street in Boston to Main street in Cambridge, in said State, has submitted a map of the location and plans of the same;

Now, therefore, this is to certify that the map of location and plans of said bridge, which are hereto attached, are hereby approved by the Secretary of War, subject to the following conditions:

That the Engineer Officer of the United States Army, in charge of the district within which the bridge is to be built, may supervise its construction, in order that said plans shall be complied with.

Witness my hand this fourteenth day of September, 1898.

G. D. MEIKLEJOHN,
Acting-Secretary of War.

(Seal.)

(Revenue Stamp.)

Placed on file.

City Government Orders.

PERMITS GRANTED — APPROVED BY THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved October 4, 1898:

Permits to project bay-windows, etc., viz.: Frederick Ayer, nine windows and a cornice, at 2444-2484 Washington street, Ward 21.

Charles F. Hargrave, two windows, from building 62 Porter street, corner Havre street, Ward 2.

John J. Keeley, one window, over Chapman street, from building 204 Main street, corner Chapman street, Ward 5.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The four following orders were presented to the Mayor, September 28, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the trees in front of the estate of James F. Haddock, on Washington street, Dorchester, just north of Roslin street, be removed; the expense attending the same to be charged to appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove one tree and trim the remaining trees standing in front of premises 53-55 Forest street, Roxbury; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate an electric light at or near Nos. 7 and 9 Medford street, Ward 8; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Dr. J. H. Jackson to erect, maintain, and use an iron post with clock surmounted thereon, in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 24 Temple place, Ward 7. The work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

REPORT OF ALDERMANIC COMMITTEE ON THE COUNTY PRISONS.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on Monday, October 10, 1898, the following report was submitted by Alderman Cleary:

The special committee of the Board of Aldermen appointed to visit and inspect the prisons in the County of Suffolk, having made the inspection required by the statutes of the Commonwealth, respectfully submit their first semi-annual report.

SUFFOLK COUNTY JAIL.

The Suffolk County Jail was visited August 23, and the institution was found in a very creditable condition. The committee feel called upon to repeat the recommendations of previous years, first, the erection of a new building for the detention of women, in which provision could be made for a laundry, and second, the construction of a brick wall in place of the fence which now encloses a portion of the grounds. The overcrowded condition of the jail is about the only feature which the committee could criticise, and this would be obviated by the construction of the new wing as recommended. Hospital accommodations should be provided at once.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION, SOUTH BOSTON.

This institution was visited August 23, and was found in as good a condition as the antiquated buildings would allow. The institution should be removed, or new buildings erected, as it would be practically a waste to spend any considerable sum in patching up the present property. The committee found nothing to complain of in the management of the institution, and believe it is conducted as well as is possible with such a plant as is furnished.

HOUSE OF REFORMATION, RAINSFORD ISLAND.

The committee inspected the House of Reformation on August 24. The Trustees are of the opinion that this institution should be removed to the main land, where new buildings should be erected, and an opportunity given for out-door work by the boys. This recommendation has been several times made in previous years, and the committee are of the opinion that it would be a step in the right direction. A number of improvements have been made since the last inspection, the most noteworthy being the construction of an additional school-building, and new sanitariums. An electric light plant is very much needed, as the present system of lighting with kerosene lamps is unsafe.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION, DEER ISLAND.

This institution was visited by the committee on August 24. Everything was found in the best of condition. The electric lighting plant should be enlarged so as to include the women's building, which is at present lighted by kerosene lamps. The men are well employed, and the administration of the institution is almost beyond criticism.

THE PARENTAL SCHOOL.

The Parental School was inspected August 23, and was found in a very good condition. The buildings are overcrowded, and the committee can only repeat the recommendations of previous years, which call for additional land, and the construction of new buildings.

In conclusion, the committee have only to say that the institutions of the City of Boston and Suffolk County will compare favorably with those of any of the large cities. A number of improvements could be made by the expenditure of a considerable sum of money, but the general administration is as good as can be expected. The one point that the committee most seriously object to is the confinement of boys at the Suffolk County Jail, where they are liable to be brought in contact with criminals of every description. Provision should be made at once for a separation of the boys who may be detained there from the other inmates.

The committee are indebted to Commissioner Marshall, Trustees Dacey and O'Hare, and the officers in charge of the different institutions, who afforded the committee every opportunity for a careful inspection.

Annexed will be found the reports of the superintendents of the various institutions, giving in detail the information called for under the statutes.

MICHAEL H. CLEARY,
WILLIAM H. LOTT,
EDWARD W. DIXON,
EDWARD W. PRESNO,
Committee.

Appendix.

SUFFOLK COUNTY JAIL.

Boston, August 23, 1898.

TO THE INSPECTORS OF PRISONS FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY:

GENTLEMEN: At the date of your last inspection of the jail, viz., December 10, 1897, the number of prisoners remaining in custody was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining December 10, 1897	224	41	265
Prisoners committed from December 10, 1897, to August 23, 1898	3,412	930	4,342
	3,636	971	4,607
Prisoners discharged from December 10, 1897, to August 23, 1898	3,473	935	4,408
Prisoners remaining in custody August 23, 1898	163	36	199
Debtors in custody December 10, 1897			1
Debtors committed from December 10, 1897, to August 23, 1898			85
			88
Debtors discharged from December 10, 1897, to August 23, 1898			84
Debtors in custody August 23, 1898			2

One prisoner, Charles White, escaped from the jail yard March 28, 1898. Three prisoners have been sent to the Insane Hospital, Worcester, viz.: James F. Hatch, January 15, 1898; Francis McLaughlin, January 22, 1898, and Michael J. Healey, March 28, 1898.

Four prisoners have been discharged on probation by the Institutions Commissioner,

viz.: John J. Ward, Charles Weisbart, Charles H. White and Mary J. Martin.

I respectfully refer your committee to the recommendations in my last report in relation to the erection of new buildings and alterations needed at the jail.

JOHN B. O'BRIEN,
Sheriff and Keeper of the Jail.

By D. F. BRADLEY, Deputy Sheriff.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION, DEER ISLAND.

Boston Harbor, August 24, 1898.

TO THE INSPECTORS OF PRISONS FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY:

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully submit the following report of commitments to, and discharges from, this institution from December 12, 1897, to August 23, 1898, inclusive:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining December 10, 1897	1,378	892	1,770
Committed	6,065	920	6,985
	7,443	1,312	8,755
Discharged	6,236	931	7,167
Remaining August 23, 1898	1,207	381	1,588
Causes for discharge:			
Expiration of sentence	3,797	748	4,545
Pardoned	1,509	130	1,639
Fine paid	909	41	950
Died	9	11	20
Expiration of sentence and fine paid	6	0	6
By order of Court	1	1	2
Fine paid and bailed	2	0	2
Fine paid and pardoned	1	0	1
Transferred to Massachusetts Reformatory	1	0	1
Transferred to House of Correction, South Boston	1	0	1
Total	6,236	931	7,167

Very respectfully,
JAMES R. GERRISH, Master.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

South Boston, August 23, 1898.

TO THE INSPECTORS OF PRISONS FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY:

GENTLEMEN: The following is a report of commitments to, and discharges from, this institution from December 11, 1897, to August 23, 1898, inclusive:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining December 10, 1897	429	53	482
Committed by courts to August 23, 1898, inclusive	445	158	603
Transferred from Deer Island	1	0	1
Transferred from Sherborn	0	1	1
Returned from escape	2	0	2
Discharged to August 23, 1898	877	212	1,089
	436	117	553
Remaining August 23, 1898	441	95	536
Of the above discharged:			
By expiration of sentence	385	109	494
By order of Municipal Court at expiration of three months—fines not paid	5	1	6
Pardoned by the Commissioner	7	0	7
Pardoned by the Governor	3	1	4
Released by order of Prison Commissioners	2	0	2
Transferred to Concord Reformatory	5	0	5
Transferred to Deer Island	8	1	9
Transferred to Lunatic Hospital, Committed to State Prison by Superior Court	1	0	1
Escaped	4	0	4
Paid fines	12	6	17
Total discharged as above	436	117	553

Very respectfully,
JOHN C. WHITON, Master.

HOUSE OF REFORMATION, RAINSFORD ISLAND.

TO THE INSPECTORS OF PRISONS FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY:

GENTLEMEN: The following is the report of the commitments to, and discharges from, the House of Reformation, from December 11, 1897, to August 24, 1898:

Remaining December 11, 1897	156
Committed	86
	242
Discharged by expiration of sentence	8
Discharged by payment of fine	9
Discharged by pardon	76
Died	1
	94
Remaining August 24, 1898	148

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. PERKINS, Superintendent.

CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

In accordance with the vote of the Board of Aldermen taken on January 25, 1898, Alderman Perlie A. Dyar again assumed the Chairmanship of the Board at its regular meeting, held October 10, 1898. The arrangement made at the meeting in January was that Alderman Dyar should serve as Chairman of the Board until April 1, 1898, and again from October 1, 1898, to the end of the year. During the time intervening between April 1 and October 1, Alderman Conry was to act as Chairman.

CITY OF BOSTON, OCTOBER PAYMENTS.

City Treasurer Turner made the following payments for the City of Boston, October 1, 1898, viz.:

On Mayor's general draft:	
General expenses	\$329,287 93
City Debt due	640,000 00
	\$969,287 93
Interest on all classes of debt	848,814 97
County of Suffolk draft:	
General expenses	\$83,830 99
County Debt due	17,000 00
	100,830 99
Total	\$1,918,933 89

He remitted to London \$48,938.75, to meet the interest charges being due there October 1, 1898, on Sterling Water Loan.

DEATH OF HON. SHERMAN HOAR.

The death of Hon. Sherman Hoar occurred on Friday afternoon, October 7, at his home in Concord, Mass., from a prolonged illness contracted by labors in the various southern camps of the army.

Mr. Hoar was born in Concord, in 1860. He served one term as member of Congress for his district, declining renomination, and during President Cleveland's last administration was United States District-Attorney.

Special Notices.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces examinations for the following positions:

On October 25, 1898, examination will be held at all places marked "D" in the schedule, Section 9 of the Manual, revised to July 1, 1898, for the position of assistant, editing, abstracting, proof-reading and indexing, in the Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum. The scope of this examination may be found in Section 67 of the Manual.

On October 24 and 25, for the position of stenographer and typewriter, with special qualifications, in the State Department, at a salary of \$900 per annum.

The examination will consist of the subjects mentioned below:

English composition, reduction of foreign moneys, weights and measures, stenography, typewriting, geography and general history, international law and diplomatic history, functions of the Department of State, and duties of diplomatic and consular officers, French and German.

The Department asks for males who show graduation from the literary course of some well-known college or university, and only such persons will be examined.

On October 25, 1898, examination will be held at Boston or any other city in the United States, where the Commission has a Board of Examiners, for the position of Inspector of Hulls, Steamboat Inspection Service (Treasury Department).

There is at present a vacancy in this grade, in the New London (Conn.) District, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum.

The Commission invites attention to the fact that there is a dearth of eligibles for positions of this grade, and it is hoped that all persons who are qualified will apply for examination.

On October 28, 1898, examination may be taken for the positions of Inspector and Assistant Inspector of Ordnance.

There are at present three vacancies, which it is desired to fill, namely: Assistant Inspector of Ordnance at the Nile Tool Works, Hamilton, O., at a salary of \$3 per diem; Inspector of Ordnance at the works of the Lake Erie Engineering Company at Buffalo, at a salary of \$3 per diem, and Assistant Inspector of Ordnance at the works of the Morgan Engineering Company, Alliance, O., at a salary of \$3 per diem.

The examination will consist of letter-writing, penmanship, mathematics and practical questions. Applicants will be given credit for general education and experience.

On November 2, 1898, examination may be taken at any city in the United States, where the Commission has a Board of Examiners, for the position of copper plate map engraver, United States Geological Survey (Department of the Interior), at a salary of \$4 per diem.

The examination will consist of spelling, arithmetic, letter-writing, penmanship and copying from plain copy, of an elementary character. Applicants will be given credit for their experience, and will be required to furnish specimens of their work, which must be filed with the Commission with their applications.

On November 2, examination may be taken at Boston or any other city in the United States, where the Commission has a Board of Examiners, for the position of lithographic map engraver, United States Geological Survey (Department of the Interior), at a salary of \$2.50 per diem.

Persons desiring to compete for these examinations, should at once apply to Edward E. Stebbins, Secretary Board of Examiners, Boston Postoffice Building, for suitable application blanks, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D.C.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders were promulgated by the Board of Police on October 11:

General Order No. 537.

Whereas, It appears that Patrolman John E. Hodges, of Division 5, has performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty-nine years; that he is an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion, and that he has requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of the year 1898; it is therefore hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman John E. Hodges be retired from active service in the Police Department and placed upon the pension roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement.

This order will take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, the thirteenth instant.

General Order No. 538.

Patrolman Elisha Parker, of Division 5, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for thirty years, and having arrived at the age of sixty-five years, it is, therefore, hereby ordered, His Honor the Mayor having approved the same, that the said Patrolman Parker be retired from active service and placed upon a pension roll with pay at the rate of \$600 per annum, being one-half the compensation received by him in the office from which he is retired.

This order will take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock P.M., Thursday, the thirteenth inst.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1898.

RECAPITULATION.

ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	790	128	918	414	385	119	479	111	155	918	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	158	2	160	70	81	9	42	23	94	160	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	687	151	838	301	480	57	292	215	265	818	20
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	51	3	54	24	9	21	19	3	39	54	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	11	—	11	7	4	—	3	3	—	11	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	88	39	127	56	60	11	88	3	4	127	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	111	117	228	67	159	2	92	35	15	228	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	7,451	954	8,405	426	7,880	99	4,224	3,441	748	7,696	709
Totals	9,347	1,394	10,741	1,365	9,058	318	5,239	3,834	1,320	10,012	729

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	1	—	37	5	79	10	161	17	177	25	143	18	82	18	48	20	34	7	14	4	9	—	5	4
No. 2.	3	—	43	—	44	1	25	1	24	—	11	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	1	—
No. 3.	8	—	108	3	122	12	97	38	113	27	73	24	61	23	53	8	20	5	18	6	9	1	5	4
No. 4.	1	—	24	—	12	—	7	—	3	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
No. 6.	—	—	—	—	3	—	12	5	14	10	15	8	20	4	10	8	8	1	4	1	2	2	—	—
No. 7.	1	—	—	—	4	4	20	36	28	29	19	18	17	17	9	12	8	—	—	1	2	—	3	—
No. 8.	28	9	118	10	391	45	994	140	1,356	185	1,202	155	1,094	144	766	99	651	61	364	44	232	27	255	35
Totals	42	9	330	18	655	72	1,317	237	1,716	277	1,470	223	1,275	206	891	147	722	75	404	56	255	30	270	44

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female,” includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	90	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	47	Males	41
Missing persons reported	80	Females	8
Missing persons found	15	Americans	26
Lost children restored	591	Foreigners	23
Sick and injured persons assisted	979	Non-residents	42

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	5,502	25	Brought forward	10,671	49
British Provinces	808	1	Denmark	14	—
Ireland	2,720	10	Holland	3	—
England	377	3	Wales	12	—
France	33	—	East Indies	1	—
Germany	102	9	West Indies	15	—
Italy	363	1	Turkey	10	—
Russia	228	—	South America	1	—
China	26	—	Switzerland	3	—
Greece	97	—	Belgium	2	—
Sweden	125	—	Africa	2	—
Scotland	157	—	Hungary	—	—
Spain	9	—	Asia	—	—
Norway	43	—	Arabia	3	—
Poland	34	—	Australia	2	—
Austria	25	—	Mexico	—	—
Portugal	7	—	Armenia	2	—
Finland	15	—	Totals	10,741	49
Carried forward	10,671	49			

Awards of Contracts.

Cambridge Bridge Commission.

The contract for building a temporary pile bridge across Charles river, near the West Boston bridge, proposals for which were opened at the office of His Honor the Mayor on October 1 (for complete canvass of bids see THE CITY RECORD, page 574), has been awarded to Benjamin Young, the lowest bidder, on his bid of \$32,200.

Street Department.

Proposals for the following work were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on October 7 and 10, respectively:

Sewers and drains in Richmond and Adams streets and outlet:

Bidders.	Bids.
F. E. McCarthy	\$9,722 26
D. F. O'Connell	9,943 75
McDowell & Sons	10,195 50
D. M. Dwyer	10,403 50
John Rogers	11,124 05
D. E. Lynch	11,271 76
P. McCarthy	11,507 45
James Dolan	13,466 24

The contract was awarded to F. E. McCarthy.

Abutments and pier of bridge on Columbia road, over New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad:

D. F. O'Connell	\$23,800
J. J. McCarthy	26,850
Holbrook, Cabot & Daly	26,950
W. H. Keyes & Co.	27,593
James McGraw & Co.	30,506
D. E. Lynch	31,404
J. D. Gennaro	32,384
D. M. Dwyer	34,800
M. Russo & Co.	36,380
Ross & Fowler	37,800
H. P. Nawn	50,000

The contract was awarded to D. F. O'Connell.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

HOURS OF CLOSING CITY HALL

The following is an extract from the Revised Ordinances of 1898, concerning office hours of departments:

Chapter 3, Section 10.

Every officer in charge of a department shall have an office open for the transaction of public business from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon on every day, except Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays and the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill; on Saturdays he shall close his office at twelve o'clock noon during the months of June, July, August and September, and during the other months of the year at one o'clock.

Board Meetings.

Library Department.

Monday, July 11, 1898.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Bowditch, DeNormandie, Lincoln, Prince and the Librarian.

Communications received: From the Mayor, dated June 28; from Frederick Tudor, dated July 11; the Auditor's monthly exhibit for June.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation, amounting to \$5,357.20; chargeable to the Library building furnishing appropriation, \$41.40; chargeable to trust funds, \$786.56; chargeable to "Branch Library, Broadway Extension," special appropriation, \$24.14.

Purchases authorized: Miscellaneous articles, to the amount of \$2,746.80.

The matter of the discontinuance of Station "K" was reconsidered, upon a further report from the Librarian. Upon his recommendation it was

Voted, That the former vote be rescinded, and in view of the stipulations entered upon by the Custodian, the station be continued for the space of one year from July 1, 1898.

Voted, That, until further action by the Board to the contrary, the President and any one of the Trustees are authorized to approve the lists of miscellaneous articles submitted by the Librarian for purchase.

Adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

Tuesday, September 13, 1898.

A special meeting of the Corporation called by order of the President was held at 101 Ames Building, Court street, at 12.30 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Prince and the Librarian.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation, amounting to \$3,607.69; chargeable to trust funds, \$524.49; chargeable to Library building furnishing appropriation, \$1,059.02; chargeable to appropriation for completion of Library building, \$12,643.51; chargeable to "Branch Library, Broadway Extension," special appropriation, \$14.70.

The President was authorized to sign special drafts in favor of Connery & Wentworth for \$9,400; Smith & Lovett for \$1,350, and Elmer E. Garnsey for \$250, included in the appropriation for the completion of the Library building.

The action of the President in drawing upon J. S. Morgan & Co., a draft in favor of Edward G. Allen for £50 in payment for books, was approved.

Friday, September 30, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, DeNormandie, Lincoln, Prince and the Librarian.

Communications received: From the Mayor, dated June 27, also circulars 43, 44, and 46; from the Board of Election Commissioners, dated August 19; Librarian's report; Auditor's monthly exhibit.

A communication addressed to the Mayor by Richard Lees, under date of July 21, with reference to a replica of the bust of Sir Walter Scott, was referred to the Trustees for report, and it was

Voted, That the President advise the Mayor that if the bust be sent to the Library it will be duly considered by the Trustees, and if deemed by them available for the Library Building, will be submitted by them to the Art Commission.

The request of the Board of Election Commissioners for permission to use the Library room at the Dorchester Branch for the State and city elections of 1898, was granted.

Purchases authorized: Miscellaneous articles to the amount of \$3,998.08.

Service changes: Michael F. Leonard, Grade D, special libraries, died September 20; John Rossiter, janitor, West End Branch, died August 11; Richard M. Brennan, forwarder in bindery, discontinued from and after August 4; Lillis Barlow, Grade C, special libraries, resigned October 1; Marion E. Lewis, Grade B, special libraries, resigned September 30. Employed: Walter F. Shawno, shelf department, Grade D, \$5 per week, beginning September 29; Edna M. Hersey, issue department, Grade E, \$3.50 per week, beginning September 29; Frank Hannigan, Bates Hall, Grade D, \$6 per week, beginning September 29; Arthur E. T. Smith, special libraries, Grade D, runner, \$5.50 per week, beginning September 26; Arthur C. Thomas, janitor department (elevator), \$9 per week, beginning September 29; J. Henry Sullivan, bindery (forwarder), \$18 per week, beginning September 29. Grade increases: S. A. Chevalier, catalogue department, Grade A, special, \$23.50 to \$25.50 per week, beginning October 1; Margaret L. Cassidy, special libraries, Grade D, special, \$8 to \$9 per week, beginning October 1; Frederic Serex, newspaper room, Grade B, \$12 to \$13 per week, beginning October 1. Langdon L. Ward, temporarily employed as Supervisor of Branches and Stations at a salary at the rate of \$1,200 per year, to date from July 1.

Ordered, That J. Henry Sullivan, forwarder in the bindery, be paid the sum of \$100 for services from August 15 to September 29, at \$15 per week; that Langdon L. Ward be paid the sum of \$149.13, being the net amount due to date as supervisor from July 1, less payments made; that Lucius P. Lane be paid the sum of \$55 for special services in the documents department from August 22 to September 26; that Susan E. Livermore be paid the sum of \$101.87 for extra service at the Charlestown Branch as acting-custodian from October 23, 1897, to April 30, 1898, during the absence, through illness, of the regular custodian; that Mrs. John Rossiter be paid the sum of \$17.50, due on her late husband's account for service rendered for the week ending August 14.

The Librarian was authorized to add to the evening and Sunday schedule two attendants at twenty cents per hour, and to arrange for the opening of Stations "P" and "S" on certain hours on Sunday during

the winter months, at a cost for service of not exceeding \$2.50 per week for each station.

The filling of the vacancy in the janitorship of the West End Branch was referred to the President and Librarian as a committee.

The Librarian submitted a report from the chief of the catalogue department, upon the question of a printed catalogue in book form; also, partial statements of the condition of the various appropriations.

The Librarian was authorized to turn over without charge to the Italian Epworth League, such Italian newspapers as can be spared, after they cease to be of use at the Central Library.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held at its rooms in Charity Building, Wednesday, October 5, 1898.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Miss Rogers, Mr. Sproules, Miss O'Brien, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Kerrigan, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Day and Mrs. Wolcott.

The following votes were taken:

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending September 10, 1898.

Voted, To draw on the city treasury for \$2,000.

A notice from the Public Buildings Department of contract for coal for three months beginning October 1, 1898, was referred to Committee on Supplies.

Voted, That the Chairman of the Finance Committee be requested to be present, on behalf of this Board, when the trunk of securities which was in charge of our late Treasurer is opened.

Voted, That the Finance Committee be requested to examine the securities belonging to the trust funds when they are turned over to this Board.

An extract from the Revised Ordinances of 1898, concerning office hours of departments, received from the City Clerk's office, was read by the Chairman, and it was voted that the matter be referred to the Chairman to arrange with the Secretary.

Voted, That the Medical Committee be requested to arrange for the distribution of cards with regard to free dental service.

The Committee on Finance reported having examined the accounts for September and found them correct.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read by Miss Rogers. The committee reported the engagement of a new cook at a salary of \$25 per month, and that a new night-watch has been taken on trial. Action approved and report placed on file.

The monthly report of the Committee on Lodge and Woodyard was read by the Chairman and placed on file.

The Committee on Building reported a bad leak in the roof of Charity Building, and was authorized to cause it to be repaired.

The Medical Committee reported Dr. Sprague's acceptance of the proposition made to him with regard to medical service in Charlestown.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Friday, September 30.

Voted, on recommendation of the Law Department, to pay T. J. Taber \$900 and interest from May 1, 1898, for damages occasioned by the relocation of Blue Hill avenue. It was also voted to pay William R. Smith, assignee of Benjamin Rockwell, \$723.60 for damages occasioned his estate by the laying out and construction of Millet street, and \$487.20 for damages occasioned his estate by the laying out and construction of Park street; to pay Mary E. Rhodes \$9,000 for all land taken from, and for all damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Columbia road; the several agreements of said owners to accept said sums having been approved by the Mayor.

Petitions were received for sewers to be built in Weld and Corey streets, Norfolk street, Geneva avenue, Leicester street, house fronting on the Fenway between the Boylston and Westland entrances; in Keyes street, Cottage Park and Saratoga street, and for catch-basins to be built in Westville street, Rochdale street, Randall street, Washington street, Condon street, corner H and Ninth streets, and Dacia street; for an extension of West Walnut Park to Amory street; that Bancroft street may be laid out, from Columbus avenue to West Walnut Park; that Ernst and Miles streets may be laid out from West Walnut Park to Bragdon street; that Fenwaygate may be laid out, from Hemenway street to the Fenway; that Wales place may be laid out, and that Long-fellow street may be laid out.

Sewers were ordered to be built in Endleigh street, Savin Hill avenue, a passageway leading from Romsey street, Harrison street, passageways leading from A street to Sleeper street and from Sleeper street to Fort Point Channel; catch-basins were ordered to be built in Tremont, Glenway, Angell and Westville streets, Neponset avenue, Centre, Fayette and Vernon streets, Walnut avenue, and Sheridan and Bay streets.

An order was received from the Common Council, requesting information as to proceedings in regard to building Cove-street bridge.

Monday, October 3.

A meeting of the Boards of Railroad and Street Commissioners was held at the office of the Railroad Commissioners, to determine upon the time to begin proceedings on the Cove-street bridge. The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, October 19.

It was voted to pay John E. Cassidy \$3,000 for damages occasioned his estate by the relocation and extension of Brooks street.

Chester and Callender streets were ordered laid out, and the orders were approved by the Mayor.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Hardwick street.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Park, Rosseter and King streets; for a sewer in Mt. Vernon street; that Stonybrook place may be laid out, and that Humphreys square may be laid out, with the name of Wendover street.

Tuesday, October 4.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out and constructing Orkney road, at Brighton; laying out and constructing Clinton street, at Dorchester, from Waterlow street to Faxon street; and of laying out an extension of Dalmatia street, at Dorchester.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to construct an outlet for the Rosemary-street sewer; of its intention to lay out public alley No. 301; and an order was passed widening Ruggles street, and was sent to the Mayor for his approval.

A petition was received that a catch-basin may be built in Harvest street.

Wednesday, October 5.

Public hearings were given in the matter of the relocation of Salt Creek brook, from Commonwealth avenue to the northerly line of the location of the Boston and Albany Railroad; and in the matter of relocating anew Sutherland road brook, between Sutherland road and Kilsyth road.

Orders were passed relocating Salt Creek brook, Sutherland road brook and Franklin Park brook, and taking lands for said purposes.

It was voted to pay W. E. and H. W. Burke \$400 for damages occasioned their estate by the laying out of Columbia road; their agreement to accept said sum having been approved by the Mayor.

Friday, October 7.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to widen Adams street, at the corner of Park street; to lay out public alley No. 101, and to relocate Tenean creek, between Ashmont and Shelton streets.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Highland street, and a catch-basin in Harvest street.

Petitions were received that catch-basins may be built in Burrell, Bowdoin, Franklin, corner Washington and Walton, Bower and Menlo streets, and for a sewer in K street, at Columbia road.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

DETROIT'S POTATO PATCHES.

Included in the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Board of Poor Commissioners of Detroit, Mich., for the year 1897-98, is the report of the Agricultural Committee, which has charge of the potato patch plan for establishing the means toward making the unemployed self-supporting during hard times in that city.

The locations for planting are scattered in various parts of the city, and number twenty-one, aggregating 402.81 acres of land. This land is divided into 1,563 lots, which are given over to families and planted.

The yield during the season was as follows: Potatoes, 40,287 bushels; beans, 811 bushels; turnips, 762 bushels; beets, 630 bushels; corn, 285 bushels; squashes, 643 dozen; cabbages, 644 dozen.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, October 5, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the two weeks ending October 1, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	3	1	-	-	1	5	-	5	8	
2...	1	3	-	1	-	2	4	-	4	20	
3...	-	2	-	-	-	8	3	-	2	3	
4...	-	1	-	-	-	2	2	-	5	-	
5...	2	2	-	-	2	2	1	-	1	6	
6...	11	1	3	2	-	15	4	8	53	-	
7...	2	9	7	1	-	15	4	4	76	-	
8...	-	1	-	2	1	-	7	-	7	18	
9...	-	5	-	-	-	-	3	-	10	21	
10...	1	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	19	39	
11...	-	10	1	-	-	-	12	4	18	51	
12...	5	1	-	-	3	-	2	8	11	26	
13...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	7	
14...	-	4	-	-	1	-	1	-	7	14	
15...	3	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	14	
16...	5	4	-	-	-	5	4	1	6	18	
17...	5	5	1	-	2	-	8	1	6	10	
18...	-	1	7	-	-	-	2	1	4	4	
19...	8	2	3	3	3	3	2	7	8	18	
20...	18	4	5	1	-	12	7	15	28	59	
21...	-	4	3	-	2	-	5	3	4	13	
22...	1	4	-	-	-	1	5	1	6	15	
23...	10	4	1	-	1	3	5	3	14	24	
24...	11	4	4	1	-	8	7	3	22	34	
25...	11	10	-	1	2	8	5	6	19	27	
T'ls..	86	103	35	18	26	52	139	65	218	576	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, October 10, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending October 8, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	117
Number of discharges of mortgages	28
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgage	2
Number of bills of sale	9
Number of assignments	3
Number of assignments of wages	22
Number of married women's certificates	7
Number of ship liens	1
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3

An accident notice was filed October 3, 1898, by Jeannette Cameron, for personal injuries caused by defect in coal-hole in front of 289 Shawmut avenue, on September 28, 1898.

An accident notice was filed October 6, by Cassia A. Zewicker, for personal injuries caused by alleged defect in Commercial street, on September 11, 1898.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, October 10, 1898.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the three weeks ending October 8, as follows:

Special drafts have been drawn on the City Auditor in favor of the Public Building Department, Repairs Division, for labor and material for foundation of new Veterinary Hospital to the amount of \$6,116.43.

There have been purchased of Welch & Hall, two brown horses for \$157.50 each, and two black horses for \$145 each.

Boxes 731, Howard Athenæum, and 795, Bowdoin-square Theatre, have been reconnected for service, and Box 767 has been established in the New Grand Theatre, and Box 977 on River, near Idaho streets, Dorchester.

Transfers have been made as follows:

W. E. McKeever, from Engine 37 to Engine 26-35; F. T. Dyer, Engine 26-35 to Engine 37; Thomas H. Jackson, Engine 37 to Engine 23, and George B. Wilson, Engine 23 to Engine 37, all dating September 30.

It has been ordered that William Hart of Engine 38-39 be given a day off for stopping a runaway horse October 2.

Ordered, That Chief of Department, L. P. Webber, be detailed to attend the Annual Convention of the National Association of Fire Engineers at St. Louis, Mo., to begin October 18.

Ordered, That Driver Walter L. Webber forfeit two days' pay for violating Rule 86 of the General Rules by not wearing the prescribed uniform.

W. C. Mackey, of the Fire-Alarm Branch, has been discharged for drunkenness.

J. F. Coffey of Engine Company 6 has been dishonorably discharged for drunkenness.

Orders have been drawn as follows:

Walworth Construction and Supply Company, for steam heating apparatus for Engine House 40, \$687.

For twenty-five miles of No. 9 galvanized iron wire.

T. Strangman, for applying chemical tanks to Ladder Company 6, \$240.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, October 8, 1898.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Frank Vose, Kilton street, Ward 20, sixty-six horses; hearing October 20, at 11 o'clock. Walter Welsh, Wordsworth street, Ward 1, two horses; hearing October 20, at 11 o'clock. Thaddeus H. Hurd, Lee street, Ward 23, four horses; hearing October 20, at 11 o'clock. Patrick Welch, Columbia road (to be removed), Ward 20, two horses; hearing October 20, at 11 o'clock.

The petition of H. B. Wood, for the occupancy of a stable on 137 Glenway street, Ward 20, for two additional horses, was granted.

The petition of Dr. J. J. Cronin, for the occupancy of a stable on 123 Centre street, Ward 19, was refused.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for week ending October 7:

Steers	196
New England cows	15
New England bulls	4
Sheep	89
Calves	349

Total 653

Following is a summary of work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during August and September:

Number of samples of milk examined:

From mik wagons	1,274
From stores and restaurants	801
Brought in by citizens	49

Total 2,124

Number of samples of cider vinegar and vinegar 128

Number of samples of oleomargarine and butter 63

Total samples 2,315

Number of cases pending in District

Courts, August 1 6

Number of cases entered 10

Total 16

Number of convictions 15

Acquitted 1

Total 16

Amount paid in fines \$1,070

Offences charged:

Possession of milk containing Formalin, with intent to sell 9

Possession of milk not of standard quality, with intent to sell 1

Total 10

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending October 8, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	12	12	24
Negative	22	36	58
No growth	2	1	3
Totals	36	49	85

Remarks: Typhoid diagnosis: one case; unsatisfactory.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, October 3, 1898.

Statistics for week ending October 1, 1898:

		Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:			
Males	118	20	
Females	35	4	
Totals	153	24	

Offences:		
Against the person . . .	12	3
Against property . . .	13	11
Against public order and decency	134	10
Totals	*159	24
Discharges:		
Males	201	16
Females	35	2
Totals	236	18
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence .	138	16
Permit of Commissioner,	61	1
Payment of fine . . .	37	1
Totals	236	18
Population:		
September 26, 1898 . .	1,526	524
Committed since September 26	153	24
Totals	1,679	548
Discharged since September 26	236	18
October 1, 1898	1,443	530

* Six committed, with two offences each.

THOMAS FRANCIS HUNT,
Acting-Commissioner.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, October 3, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending October 1:

Cases pending	6	
Number of applications	78	84
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	43	
Long Island Almshouse . . .	17	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	2	
Boston Insane Hospital, Foxboro' Asylum	6	
Worcester Lunatic Asylum	3	
	2	
	—	73
Number of applications refused,	4	
Number of applications withdrawn	7	
Cases pending	0	84
Legal settlements investigated,	95	
J. E. GILMAN, Acting-Registrar.		

Wire Department.

Old Court House, October 10, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department, for the week ending October 8, 1898:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	367
Defects reported	81
Defects corrected	65
Dead wire removed (feet)	6,800
Fixtures removed	13
Poles located and inspected	66
Notices of new work received	27

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company has set twenty poles on Charles street and two on Centre street, and removed two on Tibbetts townway.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	233
Notices of new wiring received	109

Inspection of temporary wiring at various theatres has been made.

Fire at 83 Bedford street, October 6, was found to be due to short circuit in flexible cord of combination gas and electric wall bracket, a hole being melted in gas pipe and escaping gas being ignited.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approval of permits for street openings have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	2
Repairs	2
Lamp connection	1
Pole connections	4

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	14
Building connections	25
Lamp connections	10
Pole connections	3
Repairs	7
Cable drawings	24

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending October 8, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	22.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897, .	19.3
Number of deaths:	
Males	119
Females	108
Total	227
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	192
Increase	35

Of the 227 decedents, 224 were white and 3 colored; 170 were born in the United States, 55 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 2 was unknown; 48 were of American parentage, 156 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 23 unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	41	1
Scarlatina	31	1
Typhoid fever	24	10
Measles	6	0
Totals	102	12

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	18
Pneumonia	16
Whooping-cough	2
Heart disease	15
Bronchitis	6
Marasmus	15
Violent causes	10
Total from principal causes	82
Total from infectious diseases	12
Total from other causes	133
Total from all causes	227
Deaths of children under 1 year	76
Deaths of children under 5 years	94
Deaths of persons over 60 years	41
Deaths in public institutions	63

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, September 30, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, thereto duly authorized, respectfully petitions to lay a twenty-four (24) inch iron pipe, under and across Albany street, at a point opposite the Central Power station, substantially in accordance with a plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated September 28, 1898, and filed herewith, said pipe being needed by said company for condensing purposes.

West End Street Railway Company, by its Attorney,
The Boston Elevated Railway Company,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 10, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventeenth day of October, at 3 o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Daily Globe and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, October 1, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company, by its attorney, the Boston Elevated Railway Company, thereto duly authorized, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use a double track on Alford street, from Main street to Maiden bridge, connecting with the existing tracks of said company at either end, and with all the necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, connecting with the tracks of said company on Main street, and into Arlington avenue, substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated October 1, 1898, filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company, by its Attorney,
Boston Elevated Railway Company,
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 10, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the thirty-first day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Globe, Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 12, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the private way, at Dorchester, known as Carlisle street, be laid out, from Centre street to Welles avenue, as a highway, with the name of Wainwright street, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A. M. of the twenty-sixth day of October, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, September 23, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use tracks on Canal street, from Haymarket square to Causeway street, with necessary curves, cross-overs and connections, connecting with the existing tracks at either end, and also on Market street, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated September 3, 1898, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 10, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the thirty-first day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Boston Globe, Boston Post and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 7, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Adams street, at Dorchester, be widened upon the northeasterly side, corner of Park street, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-first day of October, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

We, the undersigned, owners and occupants of buildings on Brattle street, respectfully call for a hearing to know why the West End Railway should not be requested to remove the rails on said street, for the following reasons:

- First—The tracks have not been used for over eight years.
- Second—The connection at corner of Brattle and Court streets has been cut off.
- Third—The condition of the tracks and roadbed is so faulty as to endanger the legs of horses.
- Fourth—Owing to the condition of track, heavy teaming is almost impossible.
- Fifth—The public good requires the removal of said tracks.

F. A. WALKER & CO.
(83 Cornhill) and eleven others.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 10, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the thirty-first day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Boston Journal and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, October 4, 1898.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to locate poles for the support of its wires in the following streets:

ROXBURY.

Parker street, between Ruggles street and Madison street; three poles, forty feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, eight feet.

Eustis street, between Harrison avenue and Renfrew street; two poles, forty feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, eight feet.

Dearborn street, between Eustis and Wall streets; two poles, forty feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, eight feet.

Westminster street, between Ruggles and Marble streets; one pole, forty feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, seven feet.

Columbus avenue, at Centre street; two poles, forty-five feet by fifteen inches; sidewalk, thirteen feet.

Centre street, between Columbus avenue and Amory street; three poles, forty feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, twelve feet.

Centre street, between Bickford street and Creighton street; eight poles, forty feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, ten feet.

Amory street, near Columbus avenue; one pole, forty feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, seven feet.

WEST ROXBURY.

Green street, opposite Oakdale street; one pole, forty feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, seven feet.

Boston Electric Light Company,
By SAMUEL S. STAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 10, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the seventeenth day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Roxbury Gazette, Jamaica Plain News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, October 3, 1898.

We hereby make application for a permit to run a steam-pipe and return from our building, corner of Causeway and Friend streets, to our building on the opposite corner of the same streets. The pipe to run under Friend street, as per enclosed plan. This shows the street line, the proposed depth of steam-pipe below the street line; also the return pipe. A section of pipe also is shown, showing the proposed method of construction. We would like to have this matter acted upon as soon as possible, as the cold weather is rapidly approaching, when we shall need to use the plant.

Respectfully,
WOOD, POLLARD & CO.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 10, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioners to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventeenth day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Daily Globe and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, October 3, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Rutherford avenue, Charlestown, one pole opposite the West End pole marked 150-55, which is near Furbush court.

Rutherford avenue, Charlestown, one pole on the Boston side of the West End pole marked 150-49, which is near Allen street.

Rutherford avenue, Charlestown, one pole on the line of Rutherford avenue and Baldwin street, on the Boston side of Baldwin street.

Rutherford avenue, Charlestown, one pole on the Essex-street side of West End pole marked 150-39.

Rutherford avenue, Charlestown, one pole on the Dunstable-street side of the West End pole, or three feet from the building line of Dunstable street.

Width of sidewalks for the above, ten feet; poles to be fifty feet by sixteen inches. Wards 4 and 5.

Washington street, Dorchester, from Centre street to Milton, Wards 20 and 24 (sixty-three poles).

Fairview street, Ward 23, at Roslindale depot (three poles).

Roberts-street extension, Ward 23, at Roslindale depot (four poles).

Corinth street, Ward 23, at Roslindale depot (six poles).

Morton street, between Washington and Forest Hills streets, Ward 23 (eleven poles).

Greenhill street, at Blanche street, Ward 24 (one pole).

Surrey street, between Parsons street and No. 63, Ward 25 (four poles).

Northampton street, from Harrison avenue to two poles beyond Shawmut avenue, Ward 12 (twelve poles).

Blue Hill avenue, near Walk Hill street, Ward 24 (one pole).

Also to remove one pole on Greenhill street, one pole on Blue Hill avenue, one pole on Commonwealth avenue, eleven poles on Northampton street, and two poles on Tibbetts townway.

Also to remove six poles from Morton street.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By W. J. DENVER, Director.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 10, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventeenth day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 10, 1898.

The undersigned hereby requests permission to erect and use twelve boilers, seven engines, 100 dynamos in a building on East First street, corner of L street, Ward 14.

BOSTON ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY,
Ames Building.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That ten days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, when any parties who object thereto, may file with the Commissioner their objections in writing. Said notice is to be given by publication of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD and Boston Advertiser.

Per order.
JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 7, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the passageway from Richmond street to Cross street, between Fulton and Commercial streets, known as Chair alley, be laid out as a public alley designated as No. 101 in District No. 2, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said public alley in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-first day of October, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, September 28, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 305 Shawmut avenue, Ward 9, three bay-windows, of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over Shawmut avenue. Dimensions: Each 20 feet high, 7 feet wide, and 2 feet 6 inches over line of street.

ALBION S. WHITMORE,
18 Union Park.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 10, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 28, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 37 Prescott street, corner of Princeton street, Ward 1, one bay-window of wood, of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over Princeton street. Dimensions: Twenty-five feet high, 5 feet wide, and 20 inches over line of street.

JAMES A. SHEFFIELD,
37 Prescott street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 10, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, October 24, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the East Boston Free Press and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT—PAVING DIVISION.

Boston, October 5, 1898.

To the owners of property abutting on public streets that are to be improved:

All owners of abutting property or people having rights in the public streets are hereby notified, in accordance with Section 7 of Chapter 38 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, that the Street Department of the City of Boston intends to improve the following streets, and all persons or parties having any rights in the said streets are requested to make all necessary repairs to their sewers or water connections, or any other pipes or structures, within two weeks from date, as after that time no permits will be granted on these streets until one year after their completion:

SOUTH BOSTON.

Woodward street.

ROXBURY.

Bower street.
Burke street.
Dudley street, Hampden street to Magazine street.
Heath street, Columbus avenue to Parker street.

CITY PROPER.

Brattle street.
Concord street, Shawmut avenue to Harrison avenue.
Hayward place.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 8, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building retaining walls and fences on Rosseter street, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$1,000 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, October 14, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 7, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the stream or water-course at Dorchester, known as Tenean Creek, be located anew from Ashmont street to Shelton street, that any parts of the original channel from which said water-course may be diverted between said points be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-first day of October, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 7, 1898.

The undersigned hereby requests permission to erect and use a boiler and engine in a building on Savin Hill avenue, near Grampian way, Ward 20.

HOWARD H. LINNELL,
112 Moreland street, Roxbury.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That ten days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, when any parties, who object thereto, may file with the Commissioner their objections in writing. Said notice is to be given by publication of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD.

Per order of the Commissioner,
CHARLES S. DAMRELL, Clerk of Department.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

NOTICE TO VOTERS.

Old Court House, October 6, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that the lists of qualified male voters of the City of Boston are now posted in the several precincts, and copies of the same may be also examined at this office.

The Central Office, Old Court House, is open daily (Sundays excepted), from 9 A.M. until 10 P.M., from October 6 to 19, inclusive, and sessions will be held every evening (Sundays excepted) on the above dates at the following places, from 6 to 10 P.M., for the registration of male voters for the ensuing State Election, and the correction of any errors that may appear on the lists.

Women, if they desire, may also be registered at this time for City Election.

The payment of a tax as a prerequisite for voting is not now required, but men not already assessed must present a tax bill for the current year, or a certificate from the Assessors before they can be registered.

Ward 1—Chapman School-house, Eutaw street.
Ward 2—Armory Building, Maverick street.
Ward 3—Old Winthrop School-house, Bunker Hill street.
Ward 4—Bunker Hill Grammar School-house, Baldwin street.
Ward 5—City Hall, City square, Charlestown.
Ward 6—Ward-room, North Bennet street.
Ward 7—Pierpont School-house, Hudson street.
Ward 8—Wells School-house, Blossom street.
Ward 9—Old Franklin School-house, Washington street.

Ward 10—Rice School-house, Appleton street.
Ward 11—Prince School-house, Exeter street.
Ward 12—School-house, West Concord street.
Ward 13—Spelman Hall, West Broadway.
Ward 14—700 East Fourth street.
Ward 15—Court-room, Dorchester and West Fourth streets.

Ward 16—Winthrop Hall, Upham's Corner.
Ward 17—Vine-street Chapel, corner Dudley street.
Ward 18—Old Bath-house, Cabot street.
Ward 19—Old Pumping Station, Elmwood street.
Ward 20—Ward-room Building, Meeting House Hill.
Ward 21—Dudley-street Opera House, Dudley street.
Ward 22—Tomfohrde Hall, Boylston Station.
Ward 23—Minton Hall (ward-room), Hyde Park avenue.

Ward 24—Store, 1875 Dorchester avenue.
Ward 25—Old Town Hall, Washington street, Brighton.

Registration will close on Wednesday, October 19, at 10 o'clock P.M.

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOSEPH J. CORBETT,
Board of Election Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE.

Boston, October 6, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners, in accordance with Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and amendments thereto, having passed orders for the laying out and construction of the following highways:

WEST ROXBURY.

Angell street, Blue Hill avenue to Canterbury street.

DORCHESTER.

Jersey street.

ROXBURY.

Alexander street.
Atherstone street, Fuller street to Bailey street.
Fowler street, Glenway street to Greenwood street.
Van Winkle street, Dorchester avenue to Shawmut Branch Railroad.

CITY PROPER.

Stuart street, Dartmouth street to Trinity place.
Notice is hereby given that the Street Department is about to do the work contemplated in said order, and that all work to be done in said highways by all persons or corporations having rights in the same to lay or repair either sewer, gas, water or other pipes must be done before Thursday, the twenty-seventh day of October, 1898, as after that time no permits for openings will be granted until two years after said highways are completed.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.



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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale by the W. B. Clarke Company — Park Street Church stores A and B, Park and Tremont streets.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

At its meeting on Monday, October 17, 1898, the Board of Aldermen confirmed the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor:

J. Homer Pierce, to be a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, for the term ending April 30, 1900, vice Richard C. Humphreys, resigned.

James M. Buckner, to be member of the Board of Assessors for the term ending April 30, 1901.

REMARKS OF MAYOR QUINCY AT THE OPENING OF THE DOVER- STREET BATH-HOUSE.

The Dover-street Bath-house was formally opened Friday evening, October 14, 1898. Mayor Quincy's remarks were as follows:

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN:

It has seemed to the members of the Bath Commission and to myself, that the opening of the first permanent public bath-house in Boston for all-the-year-round use was an event of enough interest to make it

proper to invite you here to-night to inspect this fine building and its appointments, before its opening to the public to-morrow morning. While the building and equipment of this bath-house has taken an unexpectedly long time, I think you will agree with me that in its finished state it represents a great amount of careful and intelligent thought and labor, and that it reflects credit upon the architects who have designed it, upon the advisory committee which selected the site and had so much to do with the preparation of the plans, and upon all who have in any way been concerned in the work. I believe that if a few American cities have been a few years in advance of Boston, in establishing permanent baths ahead of us, we can truthfully claim that Boston now possesses the finest and the most modern public bathing establishment upon this continent.

If we have built slowly we have built solidly, and this fine building shall stand for generations to come to perform its beneficent work for the people and to serve as a monument to mark the adoption in this city of a broader and higher conception of the duties of the municipal government to the citizens. The opening of this bath marks the full recognition by the city of its duty to bring within the reach of all, in winter as well as in summer, facilities for securing the physical cleanliness that bears such close relationship to social and moral well-being. The accommodations of this bath-house, built with the money of the people, are for the free use of all, rich or poor, men, women or children; if there is any distinction in the invitation extended to all, it is that those who stand in the greatest need of the facilities which are here afforded, will be received as its most welcome patrons.

The expenditure which the city has made in erecting its first permanent bath-house of this substantial and ornamental character has been incurred with a broader end in view than that of merely providing facilities for the bathing of a certain number of persons. The number of shower-baths and tub-baths contained in this building could have been furnished at a much smaller expense,

and the city might, perhaps, have leased a building for the purpose, instead of purchasing a valuable lot of land and erecting an expensive structure. The purpose of the advisory committee which planned this first central bath-house, — a purpose which met with my hearty approval and support, — was to erect a building of such character and appointments that it would be worthy as an architectural monument of the city which owned it, and would raise the whole idea of public bathing to a high and dignified plane. If we judge a man somewhat by the house in which he lives, it is surely important that a new idea in civic development should receive such a concrete embodiment at its inception as to place it in the right light before the people. Every useful undertaking gains in its possibilities of beneficence if it is clothed in a garb of dignity and beauty. The money which this completed building represents to-night, upwards of \$70,000, was asked for by me, appropriated by the City Council, — in a spirit of wise liberality which more recent action should not lead us to forget, — and expended by the architects, in the belief that nothing within reason was too good for the first permanent bath-house to be built by this city and located at this central point. As a result of this policy we dedicate to-night a bath-house of such a character that it might well have been intended for the use of a private club of men and women of means, and we open it freely and without price for the use of all of the people of this great municipality.

It is, therefore, with no small sense of personal and official satisfaction that I now receive this building from the hands of the architects and builder, and turn over its custody to the Bath Commission, which the city has wisely established to take special charge of this branch of our municipal service.

The marked success of its administration of the summer baths, during the past season, and the great increase which has taken place in their utility and patronage, — no less than 1,800,000 baths having been taken during the last season, — affords a guarantee that this institution will be conducted in a spirit of conscientious devotion to its best interests

and with a full appreciation of its possibilities for good. May this, the first permanent bath-house of the City of Boston, be so fruitful of good results that within the next few years each of the sections of the city may have a similar local bath-house of its own, and that it may be our boast that the City Government is enlightened enough to offer, and our citizens wise enough to use, better and more extensive public bathing facilities, both in winter and in summer, than any city in this country, if not in the world.

DOVER-STREET BATH-HOUSE.

The Dover-street Bath-house has been completed and was formally opened on Friday evening, October 14. The building is forty-three feet wide and 110 feet deep. The front, which is three stories in height, is of granite through the first story, and of gray, mottled brick with limestone trimmings in the upper portions. There are two entrances, one for men and one for women. Above these, a row of three-arched windows extends across the second story. The whole is surmounted by an ornamental cornice of galvanized iron.

The two entrances from the street are

into separate waiting-rooms. A single office for the Superintendent controls both, and from it soap and towels are dispensed to men on one side and to women on the other side.

These waiting-rooms are surrounded with benches and have terazzo mosaic floors and Knoxville marble walls. The ceilings are plastered on brick arches.

The rear of the entrance story is occupied by a well-appointed laundry and drying-rooms and by shelving, on which will be stored the towels and bathing-suits of all the municipal baths. A portion of this floor is taken up by the ventilating apparatus; but the steam supply for all purposes is furnished from the boiler-room of the Fire Department repair shop, situated just back of the bath-house lot.

From the men's waiting-room a wide marble staircase rises directly to the men's bathing apartment. This measures forty feet two inches by forty-eight feet two inches and is nineteen feet six inches high. It is lighted by a very large skylight and by windows in the rear of the building. The floor and walls are similar to those of the waiting-rooms below. There are thirty enclosed shower baths, and three tubs also enclosed. Each shower cabin consists of a

dressing alcove, with seat, beyond which is the bathing alcove.

The partitions and backs of the compartments are of Knoxville marble. Each bath alcove contains a Gegenstrom heating apparatus which permits the bather to regulate the temperature of the water, delivered by the spray-nozzle, to suit himself. After falling over the bather the water drops upon a dished marble floor, which, as the water drains slowly from it, serves the purpose of a foot-bath.

At the rear of the women's waiting-room a staircase ascends and turns toward the front of the building.

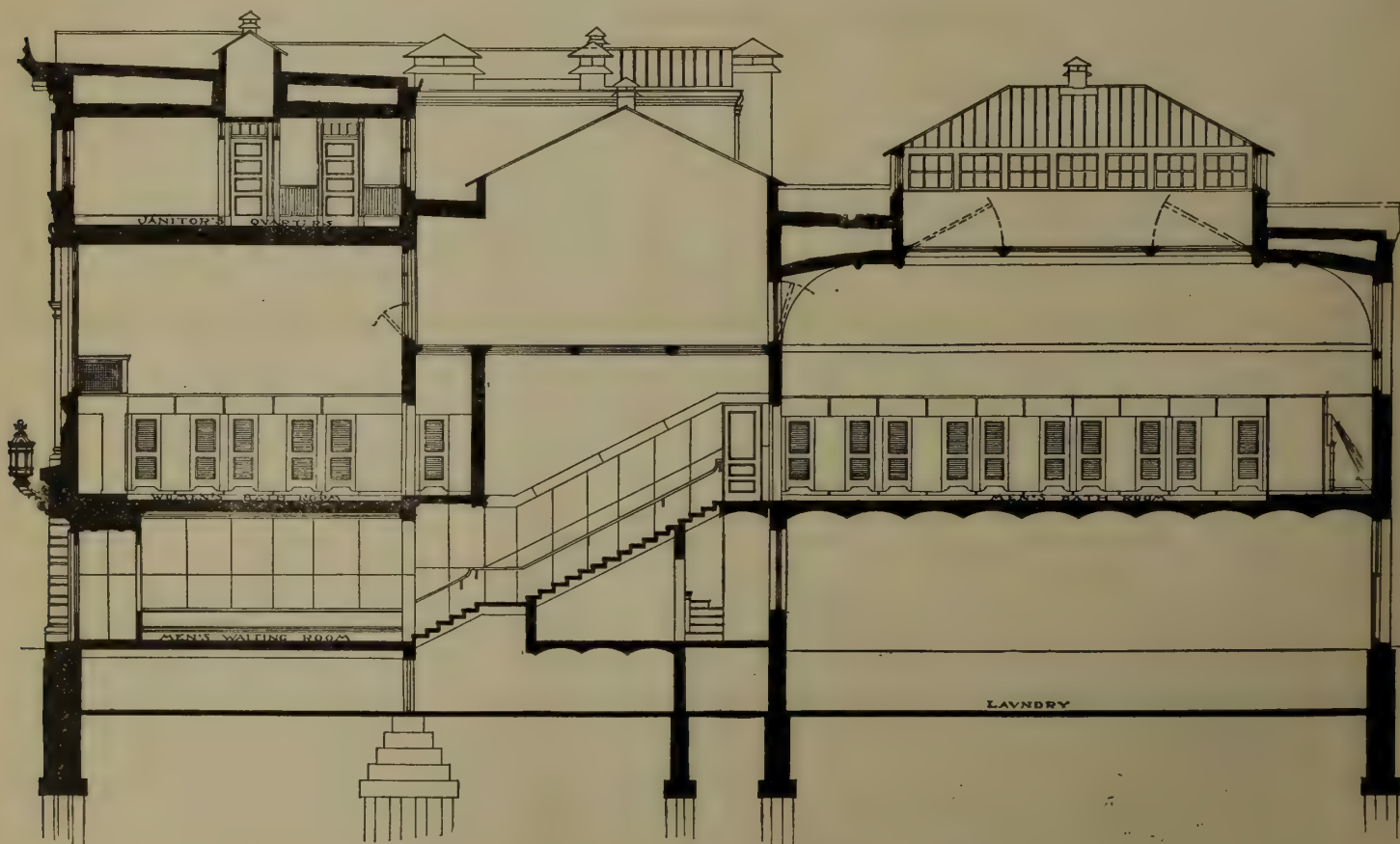
Here in the second story is the women's bath-room, twenty-seven by forty feet and twenty-one feet high. It contains eleven shower cabins and six bath-cabins. In appointments it does not differ from the room set apart for men and boys.

Both of the bathing apartments have toilet-rooms connected with them.

The third floor in the front part of the building contains quarters for the superintendent and his family, and is reached by a service staircase from the entrance story.

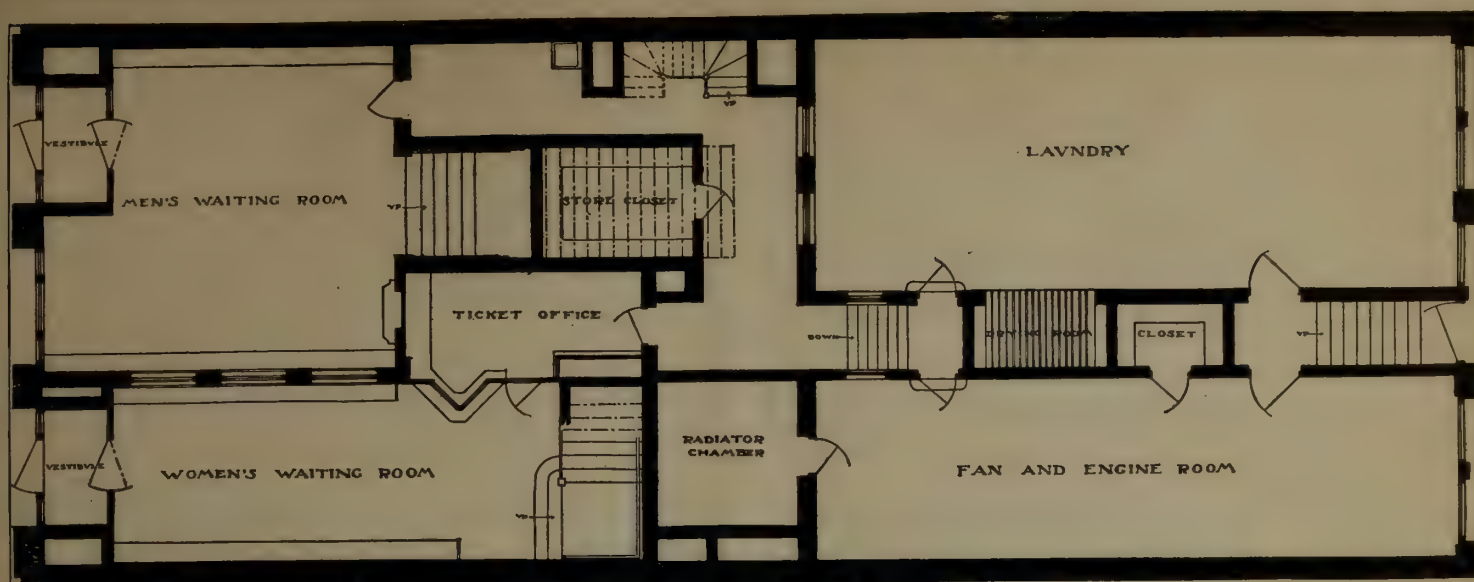
Mayor Quincy in his Inaugural Address, January 6, 1896, called attention to the subject of public baths in the following words:

The maintaining of public baths, open all the year seems to me to be a project for encouraging social and sanitary improvement by municipal action which promises large returns for a comparatively small expenditure, and I am of opinion that the experi-

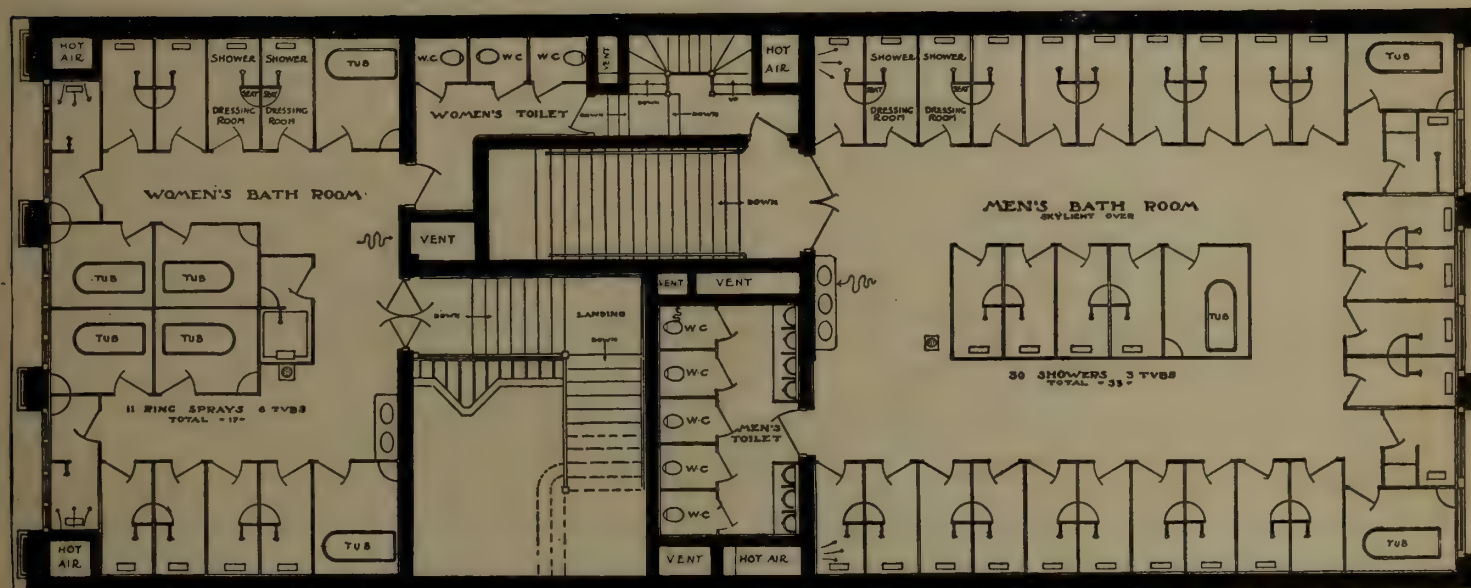


LONGITUDINAL SECTION

DOVER-STREET BATH-HOUSE.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

DOVER-STREET BATH-HOUSE.

ment of establishing such a public bath in a suitable locality should be tried. I shall recommend such an appropriation, to be provided for by loan.

On January 20, the Mayor appointed a committee of three persons to consider the subject in detail, and to act as an Advisory Committee on Public Baths.

The committee was soon increased to seven in number, and was made up as follows:

Mr. Robert A. Woods, of the South End House, Chairman; Mr. Edmund Billings, Superintendent and Treasurer of the Wells Memorial Institute; Mr. Edward J. Ryan, President of the Building Trades Council; Mr. Michael W. Myers, President of the Plumbers' Union; Dr. Edward M. Hartwell, Director of Physical Training in the Boston Schools; Miss L. B. Pingree, for-

merly a member of the Boston School Committee, and Mrs. Mary M. Kehew, President of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union.

On April 27, Mayor Quincy transmitted a preliminary report of the Advisory Committee to the City Council (published as Document 96, 1896), and recommended the appropriation of \$65,000 towards the purchase of a site and the erection of a bath-house, for both sexes, to be kept open all the year.

The committee's principal recommendations were (1) that the bath should be absolutely free to all; (2) that it should be located near the corner of Harrison avenue and Dover street; (3) that the building should contain forty baths; (4) that it should be planned to accommodate, on a lot of fifty by 100 feet, men and women in absolutely dis-

tinct apartments, with separate entrances and waiting-rooms; (5) that not less than \$50,000 and if possible \$65,000 should be appropriated for land and building.

On May 11 the whole matter was referred by the City Council to the Joint Standing Committee on the Health Department, whose report made June 8, was printed as Document 116-1896. The Committee on Health having visited New York City and made a special study of the People's Baths, (built in 1891 by the Association for improving the condition of the poor), recommended the appropriation of \$65,000 to defray the cost of a bath-house of the same general type as the People's Baths in New York, i. e., a cleanliness bath-house containing shower and tub baths. The Committee on Health did not favor making the proposed baths free in all cases. On June 15, 1896 the sum of

\$65,000 was appropriated for a public bath-house.

With the approval of the Mayor, Messrs. Peabody & Stearns, architects, were chosen to plan the building and supervise its erection, on a lot of land situated on Dover street, between the Dover-street bridge and Harrison avenue. The price paid for the land was \$14,154.25.

The message of the Mayor of November 30, 1896, transmitting report of the advisory committee, appeared as Document 178, 1896. The plans of the bath-house described therein correspond with the illustrative cuts introduced on pages 594 and 595. While the plans were in course of preparation during the summer and autumn of 1896, three members of the advisory committee visited various European public baths, — but not at the city's expense, it should be said.

The total amount appropriated for the establishment is \$86,000. Deducting the cost of site, the sum available for erecting and furnishing the building is \$71,845.75, of which \$18,477 were still in the city treasury when the building was dedicated. Outstanding bills amount to some \$16,000.

Modern public bath-houses present a variety of types. The oldest and most common type in Europe is the British, which affords facilities for recreation, together with appliances for securing cleanliness. In such establishments, which are usually monumental in character, imposing architecturally, and of costly construction, one or more large swimming pools and suites of small private rooms provided with bath-tubs (and sometimes with Turkish baths as well) are found. The Kent-street baths of Birmingham, which are described in another column, belong to this type. Baths of the monumental-combination sort are numerous on the Continent, especially in Germany; but the German bath-house, as a rule, is more generously furnished with spray or shower baths.

The Germans, during the past fifteen years, have developed a distinct type of "People's Bath-house," which is devoid of pools, and furnishes shower-baths only, or at the most only shower and tub-baths. Baths of this kind have multiplied rapidly in recent years, owing to their relative cheapness, simplicity and efficacy. In several cities, e. g., Berlin, Frankfort and Cologne, the municipality maintains floating summer baths and school spray baths, in addition to people's baths and baths of the monumental British type. Both in Great Britain and on the Continent the public shower and tub-baths are available as a rule the year round. The custom of heating swimming pools in winter is perhaps rather more common in Germany than in Great Britain.

In this country, the Brookline bath is the only notable instance of the combination recreative and cleanliness public bath establishment. Chicago, Buffalo, Pittsburg and a few other cities have established, or are about to establish, cleanliness baths, modelled after the People's Bath in New York, which in its turn was modelled on the people's baths of Vienna, except that the latter contain no tub-baths whatever. The Dover-street Bath-house belongs to the same type as the German Volksbad, the more so as the shower-baths which it contains are provided with the Gegenstrom heating

apparatus, which is a German invention for doing away with storage tanks and minimizing the possibility of a bather's scalding himself. Though there are people's bath-houses in Germany with facilities for a greater number of bathers than the Dover-street Bath-house affords, it would be difficult to name an establishment of its class, either at home or abroad, which equals it as regards combined spaciousness, convenience, attractiveness and elegance.

THE CHOATE STATUE AND ITS DONOR.

The dedication of French's bronze statue of Rufus Choate took place at noon on Saturday, the fifteenth instant, in the main corridor of the court-house of Suffolk county. Mr. Lewis S. Dabney presided, as the representative of the Bar Association, which had charge of the dedicatory exercises. The statue was unveiled and presented to the City of Boston by Mr. Benjamin D. Hyde on behalf of the family of the late George B. Hyde, by whose will the sum of \$14,000 was devised for its erection. Mayor Quincy, in a brief speech, accepted the statue on behalf of the city, and formally gave it into the custody of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. After the acceptance of the statue by Chief Justice Field, Mr. Joseph H. Choate, of New York City, one of the leaders of the New York bar, and a nephew of Rufus Choate, delivered an impressive oration.

Mr. George B. Hyde, the donor of the statue, was a Boston school-master. Mr. Hyde, who was born March 21, 1811, in Sturbridge, Mass., died in Boston, July 8, 1889. In 1844 Mr. Hyde was called from the Washington School in Roxbury to take charge of the New South School in Boston, then in temporary quarters on Washington street, opposite the site of the present Cathedral. The name of the school, which was a mixed school, was changed to the Dwight School in 1845. In 1850, the Dwight School for Boys was organized and placed in the charge of Mr. James A. Page as master, Mr. Hyde being continued as master of the Dwight School for Girls. In 1860, the Dwight School for Girls was merged into the newly organized Everett School for Girls, on Northampton street, Mr. Hyde continuing as its principal till he resigned in 1878. Mr. Hyde was, therefore, a master in the public schools from September 20, 1844, till August 31, 1878.

Mr. Hyde served as a member of the School Committee during the period 1879-1888, inclusive. The Hyde School-house on Hammond street, opened in 1885, was named for him.

Besides his bequest of \$14,000 to the City of Boston for a statue of Rufus Choate, Mr.

Hyde left \$20,000 to the town of Sturbridge, for public library purposes; \$5,000 to the New England Conservatory of Music; \$5,000 to Harvard College; and bequeathed the residue of his estate — subject to a life interest of his widow — to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, which has thus far received upwards of \$90,000 therefrom.

INDOOR CONCERTS.

The first of a series of indoor concerts, inaugurated by the City of Boston under the direction of the Music Commission, was given by the Municipal Orchestra of thirty-five pieces, Mr. Emil Mollenhauer, conductor, assisted by Mr. C. B. Shirley, tenor soloist, on Sunday evening, October 16. An enthusiastic audience of nearly 1,500 was present, and reports agree that the concert was a decided success.

On next Sunday evening, October 23, in addition to the orchestra, a chorus of one hundred voices will appear. Tickets for these concerts may be procured at Music Hall at ten, fifteen and twenty-five cents.

CASTLE ISLAND.

The following is a letter from the Secretary of War to the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners regarding the return of Castle Island to the care of the Board:

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Washington, October 4, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twentieth ultimo, requesting information as to the earliest date when Castle Island will be returned to the care of your Board.

Replying thereto I beg to inform you that Colonel Mansfield, the local engineer officer, to whom the matter was referred, reports under date of the twenty-ninth ultimo, as follows:

"It is probable that two hundred and fifty odd mines now at Fort Independence can all be unloaded during the month of October, which will make the earliest date when Castle Island can safely be opened to the public November 1, 1898;" and the Chief Engineer, in submitting the said report, remarks:

"The operations incident to the unloading of the torpedoes recently removed from Boston Harbor are attended with more or less danger, and the admission of the public to the Island before these operations are completed might be attended with grave results."

Very respectfully,

R. A. ALGER, Secretary of War.

Charles E. Stratton, Esq., Chairman, etc., Pine Bank, Jamaica Park, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

TABLE SHOWING THE CHARACTER AND COST OF THE PUBLIC BATHS OF BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND; ALSO THE NUMBER OF BATHERS, AND RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES IN YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1897.

Name of each Bathing Establishment.	Cost of Site.	Cost of Buildings, Machinery and Furnishing.	Total Amount Spent on the Provision of Public Baths and Wash-houses.	Amount of Loans Repaid up to March, 1896.	Number of Swimming and Plunge Baths.		Number of Private Baths—Chiefly Tub Baths.			Number of of Batthers in year ending March, 1897.	Amount of Receipts in year ending March, 1897.	Amount of Working Expenditure, year ending March, 1897.	Amount of Interest and Sinking-fund in year ending March, 1897.
					Swim-ming.	Plunge.	Men.	Women.	Total.				
Kent Street	2,117 10 0	21,874 9 5	23,991 19 5	19,926 12 1	2	2	54	13	67	129,374	2,499 11 4	2,962 7 3	2,666 0 0
Woodcock Street	2,291 0 0	10,087 10 6	12,378 10 6	7,258 4 10	2	1	32	14	46	67,776	731 19 0	1,058 15 10	
Northwood Street	1,400 0 0	10,883 15 9	12,283 15 9	5,695 18 6	2	0	43	8	51	82,966	1,109 2 4	1,264 7 0	
Monument Road	3,098 11 1	24,240 15 7	27,339 6 8	7,282 16 0	2	0	34	11	45	106,790	1,674 11 8	1,611 4 9	
Victoria Park (open-air) .	Presented	2,795 4 0	2,795 4 0	—	1	0	—	—	—	14,839	81 3 1	50 15 10	
* Cannon-hill Park (open-air)	Presented	Presented	—	—	1	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,666 0 0
† Green Lane site	2,147 1 8	588 18 2	2,735 19 10	77 4 10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
α Sheepcote Street site . . .	1,753 4 4	—	1,753 4 4	694 10 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Moseley Road site	3,166 19 0	—	3,166 19 0	28 1 6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,666 0 0
Totals	15,974 6 1	70,470 13 5	86,444 19 6	40,873 7 9	10	3	163	46	209	401,745	6,096 7 5	6,947 10 8	

α Site subsequently abandoned and sold. b Includes one suite of Turkish Baths and one General Laundry. c Includes cost of one suite of Turkish Baths.

* Leased to tenant. † Not erected.

BATHS IN BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND.

The following statement regarding the bathing establishments of Birmingham, England, derived from a recent official report, may serve to show the character and extent of the facilities provided for public bathing by a British city whose population, 496,751, in 1897, is, approximately, that of Boston, which was 496,920 in 1895.

Baths conducted by private persons existed in Birmingham as far back as 1731, but it was not till 1852 that the first bath-house erected by municipal enterprise was opened on Kent street, at a cost of \$119,960. These baths, situated as they are close to the centre of the city, enjoy the largest share of the patronage of bathers. The building now contains thirty first-class and twenty-four second-class private, i. e., tub, baths for men; one small plunge for instruction in swimming; two swimming baths, first and second class respectively; seven first-class and seven second-class private baths for women; one first-class and one second-class private bath or kosher for Jewish women, for which there is a special charge of thirty-seven and eighteen cents respectively; a small plunge bath for women; also a Turkish bath department. These baths are patronized by the members of seven swimming clubs, six for men and one for women.

In 1897 the attendance of such members was 4,957.

The first-class swimming bath at this establishment is kept open throughout the winter.

In the year 1897 129,374 persons patron-

ized these baths; including 106,796 men, 9,587 women and 12,991 children.

The patronage of the different departments may be analyzed as follows:

First-class, swimming, 32,452; second-class, swimming, 44,269; first-class, private baths, 20,742; second-class, private, 26,692; and Turkish baths, 5,019.

In 1897, Birmingham had four complete bath-houses, opened in 1852, 1860, 1862 and 1883, respectively; two open-air baths in public parks opened, respectively, in 1873 and 1883, and two sites for new bath establishments.

Birmingham's open-air baths present some interesting features. In 1873, the city opened at Cannon Hill park a swimming bath, 216 by 110 feet long, with a graduated depth of from two and one-half to six feet, bottom and sides are concreted. This bath is not managed by the city, but is leased to private parties at a rental of about \$144. In 1883 the Victoria-park open-air swimming bath was opened to the public at a cost of \$3,500. It has a water area of 138 by seventy feet, with a graduated depth of from three to six feet. The water supplied to the former comes from a local stream, to the latter from a well sunk to a depth of 537 feet. These baths are open from 6 A.M. to dusk, and the charges for admission are, up to 10 A.M., 4 cents, after 10 A.M., 2 cents. The number attending this bath in 1897 was 14,839, the total receipts about \$399.

At one time these open-air baths were reserved for women one-half day per week, but the arrangement not proving popular it was discontinued.

The following is a tabular presentation covering (1) the total receipts of the public baths by establishment and kind of bath, and (2) the number of persons bathing, subdivided by sex, and the total expenditures, not including interest or sinking-fund, for the year 1897:

RECEIPTS BY KIND OF BATH, BY ESTABLISHMENTS.

NAME OF BATHS.	First Class Swimming.	Second Class Swimming.	First Class Private.	Second Class Private.	First Class Turkish.
Northwood Street.....	\$1,515	\$1,660	\$1,105	\$990	—
Woodcock Street.....	180	1,715	675	870	—
Kent Street.....	3,925	1,685	2,535	1,720	\$1,260
Monument Road	1,980	1,750	1,545	1,384	1,470
Victoria Park (open-air).	405	—	—	—	—
	\$8,005	\$6,810	\$5,920	\$4,960	\$2,730

TOTAL NUMBER OF BATHERS, CLASSIFIED BY KIND OF BATH.

NAME OF BATH.	First Class Swimming.	Second Class Swimming.	First Class Private.	Second Class Private.	First Class Turkish.	Total.
Northwood St.	13,086	45,075	8,886	15,919	—	82,966
Woodcock St..	2,104	46,056	5,462	14,154	—	67,776
Kent St.....	32,452	44,269	20,742	26,892	5,019	129,374
M'mum't Road.	16,787	49,716	11,987	22,445	5,855	106,790
Victoria (open-air) Park....	14,839	—	—	—	—	14,839
Total.....	79,268	185,116	47,077	79,410	10,874	401,745

THE BOSTON DISPENSARY.

In the annual report of the Superintendent of the Boston Dispensary, presented at the meeting of this organization held October 13, the following statistics with regard to the work of the institution for the year ending September 30, 1898, are given:

Number of new patients treated at the central office, 26,291. Number of visits made by patients, old and new, at the central office, 66,923. Number of patients treated in the districts, 13,726. Number of visits made by the district physicians, 20,123.

The Boston Dispensary, which was founded in 1796, is the oldest medical charitable institution in New England, and the third oldest in the country. Since the year of its establishment, 1,418,862 patients have been treated, and since 1856, the number is 1,299,699.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order was promulgated by the Board of Police on October 14, 1898:

General Order No. 539.

In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman George A. Shipps, of Division 15, for violation of Rule XXVI of the Police Manual, to wit, neglect of duty, in that he left his post without permission on the twenty-third day of September, current, the Board finds the said Patrolman George A. Shipps guilty, and sentences him to a forfeiture of ten days' pay.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street building, at 7.30 P.M., Tuesday, October 11, 1898, with President Huggan in the chair and all members present except Messrs. Aldrich and Fleischer.

Under suspension of the rules it was ordered that the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting were approved.

The following were unanimously elected by the Board to serve in the Evening Drawing Schools:

Masters, G. H. Bartlett and George Jepson; Principals, C. S. Adams, A. K. Cross and A. S. Ware.

The Chair read the following:

(1.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

September 29, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested

to inform the Common Council what progress, if any, has been made in the erection of the proposed high school for South Boston.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

September 29, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NATHANIEL G. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

(2.) Boston, September 16, 1898.

PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN: It would please me to present to the Revere School a replica of an alto relievo of Paul Revere starting on his famous ride. If it would be acceptable to you, and you will so inform me, I will at once send it to such address as you shall name.

I write this through the suggestion of Captain Nathan Appleton.

The panel is twenty-two by thirty inches, colored in old ivory. I color some in bronze, but I think you would prefer the old ivory, though you can have your choice.

Respectfully yours,

CYRUS COBB.

127A Tremont street.

Referred to the Committee on the Third Division.

(3.) SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

October 10, 1898.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I have investigated the subject matter of the order of the Common Council, "That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to establish and maintain a kindergarten school in the section known as Mattapan, in the Tileston School District, Ward 24," which was referred to me at your meeting of the twenty-seventh of September last.

There is one kindergarten in the Tileston District at the present time in which there are fifty-nine children. There are three parts of the district not accommodated by the present kindergarten, having their centres respectively, first, near the Morton Street School; second, at the corner of Walk Hill street and Blue Hill avenue, and third, near the Tileston School Building. If kindergartens were established at these three centres the number of children whose parents would probably desire to send them are in the first thirty, at the second eighteen, and at the third twenty-five. There is no room in the Morton Street Building nor in the Tileston Building. There are stores near each of the centres above indicated which can probably be hired for kindergarten purposes.

Considering the relatively small number of children to be accommodated at each of

these centres and the expense which would be entailed by hiring accommodations, I am of the opinion that it is inexpedient to establish any more kindergartens in the Tileston District at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Placed on file.

The resignations of four teachers were accepted.

The Superintendent of Schools presented certain appointments, confirmations and transfers for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, and action thereon was taken as follows: The appointments of twelve special assistants were laid over under the rule; the appointments of seven temporary teachers were placed on file; the appointments, on probation, of eight teachers were laid over under the rule; confirmation of the appointments of eleven teachers was laid over under the rule; and the transfers of three teachers were laid over under the rule.

The Superintendent of Schools presented the appointments of forty-eight teachers to serve in the evening High School, and the appointments of 136 teachers to serve in the evening elementary schools, all of which were confirmed under a suspension of the rules; and, on his recommendation, ten teachers were granted leave of absence. The Superintendent presented the appointments of eight temporary teachers (which were placed on file), and of two teachers on probation (which were laid over under the rule), accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the regulations thereto.

The appointments of four janitors recommended by the Committee on School-houses were confirmed.

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, February 23, an order requesting them to fit up a room in the Bowdoin School-house for a class in wood-working, reported that they do not feel warranted in recommending any expenditure for this purpose at the present time. They, therefore, recommend that no action be taken on the order referred.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred, March 8, an order requesting them to fit up a room in the Bunker Hill School-house for a class in cookery, reported that they have given the matter careful consideration, and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to comply with the request of the order referred, for the reason that there are no funds available for the purpose. Your committee therefore, recommend that no further action by the Board be taken.

Accepted, and the recommendation of committee adopted.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on School-houses, reported that under authority granted by the board June 30, they have advertised for and received proposals for the construction of the new South Boston High School-house, and that the lowest bid received amounted to \$242,971. Believing that the cost of this building could be

somewhat reduced without detriment either to its appearance or strength, your committee have made certain modifications in the specifications, and have obtained a proposition from John S. Jacobs & Son, the lowest bidders, to execute the revised general contract for the sum of \$236,966, a reduction of \$6,005 from their original bid, and ask the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with John S. Jacobs & Son in the sum of \$236,966, for constructing the South Boston High School-house, said John S. Jacobs & Son being the lowest bidder.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, it was ordered:

(1.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an addition to the contract of Walter S. Sampson & Son for building the Paul Revere School-house, in the sum of \$130, for sheathing soil-pipes passing through coal-bin, and providing wooden slat steps in toilet-rooms.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Fagan for the construction of an addition to the Mechanic Arts High School-house, in the sum of \$109, on account of increasing width of walls, and furnishing additional piles, as required by the Building Department.

(3.) That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the lot of the Girls' High School, a parcel of land adjoining said lot supposed to belong to the German Lutheran Society, and bounded and described as follows:

North-easterly by Pembroke street, about thirty-six and forty one-hundredths feet; south-easterly by land of the City of Boston, about sixty-five feet; south-westerly by other land of the German Lutheran Society, about thirty-six and forty one-hundredths feet, and north-westerly by land of the same, about sixty-five feet; containing 2,496 square feet, more or less.

(4.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation is made:

Temporary wooden buildings, heating, \$1,200.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, be requested to have that portion of Prince street, in front of the new Paul Revere School, asphalted.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, it was

Ordered, That a special teacher of phonography and typewriting be allowed in the Dorchester High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, to whom was referred, July 26, an order relative to the employment of a laboratory assistant in the Mechanic Arts High School, reported that the following ought to pass:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment in the Mechanic Arts High

School for the school year 1898-99, of a laboratory assistant, at a salary not exceeding \$300.

Report accepted, and order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Ordered, That the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that their request received September 27, that a kindergarten school be established and maintained in the section known as Mattapan, in the Tileston School District, Ward 24, has been carefully considered, and in the opinion of the School Committee it is inexpedient to take the action suggested in said communication. And it is further

Ordered, That a copy of the report of the Superintendent upon the matter be transmitted to the Common Council.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred, September 27, a communication from Ferdinand W. Peck, Commissioner-General of the Lafayette Memorial Commission requesting that contributions be solicited in the public schools of this city for the purpose of erecting a monument to General Lafayette, to be dedicated at the Paris Exposition, July 4, 1900, reported that, in the opinion of your committee, the rule prohibiting the collection of money in the public schools is a wise one, and should not be suspended.

The considerations by which your committee have been governed in this, and in other similar cases, are entirely independent of the merits of the various propositions suggested, and are based solely upon the belief that contributions should not be permitted in the public schools for any purpose.

They therefore recommend that the request be not granted.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred, September 27, a communication from the Trustees for Children, stating that they had voted that the teachers in the Parental school should be paid at the same rate as teachers in the Boston Public schools of the same standing, and requesting that they be accorded the same rights and privileges that accrue to teachers in the Boston Public schools so that time spent in the Parental school shall count to their advantage the same as services in the public schools, reported that they have considered the matter, and are of the opinion that the request is just and reasonable. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 166. Add the following to the section as a separate paragraph: A teacher appointed on probation, who has served in the Parental School subsequently to the first day of October, 1898, and who, during that service, held the certificate required by law, shall receive credit for that service on the same conditions and to the same extent as if that service had been rendered for an equal period in a public school of Boston, provided that the salaries paid to teachers in the Parental school during that period be not less than the salaries paid to teachers of the same ranks in the public schools of Boston.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 37, Paragraph 2. Strike out the amount "\$50" in the third line, and insert in place thereof the amount "\$300" so that the paragraph will read as follows:

2. Shall not make or authorize any contract, except as provided in the following paragraph, for a sum exceeding \$300 until it has been approved by the Board.

Laid over, under the rule.

On recommendation of the committee on salaries it was ordered:

(1.) That Elizabeth B. McKeon, assistant, Grammar School, in the Dearborn District, be placed on the second year of service in her rank, to date from September 6, 1898.

(2.) That Frances S. Tufts, assistant in the Yeoman-street Kindergarten, be placed on the second year of service in her rank, to date from September 1, 1898.

(3.) That the salary of the special teacher of phonography and typewriting in the East Boston High School be fixed at the rate of six hundred (600) dollars per annum.

(4.) That the salary of the janitor of the Frothingham School Annex be fixed at the rate of one hundred eighty (180) dollars per annum, from September 1, 1898, until otherwise ordered.

(5.) That the salary of the janitor of the Morton-street School Annex be fixed at the rate of one hundred twenty (120) dollars per annum, from September 1, 1898, until otherwise ordered.

(6.) That there be paid to James Mitchell, the janitor of the Shurtleff School, the sum of fifty (50) dollars for cutting grass and care of lawn at said school during the year 1898.

(7.) That the salary of the janitor of the Aberdeen District Primary School-house be fixed at the rate of four hundred twenty (420) dollars per annum, from September 1, 1898 to January 1, 1899.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, it was

Ordered, That Emma F. Gallagher, formerly assistant in the Norcross District, be granted leave of absence on half pay from October 1, 1898, until August 31, 1899.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Allen, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to investigate the principles and methods covering the service of substitute teachers in the public schools and to report what changes, if any, in the regulations are needed.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That the generous offer of Cyrus Cobb to present to the Paul Revere School a replica of an alto-relievo of Paul Revere starting on his famous ride be accepted, and the thanks of the Board extended to Mr. Cobb for his appropriate and welcome gift.

The death of A. M. Leavitt, late truant officer, was reported.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have School-house court, Ward 4, asphalted.

The Board adjourned at 9.15 P.M.

Messsages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Monday, October 17, 1898, Chairman Dyar presiding. Absent — Aldermen Lott and Paige.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to the approval of the Board:

(1.) George J. Ryan, to be a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1899.

(2.) Arthur R. Crooks and James Wilson, to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Severally laid over under the law.

The following messages were received from His Honor the Mayor:

Sign at 41 Washington Street. — Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 17, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature, a vote of the Board, passed on October 10, granting leave to Mrs. L. M. Bacon to project a sign at 41 Washington street, Ward 6, said sign to project thirty inches from the building. As stated by me in former communications, I am of the opinion that two feet is the utmost limit to which illuminating signs should be allowed to project from buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the above leave was granted was reconsidered, and the question came on again granting it.

The Board refused to grant the leave — Yeas, 0; nays, 7.

Alterations on Second Floor, City Hall.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 17, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

It has been found very desirable, in order to provide better facilities for the conduct of city business, to make certain alterations in the offices on the second floor of City Hall. A portion of this work in the offices of the City Clerk has already been done, and it seems to be desirable that the full plan of the alterations and improvements which is prepared should be carried out at

once. This plan will include the provision of a private office for the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, which is now lacking. The proposed changes are shown in detail upon a plan which has been prepared by the Architectural Division.

I recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order providing the sum of \$7,000 for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to expend the sum of seven thousand (7,000) dollars, in making permanent alterations and improvements in the offices on the second floor of City Hall; and that to meet the said appropriation, the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Heating of Cabot-Street Bath-House.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 17, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

According to the plans which have been prepared by the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department, it appears that the Cabot-street Bath-house can be heated so that the swimming-pool can be used for bathing in winter at an outlay of about \$2,500, and such work can be utilized in the proposed reconstruction of the whole building, if that is later provided for. This bath-house is situated in a district which I believe would appreciate and largely patronize facilities for bathing in winter, and I trust that the accompanying order providing for this small expenditure may be speedily passed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Baths Department be authorized to expend the sum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars in improving the Cabot-street Bath-house and adapting it for use in winter; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Assigned to the next meeting.

Improvements in Deer Island Hospital.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 17, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Penal Institutions Commissioner calling attention to the imperative need of an appropriation for the rebuilding and refurnishing of Ward "A," of the Deer Island Hospital, and of replacing the pres-

ent wooden ducts in the other wards by those of galvanized iron. I recommend this matter to your early consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE PENAL INSTITUTIONS
COMMISSIONER.

October 17, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor of Boston.

SIR: I desire respectfully to call your attention to the imperative need of an appropriation for the rebuilding and refurnishing of Ward "A" of the Deer Island Hospital, which was destroyed by fire last December. The estimate of the expense of doing this work is \$7,500, and includes not only the rebuilding and refurnishing of the ward, but also the replacement of the wooden ducts under that and the other wards of the hospital with those of galvanized iron.

These ducts are a serious menace to the safety of the institution, as it was in one of them that the fire originated which destroyed Ward "A," and they assisted very materially in the spread of the conflagration. At the present time the ward is capable of occupancy, but I shall be obliged to abandon its use, and thereby seriously inconvenience the other wards of the hospital, unless an appropriation is made for a system of heating and ventilation, for which I am unwilling to expend money from my department appropriation, intended only for the ordinary running expenses of the institution. Earnestly requesting that some provision may be made for the above object at the earliest possible moment, I have the honor to remain,

Yours respectfully,

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Institutions Department.

Use of Wires in the Streets.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 17, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner of Wires, replying to your order requesting a report stating by what right the firm of Mixer Brothers is running wires and cables through the streets of this city for the purpose of doing a telephone business or any other business.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF WIRES.

Boston, October 17, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the inclosed order from the Board of Aldermen, whereby they ask to be informed by what right the firm of Mixer Brothers is running wires and cables through the streets of the city, for the purpose of doing a telephone business or any other business, I desire to say that upon investigation, I find Mixer Brothers have, for

some years, been engaged in running private lines for stock brokers, said lines being used for the purpose of conveying stock quotations; this firm kept these lines in order for the owners of same.

They are now members of the Low Tension Wire Association, and whether or not Chapter 454, of the Acts of 1894, give them authority to do a telephone business or any other business, I am unable to determine. On examination of the records, I cannot find any grant given them by the legislative branch of the State or municipality whereby they have the right to do any such business as referred to in the accompanying order.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS W. FLOOD,
Commissioner of Wires.

Referred to the Committee on Electric Wires.

Nomination of James Buckner.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 17, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I now find that the name of my nominee for the office of Assessor, sent to your Board for confirmation at its last meeting, should have been given as James Buckner, instead of James M. Buckner. While I have little doubt that Mr. James Buckner can legally assume the office to which he has been nominated and confirmed under the name of James M. Buckner, by which name I am informed he has often been referred to, yet, in order to avoid any possible legal question, I now nominate James Buckner to be a member of the Board of Assessors for the term ending April 30, 1901, to take the place of E. Mertain Hatch.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held on Thursday, October 13, 1898, at 7.45 P.M., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Mr. Bigelow of Ward 25 presiding in the temporary absence of President Connolly, who entered the Chamber later and took the chair.

The following messages were received:

Drinking-Fountain, Winthrop Square.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 4, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Water Commissioner in reference to your order requesting him "to locate and maintain a drinking-fountain in Winthrop Square, Ward 7."

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, October 4, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor,

SIR: In reference to the attached order of the Common Council, dated September 29, which you have referred to me, and which requests the Water Commissioner to locate and maintain a drinking-fountain in Winthrop Square, I would say that this is the third time which this order has come before me. The Water Department has been willing to locate the fountain if a location could be obtained, but we were unable to obtain one which was satisfactory to the Street Department, and, as a consequence, it was impossible to obtain a permit. I believe that it would be very undesirable to locate a drinking-fountain in connection with the horse-trough in the centre of the square; consequently the suggestion to this effect, made in the past, has not been and would not be acceptable to the Water Department. If a location can be obtained, a drinking-fountain should be erected in this locality at once.

Yours very truly,

JOHN R. MURPHY,
Water Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Extension of Cove Street.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, October 5, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: In reply to the communication from the Common Council of September 15, 1898, asking for a report of action taken under Chapter 388 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, concerning the extension of Atlantic avenue (formerly Cove street), to Dorchester avenue at West First street, the Street Commissioners have to say that upon the third instant a meeting of the Boards of Railroad Commissioners and Street Commissioners, sitting jointly, was held at the office of the Railroad Commissioners, for the purpose of determining the time to begin proceedings in the matter, and that upon the Railroad Commissioners, by request of the Boston Terminal Company, advising that further time be taken before action to examine the relation of the proposed extension of the street and the required bridge to the premises of the Terminal Company and the railroad companies interested, the meeting was continued to Wednesday, October 19.

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

Football Field, Gibson Play-Ground.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 4, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication received from the Board of Park Commissioners, stating that, in compliance with the request contained in an order of your body,

a football field has been laid out on the Christopher Gibson ball ground, Ward 20, for the benefit of the Dorchester High School boys.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

October 3, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: With regard to the order of the Common Council requesting us to lay out a football field on the Christopher Gibson Playground, Ward 20, Dorchester, and erect goal-posts and stakes for ropes outside the side lines, for the benefit of the Dorchester High School boys, we beg to say we have instructed the Superintendent to do the things suggested in the order.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Kindergarten — Tileston School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

October 13, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication of the School Committee in reply to your order requesting that a kindergarten be established and maintained in the Tileston School District, Ward 24.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

October 11, 1898.

Ordered, That the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that their request, received September 27, that a kindergarten be established and maintained in the section known as Mattapan, in the Tileston School District, Ward 24, has been carefully considered, and, in the opinion of the School Committee, it is inexpedient to take the action suggested in said communication. And it is further

Ordered, That a copy of the report of the Superintendent upon the matter be transmitted to the Common Council.

Passed.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

October 10, 1898.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I have investigated the subject matter of the Common Council, "That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to establish and maintain a kindergarten school in the section known as Mattapan, in the Tileston School District, Ward 24," which was referred to me at your meeting of the twenty-seventh of September last.

There is one kindergarten in the Tileston District at the present time in which there

are fifty-nine children. There are three parts of the district not accommodated by the present kindergarten, having their centres respectively, first, near the Morton-street School, second, at the corner of Walk Hill street and Blue Hill avenue, and third, near the Tileston School building. If kindergartens were established at these three centres the number of children whose parents would probably desire to send them are at the first thirty, at the second eighteen, and at the third twenty-five. There is no room in the Morton-street building nor in the Tileston building. There are stores near each of the centres above indicated which can probably be hired for kindergarten purposes.

Considering the relatively small number of children to be accommodated at each of these centres, and the expense which would be entailed by hiring accommodations, I am of the opinion that it is inexpedient to establish any more kindergartens in the Tileston District at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

Boston, October 11, 1898.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

Public Convenience Stations.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 13, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have heretofore several times called attention to the urgent need of providing additional public convenience stations.

This object has received a good deal of attention at the hands of the Bath Commission, and it is ready to proceed with the work as soon as the necessary appropriations can be made. There is still some available borrowing capacity for the current year, and I think it can be applied to no better purpose than that of enabling some steps, at least, to be taken toward meeting this additional deficiency and providing in some manner for the health and convenience of the public. I trust, therefore, that the City Council will now be willing to pass a loan order, providing at least \$20,000 for this important and necessary purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Mr. Bigelow of Ward 25 offered an order that the Trustees of the Baths Department be authorized to expend the sum of \$20,000 in providing additional public convenience stations; and that to meet said appropriation, the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the city to said amount.

Assigned to the next meeting.

Union Station Bonds.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 13, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 13 of Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1896, entitled "An act to provide for a Union Station for passengers entering the Southern part of the City of Boston," I hereby request the City Council to authorize the City Treasurer to issue bonds of the city, payable in thirty years, for the sum of four hundred thousand (400,000) dollars, for the purpose of paying additional expenses to be incurred by the city in carrying out the provisions of said act. One million six hundred thousand (1,600,000) dollars of five-year bonds, outside of the debt limit, have already been issued under this act, on account of the failure of the City Council to authorize the issue of bonds for the same amount within the debt limit, and the amount now requested will exhaust the authority to borrow under said act. The proceeds of the bonds already issued will be exhausted within a short time, and additional money must therefore be provided for the work of construction now in progress.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

RESOLUTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL.

The following resolutions regarding the death of Stephen D. Murphy, offered by Councilman Martin of Ward 15, were adopted by the Common Council on Thursday evening, October 13.

The resolutions were adopted in concurrence by the Board of Aldermen on Monday, October 17:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston hereby tenders its heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late Stephen D. Murphy, late an employee of the city and a member of Company I of the Ninth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, who laid down his life in the service of his country, and whose example should be an inspiration of patriotism to future generations of the citizens of Boston.

Ordered, That a copy of the above resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

The name of Mr. Desmond FitzGerald, of the Water Department of the City of Boston, was presented by the Nominating Committee of the American Society of Civil Engineers, at a meeting held on October 5, for President of the society, to be elected in 1899.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved October 12, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Council gratefully accepts, on behalf of the city, the legacy of \$30,000 from the estate of the late John Foster of this city; that the City Treasurer be authorized to receive the same, on behalf of the city, and that the sum received constitute a trust fund, to be designated as the John Foster Trust Fund.

Ordered, That the Board of Art Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, be, and hereby is, authorized to procure a monumental statue of the late Rev. William Ellery Channing, and to cause said statue with a canopy over the same to be erected in the Public Garden, opposite the Arlington-street Church.

Ordered, That the Treasury hold, invest and reinvest said sum and use the same with the income thereof to meet the expenses incurred by said Commissioners under the above order, and pay any balance remaining of said sum and interest, after paying said expenses, to the executors of the will of the late John Foster, or their successors in said office.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$7,000 from the appropriation for "City Messenger Department, Free Concerts" to an appropriation for the Department of Public Music.

The following were approved October 14, 1898:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Quincy and Boston Street Railway Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Neponset avenue, near the bridge, Ward 24, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied as a car-house.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to Jesse Tirrell to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on K street, near East First street, Ward 14, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied as a machine shop.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to A. Coleman Fisher to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on 69 Trenton street, Ward 1, in excess of size allowed, and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addi-

tion to be occupied for carriage shed; main building occupied for stable purposes.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to N. Y. Brintnall to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on 35, 37, 39 Chapman street, Ward 5, in excess of size allowed, and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for manufacturing purposes; main building occupied for stable purposes.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to Thomas G. Plant to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Bickford street, near Centre street, Ward 22, in excess of size allowed, and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for storage purposes, main building occupied for manufacturing purposes.

The following were approved October 15, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to George E. Howe the sum of \$49.29, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Sterling street, No. 84, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2506, fol. 268.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Bridget Mullen the sum of \$96.21, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Lyons street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2498, fol. 616.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Frank M. Frost and Albert G. Frost the sum of \$68.56, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Rosedale street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 567.

Ordered, That the City Messenger be directed to make the usual arrangements for receiving election returns on the days of the coming State and city elections, and that the Common Council Chamber be opened on the evenings of said days for the announcement of said returns; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for the City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Ordered, That all land damages occasioned by the relocation and extension of Brooks street, at Brighton, be charged to the special appropriation made for Brooks street.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved October 12, 1898:

A permit to the Trustees under the will of Thomas E. Proctor to construct basement floor of building corner of Essex street and Atlantic avenue at grade eight feet two inches.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

To Charles F. Brine, a sign, at 18 Avery street.

To Maynard & Duncan, two signs, at 30 Cornhill.

To H. F. Mouradian, sign, at 1607 Washington street.

To Louis D. Frank, two transparencies, at 2B Lowell street, Ward 8.

To Cutillo & Carbone, two V-shaped signs, at 339 Washington street, Ward 6.

To Bernard D. Rogers, sign, at 15 Pleasant street, Ward 7.

To Jeremiah F. McCarthy, two signs, at 66 Bunker Hill street and 6 Polk street, Ward 3.

To H. W. Bresnahan, transparency, at 233 D street, Ward 13.

To H. W. Bresnahan, transparency, at 318 Broadway, Ward 13.

To Bernard D. Rogers, sign, 1114 Washington street, Ward 9.

To Charles Sing, sign, at 617 Columbus avenue, Ward 18.

To Pasquale D'Ambrosio, sign, at 28½ Brattle street, Ward 6.

To F. J. Bauman, two signs, at 33 Boylston street, Ward 7.

To Sie Kasdan, two signs, at 202 Bunker Hill street, Ward 3.

To George R. Palmer, two barber poles, at 138 Salem street, Ward 8.

To C. E. Hale, an illuminated sign, at 148 Court street, Ward 6.

To Martin Avella, two barber poles, at 79 Paris street, Ward 2.

To William H. Robinson, sign, at 47 Joy street, Ward 11.

To Andrew Bialas, sign, at 297 Cambridge street, Ward 8.

To Dr. A. Jackson, two V-shaped signs, at 24 Temple place, Ward 7.

To Sidney C. McIntire, two key signs, at 1397 Washington street, Ward 9.

To Seamen's Union, an illuminated sign, at 1½ Lewis street, Ward 6.

To New York Dental Parlors Company, V-shaped sign, at 493 Washington street, Ward 7.

To Peter Sottile, a barber pole, at 767 Washington street, Ward 7.

To Charlie Chin, sign, at 14 Spring street, Ward 8.

To Mrs. Edelman, sign, at 61 West Dedham street, Ward 9.

To Dennis H. Collins, sign, at 36 Bowdoin street, Ward 6.

Permits for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

To the City Central Committee of the Social Democratic Party, on November 2; and to Harriet E. Lothrop, on November 4.

Permit to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to attach its wires to two trees on High street, Charlestown.

Ordered, That the time allowed the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts in which to erect and remove poles on Rockland street, Ward 25, under the order passed by this Board, June 14, 1898, be and the same is hereby extended to October 31, 1898.

Ordered, That the time allowed the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts in which to erect poles on Bowdoin street, Ward 20, under the order passed by this Board, October 19, 1897, be and the same is hereby extended to November 30, 1898.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove seven poles from Beverly street, and six poles from Portland street, said poles being shown by red dots marked "R" and "Removed" on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated November, 1889, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, and dated September 1, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Mt. Vernon street, Ward 20, thirty-five poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter, width of sidewalk, seven feet six inches.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the list of allowances hereto annexed, for the month of October, and payable November 1, 1898, of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families residing in the City of Boston, or having a settlement therein, under the provisions of Chapters 301 and 279 of the Acts of 1894, and Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1890, and amendments thereto, Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1893, and Chapter 561 of the Acts of 1898, be hereby approved, and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the said allowances to the persons named respectively until otherwise ordered by this Board unless the person named shall previously become ineligible to receive said aid; and charge the same to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief.

Ordered, That the Fitchburg Railroad Company be hereby authorized to sell at public auction and after publication of the time and place of sale according to law, the articles left and remaining unclaimed at the passenger station of said company in the City of Boston.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Board of Election Commissioners to place in the streets of this city such polling booths, as may be necessary for election purposes; said booths to be so placed as to incommode the public as little as possible, and to be removed immediately after the city election.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, the owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Of J. B. O'Rourke, corner Pleasant and Willis streets, Ward 20.

Of Alick Chisholm, 120 Stanwood street, Ward 20.

Of W. G. Nash, 35, 37, 39 and 41 Norway street, Ward 10.

Of Eliza A. Monney, 77 Bowdoin street, Ward 20.

Of Fred A. Crossman 33, 35 Cunard street, Ward 18.

Of R. C. DeBeaumont, 13, 15 Ingleside street, Ward 16.

Of A. Adelman, corner Day and Round Hill streets, Ward 22.

Of William Donaldson, 63, 65 McLellan street, Ward 20.

Of J. W. Strieder, 26 Montrose street, Ward 21.

Of Herbert R. Hunting, 25 Boylston street, Ward 22.

Of Thomas G. Plant Company, Bickford street, Ward 22.

Of N. L. Garlaneaux, 104 Magnolia street, Ward 16.

Of Henry D. Andrews, at 5-14, inclusive, on Pope street, Ward 1; Giovannia Bellizia, at 236 Maverick street, Ward 3; Joseph W. Homer, at 34 Marshfield street, Ward 17, at 77 Burrell street and at 80 Burrell street, Ward 17; St. Peters School (P. Ronan), on Bowdoin street, Ward 20; John A. Daly heirs at 1449-1457 Dorchester avenue, Ward 20; Alice F. Elson, at 23 Boylston street, Ward 22; David McIntosh, on Cranston street, corner Sheridan street, Ward 22.

Of "Huyler's," 146 Tremont street, Ward 7.

Of T. Z. Steinbarger, Savin Hill avenue, Ward 20.

Of Francis E. Robinson, 8 Athelwold street, Ward 20.

Of C. A. Newhall, Blue Hill avenue, between Intervale and Brunswick streets, Ward 20.

Of John H. Casey, 15 Wales street, Ward 20.

Of Arthur E. Cox, Savin Hill avenue, Ward 20.

Of Lomer Lahaise, 39-45 Cranston street, Ward 22.

Of D. A. Andrews, 76 Gardner street, Ward 21.

Of S. N. Davenport, 7 Menlo street, Ward 25.

Of L. E. Bates, 10 Menlo street, Ward 25.

Of A. J. McMurtry, 23 Henshaw street, corner Menlo street, Ward 25.

Of Francis Peabody, jr., et al., Trustees, Newbury street, corner of Charlesgate East, Ward 11.

Of Sarah L. Bowker, 323 East Eagle street, Ward 1.

Of Josef Hengel, Marshfield street, and eighty-seven feet on Batchelder street, Ward 1.

Of H. C. Bowen et al., 83-87 and 89 Burrell street, Ward 17.

Of Joseph W. Homer, et al., 36 Marshfield street, Ward 17.

The following was approved October 13:

Ordered, That so much of the order of assessment approved March 16, 1898, levying a sidewalk assessment of \$51.60 against the estate of Bridget Martin, No. 338 Centre street, Ward 22, be and the same is hereby rescinded, to correct error.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the several heads of departments to take no steps towards uniforming employees until a hearing has been

given to the men themselves, and to any others who may be interested.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be required to plant a suitable number of shade trees in the restricted space in Commonwealth avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate East; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Park Department.

The following resolve was also passed:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the City Council of the City of Boston, the uniforming of the men employed in the several departments would have no particular influence in improving the public service, and would be an injustice to the men who may be compelled to provide themselves with such uniform.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the City Engineer be hereby requested to report to this Board at its next meeting an estimate of the cost of widening Chelsea Bridge draw opening at north draw, from its present width of forty-five feet to seventy-five feet.

That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface Breed street, Ward 1; the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements, Ward 1.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1898.

The following is the statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of September, 1898, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	528,912
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	22.35
Death rate for corresponding month, in 1897	20.57

Number of deaths:	
Males	516
Females	469
	985

Condition:	
Married	238
Single	621
Widows	80
Widowers	36
Unknown	10

Color:	
White	970
Colored	15

Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	330
Under 2 years	412
Under 5 years	431

Deaths from diarrhoeal diseases:	
Under 1 year	107
Under 2 years	133
Under 5 years	134
All ages	153

Nativity:	
United States	692
Ireland	162
England	22
Scotland	5
Germany	14
British America	50
Italy	6
Russia	5
Other countries	20
Unknown	9

Parentage:	
United States	176
Irish	342
English	24
Scotch	12
Germany	24
British American	60
Italian	25
Russian	36
Other countries	84
Mixed	98
Unknown	104

Still-births during the month	54
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Causes of Death.

I. ZYMOTICS.

Alcoholism	2
Croup	1
Cholera morbus	3
Cholera infantum	108
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	5
Diarrhoea	29
Dysentery	13
Diphtheria	12
Rheumatism	2
Scarlatina	1
Syphilis	1
Septicæmia	9
Typhoid fever	36
Whooping cough	9
Other Zymotic diseases	11
	243

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	31
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	10
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	52
Phthisis pulmonalis	97
Other Constitutional diseases	40
	230

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	18
Bright's disease	13
Bronchitis	24
Heart disease	62
Meningitis	20
Nephritis	23
Pneumonia	28
Other local diseases	195
	383

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Cyanosis	3
Inanition	22
Old age	17
Premature births	17
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	2
Other Developmental diseases	24
	85

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	37
Suicidal	4
Other Violent causes	2
Unknown causes	1

Total from all causes 985

The report of the Commissioner of Education shows that there are 15,452,426 pupils in the elementary schools of the United States, an increase of 257,896 in a year. Including those in colleges and academies, the total number of students is 16,255,093. The total average amount of schooling for each person is about five years of two hundred days, while in some states it rises as high as seven years.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Chairman J. Albert Brackett, No. 92 State street, on Monday, October 10, 1898, at 3 P.M.

There were present: Messrs. Brackett, Atteaux, Morse, Fallon and Hersey.

Bills to the amount of \$1,887.69 were approved.

Voted, That Mr. Morse have authority to contract for a fence the entire length of front at Evergreen Cemetery.

The subject of a chapel at Mt. Hope Cemetery was discussed, and it was

Voted, That the chapel be erected near the entrance, and that the present entrance be changed, according to a plan submitted by the Superintendent.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to invite proposals for the erection of a chapel, according to the scheme set forth by the Board.

NELLIE V. NORTON, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

Boston, September 28, 1898.

The regular meeting of the Trustees was held at the office of Mr. A. Shuman at 12.15 P.M., the President in the chair.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Keany and Sprague.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Sprague was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

The Superintendent presented bills on account of the equipment and maintenance of tents for sick soldiers, as per request of His Honor Mayor Quincy, in his communication of September sixteenth. It was voted that the bills amounting to \$2,841.71 be approved, and the President was authorized to draw draft upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, said draft to be paid from such appropriation as His Honor may direct.

It was voted that there be paid to C. H. Cronin the sum of \$151.92, as fourth and final payment on account of his contract of November 13, 1897, for plumbing in Wards S and H, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be deducted from the contract of Kerrens Driscoll for erection of Laundry Building, the sum of \$9.62, for amount of water used in the new Laundry Building, as per order No. 269, by Wheelwright & Haven.

It was voted that there be added to the contract of John S. Jacobs & Son for the Ann White Vose House, the sum of \$55 for difference (plus 10 per cent.) between \$300 allowance in contract for exterior carving and \$350, amount of proposal of Charles Emmel for same, as per order No. 267, by Wheelwright & Haven.

A communication was received from the Superintendent in regard to the admission and care of the sick soldiers, as to number, expense of equipment and maintenance, and the same was ordered to be placed on file.

It was voted that the Superintendent be instructed to require vouchers and time-cards for goods and labor received at the time of delivery, and that bills presented to the Trustees for their approval shall correspond to said vouchers and time cards.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE,
Secretary pro tempore.

Library Department.

Friday, October 7, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln, Prince and the Librarian.

Communications received: The Librarian's report; the Auditor's monthly exhibit for the month of September.

The special committee of the Trustees, consisting of Mr. Prince and Dr. DeNormandie, authorized to act in behalf of the Board under the votes passed June 24, June 27, and July 11, reported that it had held meetings at various times during the summer, particularly on July 22, July 28, August 10, August 31, September 14; September 20; and September 24; that it had authorized the following purchases and contracts: Books, chargeable to the city appropriation, \$1,360.23; to trust funds, \$1,490.34; work chargeable to New Library building (irrespective of miscellaneous minor work authorized under Connery & Wentworth general contract) \$6,588.15; work and articles chargeable to the furnishing appropriation, \$5,012.74; miscellaneous articles chargeable to the general appropriation, \$2,676.39. That pursuant to the vote of June 24 it allowed on August 10, bills entering into the September 1 requisition as follows: Chargeable to general appropriation, \$5,406.37; chargeable to Library building appropriation, \$6,416.73; chargeable to Library building furnishing appropriation, \$155; chargeable to Branch Library, Broadway Extension, \$8.25; chargeable to trust funds income, \$178.75; and that it authorized special drafts in favor of Connery & Wentworth, and Smith & Lovett, for \$5,700 and \$700 respectively, included in the above amount.

Salaries increased: Philip H. Savage, Librarian's Secretary, \$25.50 to \$28.76 per week; Adelaide A. Nichols, auditor, \$24.93 to \$28.76 per week; Margaret D. McGuffey, chief of issue department, \$24.93 to \$28.76 per week; Francis W. Lee, chief of printing department, \$33 to \$35 per week; Lindsay Swift, editor of library publications, \$33 to \$35 per week; Edward B. Hunt, catalogue department, \$29 to \$31 per week, each beginning October 1; and Otto Fleischer, custodian of special libraries, \$38 to \$40 per week beginning December 1.

Ordered, That beginning October 1, the position of custodian at the following branches be graded in "B Special," to wit:

East Boston, South Boston, Roxbury, Charlestown, Brighton, Dorchester, South End, Jamaica Plain, West End; and that the salaries of Ellen O. Walkley, Josephine N. Bullard, Helen M. Bell, Elizabeth F. Cartee, Martha N. Hobart, Elizabeth T.

Reed, Margaret A. Sheridan, Mary P. Swain, and Eliza R. Davis, the custodians be increased from \$13.50 to \$14 per week.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$595; to trust funds \$186.89 to Station "P," \$7.50; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$29.74; miscellaneous articles, \$1,099.62.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered, and disposed of.

Certain complaints from the complaint boxes were received, read, and referred to the Librarian for such action as may be feasible.

Voted, That the report of Mr. Whitney in regard to a catalogue in book form be printed.

A bill from Mr. Andrew Stewart for services as accountant was referred to Mr. Lincoln.

The President, having drawn to the attention of the Board the proposed removal of the fire-engine house on Dartmouth street, it was

Voted, That the matter be referred to the President, with the request that he confer with the Mayor and request that the precautions against fire in this district should not be diminished.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held October 3:

An order of the Common Council requesting that a foot-ball field be laid out on the Christopher Gibson Playground, was received and the Superintendent was directed to lay out the grounds as suggested in the order.

Voted, To build a bulkhead in Charles river immediately within the Harbor Commissioners' line on the northerly side of the Charlesgate, with a view to carrying out the plan of treatment substantially as recommended by Mr. Olmsted, and that the Superintendent be requested to report what modifications of the plan he considers desirable.

The Superintendent submitted the application of the West India Cricket Club for a location at Franklin Field for the use of the club for the season of 1899, recommending that they be given the crease formerly occupied by the Zingari Club, which is now vacant, and it was

Voted, That the West India Cricket Club be permitted to use the grounds at Franklin Field lately occupied by the Zingari Cricket Club, during the season of 1899 for the purpose of playing cricket, subject to revocation by the Board.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Since 1836 there has passed through the Erie Canal an aggregate of tonnage of merchandise amounting to 256,287,441 tons, representing a money value of \$7,697,623,230; an annual average of tons carried of 4,250,000, of a value of \$128,000,000.

Award of Contract.

Street Department.

Proposals for building retaining walls and fences on Rosseter street were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, on October 14, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
R. L. Barrett	\$1,275
William Cashman	1,350
John P. Broderick	1,425
D. F. O'Connell	1,500
D. E. Lynch	1,635
Collins & Ham	1,696
John Sutherland	1,749
James McGovern	1,900
George R. Dugad & Co.	1,975

The contract was awarded to R. L. Barrett.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following table, compiled from Custom House returns, shows the value of imports and exports, together with the entrance and clearance of foreign vessels, at the Port of Boston for the nine months ending September 30, 1898, compared with the corresponding period of 1897:

IMPORTS.			
	1897.		1898.
Free	\$50,454,551		\$12,549,673
Dutiable	23,350,593		25,521,171
Totals	\$73,805,144		\$38,070,844
EXPORTS.			
	1897.		1898.
Domestic	\$75,409,171		\$88,511,848
Foreign	904,894		1,093,621
Totals	\$76,314,065		\$89,605,469

ENTRANCE.			
	1897.		1898.
No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
Foreign Vessels	1,566 1,497,074	1,404 1,445,971	

CLEARANCE.			
	1897.		1898.
No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
Foreign Vessels	1,443 1,259,704	1,339 1,263,918	

Under the title of "Women's Work on City Problems," an interesting contribution on "Some Ways of Benefiting a City," with especial regard to the poor of Boston, is made by Alice N. Lincoln, of the Pauper Institutions Trustees of the City of Boston, in the September number of "Municipal Affairs."

Under the same general head Alice Upton Pearmain and Helena S. Dudley, both of Boston, have contributed articles on "The Boston Schools: a Sanitary Investigation," and "Women's Work in Boston Settlements," respectively.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, October 10, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending October 8, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	
2...	2	4	1	-	-	1	5	1	2	8	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	
5...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	2	
6...	-	5	-	-	1	-	5	2	13	42	
7...	1	6	-	-	-	-	11	8	4	57	
8...	1	6	3	-	-	-	6	2	8	16	
9...	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	1	4	14	
10...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	28	
11...	-	2	-	2	-	-	2	-	6	43	
12...	1	1	-	-	4	-	1	2	2	32	
13...	-	5	2	-	-	-	2	-	4	7	
14...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	10	
15...	2	-	1	-	-	3	-	2	2	11	
16...	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	13	10	
17...	6	2	4	-	10	-	-	1	6	23	
18...	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	4	
19...	6	2	-	-	-	3	2	-	3	6	
20...	9	1	11	-	-	13	2	6	6	73	
21...	2	3	4	-	-	3	2	-	13	31	
22...	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	4	12	
23...	3	1	-	-	-	5	2	1	10	14	
24...	2	3	-	-	-	7	2	4	14	26	
25...	1	1	2	-	-	5	5	4	7	13	
T'ls..	37	56	29	2	15	43	60	39	114	487	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, October 17, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending October 15, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	106
Number of discharges of mortgages	31
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of assignments of mortgages	5
Number of assignments of wages	36
Number of married women's certificates	15
Number of ship liens	2
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	4
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgage	1

The following accident notices were filed:
October 11—Mrs. Fannie F. Phillips, personal injuries received in front of 406 Massachusetts avenue, on September 12,

1898. Mary Welch, personal injuries received on Court street near Chardon street on September 20, 1898.

October 12—John C. Noble, personal injuries received on Richmond street opposite No. 18, October 7, 1898.

October 13—Mary E. Weir, personal injuries received on Washington street, Dorchester, October 6, 1898.

October 14—Florence Driscoll, personal injuries received on Water street, Charlestown, on September 23, 1898.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, October 15, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been rejected by this Board:
Linnie M. Clark, 24 Longfellow street, Ward 24; Richard Corcoran, jr., Lee street, Ward 23; Albert Geiger, Leland place, Ward 9.

The petition of J. L. & A. T. Weinz, for the occupancy of a stable on Anawan avenue, Ward 23, for two horses, was granted.

The petition of S. A. Knapp, for the occupancy of a stable on Beech street, Ward 23, for one additional horse, was withdrawn.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for week ending October 14:

Steers	235
New England cows	20
New England bulls	8
Sheep	161
Calves	391
Hogs	3

Total 818

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending Saturday, October 15, 1898:

Six hundred pounds of tainted bear's meat; four hundred and forty pounds of tainted poultry; one hundred and fifty-five pounds of tainted fish; two hundred and eight pounds of immature veal; five dozen pigeons; forty-six baskets of grapes; two baskets of tomatoes; one basket of vegetables; two boxes of fruit.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending October 15, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	10	8	18
Negative	29	16	45
No growth	1	1	2
Totals	40	25	65

In suspected cases of typhoid fever: Four cases gave positive, seven cases negative, and two cases unsatisfactory results.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, October 10, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending October 8:

Cases pending	0	
Number of applications	93	93
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	49	
Long Island Almshouse	20	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Observation Hospital		
Deer Island	4	
Boston Insane Hospital	5	
Foxboro' Asylum	2	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	1	
Worcester Lunatic Asylum	4	
	—	86
Number of applications refused	8	
Number of applications withdrawn	8	
Cases pending	1	
	—	93
Legal settlements investigated		99

28 Court Square, October 17, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending October 15:

Cases pending	1	
Number of applications	102	103
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	43	
Long Island Almshouse	15	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Observation Hospital		
Deer Island	3	
Boston Insane Hospital	5	
Foxboro' Asylum	7	
Westboro' Lunatic Asylum	8	
	—	82
Number of applications refused	0	
Number of applications withdrawn	14	
Cases pending	7	
	—	103
Legal settlements investigated		175

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, October 10, 1898.

Statistics for week ending October 8:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	186	7
Females	26	4
Totals	* 212	11
Offences:		
Against the person	5	2
Against property	17	5
Against public order and decency	191	4
Totals	† 213	11
Discharges:		
Males	180	6
Females	23	9
Totals	203	15
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	130	14
Permit of Commissioner	44	0
Payment of fine	29	0
Transferred to Deer Island	0	1
	203	15

Population:		
October 3, 1898	1,443	530
Committed since October 3, 1898	212	11
Totals	1,655	541
Discharged since October 3, 1898	203	15
October 8, 1898	1,452	526

* One transferred from South Boston.
† One committed with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending October 15, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	20.6
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	20.6
Number of deaths:	
Males	98
Females	112
Total	210
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	205
Increase	5

Of the 210 decedents, 209 were white and 1 colored; 144 were born in the United States, 65 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 49 were of American parentage, 139 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 22 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	34	5
Scarlatina	15	2
Typhoid fever	24	7
Measles	14	1
Totals	87	15

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	22
Pneumonia	19
Whooping-cough	2
Heart disease	11
Bronchitis	1
Marasmus	17
Violent causes	7
Total from principal causes	79
Total from infectious diseases	87
Total from other causes	44
Total from all causes	210

Advertisements.**NOTICE.**

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, October 14, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, thereto duly authorized, respectfully petitions to lay, maintain and use double curves at the corner of Washington and Hanover streets, nearly opposite Friend street, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated October 13, 1898, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company, by its Attorney,
The Boston Elevated Railway Company,
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

Advertisements.**CITY OF BOSTON.****IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

October 17, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of November, at 3 P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Daily Globe and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, October 3, 1898.

The Massachusetts Pipe Line Gas Company desires for its pipe lines the right to construct, maintain and operate the same in the streets, lanes and highways of the City of Boston between the boundary line of the said city on Alford street in the Charlestown District and the holders or plant of the Boston Gas Light Company, on Commercial street, Charles street, and at Commercial Point, the holders or plant of the Bay State Gas Company at Calf Pasture, the holders or plant of the South Boston Gas Light Company at the foot of Dorchester street in South Boston, the holders or plant of the Jamaica Plain Gas Light Company on Keyes street, in the Jamaica Plain District, and the holders or plant of the Brookline Gas Light Company on Cambridge street in the Brighton District; and respectfully petitions therefor.

The streets, highways, and lanes in which the Company desires to locate such pipe line are the following:

In Alford street from its intersection with the line of the City of Everett to its intersection with Cambridge street; thence in Cambridge street to its intersection with the line of the City of Somerville.

In Rutherford avenue from its intersection with Cambridge street to its intersection with Devens street; thence in Devens street and Bow street to City square; thence in City square to Charles River avenue and in Prince street to its intersection with Commercial street; thence in Commercial street to the holders or plant of the Boston Gas Light Company on said street.

In Cambridge street from its intersection with the City of Cambridge line to its intersection with Charles street; thence on Charles street to the holders or plant of the Boston Gas Light Company on said street.

In Massachusetts avenue from its intersection with the City of Cambridge line to Columbia road; thence in Columbia road and Mt. Vernon street to the holders or plant of the Bay State Gas Company at Calf Pasture.

In Swett street from its intersection with Massachusetts avenue to its intersection with Dorchester avenue; thence on Dorchester avenue northerly to its intersection with Dorchester street; thence on Dorchester street to the holders or plant of the South Boston Gas Light Company on said street.

In Dorchester avenue from its intersection with Columbia road to its intersection with Freeport street; thence in Freeport street to its intersection with Union street; thence in Union street to the holders or plant of the Boston Gas Light Company at Commercial Point.

In Columbus avenue from its intersection with Massachusetts avenue to its intersection with Washington street; thence in Washington street to its intersection with Keyes street; thence on Keyes street to the holders or plant of the Jamaica Plain Gas Light Company on said street.

In Cambridge street in the Brighton District from its intersection with the line of the City of Cambridge in a westerly direction to the holders or plant of the Brookline Gas Light Company on said street.

The said termini and streets are more particularly shown on a plan of Louis J. Hirt, dated September 15, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition, it being understood that the size of the pipes shall not exceed the figures marked upon said plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Massachusetts Pipe Line Gas Company,
By H. M. WHITNEY, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

October 17, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Globe, Evening Record and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 12, 1898.

Sealed proposals for building a stable in Franklin Park, in accordance with the form of contract and specifications to be furnished by the Park Commissioners, will be received at the office of the Park Commissioners, Jamaica Park, Boston, until 3 o'clock P.M., of Monday, October 24, 1898, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for three hundred (\$300) dollars, to be returned to the bidder unless he fails to execute the contract, should it be awarded to him.

Specifications and plans may be seen and blank forms of proposal obtained at Engineer's office, Jamaica Park. The Park Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids. CHARLES E. STRATTON, LABAN PRATT, Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, October 14, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 of the Old Court House, on Friday, October 21, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., as to the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in a territory now shown on plans numbered Z 18, 23, 24, 25, 36, 37, 38, 43, 44, 45, 56, 57, 58, 65, made by them; said territory is in that part of Boston formerly West Roxbury, and is bounded, approximately, by the West Roxbury Parkway, the West Roxbury Branch of the Old Colony Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, Centre, Corey, Garden, Maple, Weld, Arthur and Dunbar streets, and the boundary line between the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline. JOHN P. DORE, JOHN H. DUANE, GEORGE H. INNIS, Board of Street Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 17, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Andrews street be laid out as a highway, from East Canton street to East Dedham street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the second day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 17, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Albright street be laid out as a highway, at Dorchester, from Columbia road to Summer street, and over and including the private ways known as Albright court and Summer-street place, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the second day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 17, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Waldeck street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Melville avenue to Tona-wanda street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the second day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

October 14, 1898.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer, of the City of Boston, to submit proposals to him at his office, City Hall, Boston, before 12 o'clock M., of Thursday, October 27, 1898, for building draw foundation and draw fender piers of the bridge on Summer-street extension, Boston. Plans and specifications for the work may be seen on and after Monday, October 17, at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston. Proposals are required to be in a gross sum for the whole work and must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (\$1,000) dollars payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

JOHN E. CHENEY, Acting City Engineer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 12, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a sewer be constructed in private lands, at West Roxbury, from Brookside avenue to Argyle street, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-sixth day of October, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 12, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the private way, at West Roxbury, known as Sharon street, be laid out, from Canterbury street to Brown avenue, as a highway, with the name of Seymour street, and constructed by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-sixth day of October, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 12, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Rowe street, at West Roxbury, be laid out as a highway, from Ashland street to Sharon street, and constructed by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-sixth day of October, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 14, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Woodcliff street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, eastwardly from Howard avenue, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-eighth day of October, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 14, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for sub-grading Columbia road, between 1 street and the west line of Atlantic street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$6,500, satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, October 24, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 18, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing two safety valves for Double Screw Ferry Boat, No. 3, according to the office copy of the specifications, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave the proposal at said office, on or before 12 M., of Tuesday, October 26, 1898, with a certified check for \$100, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 11, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 276 Tremont street, Ward 7, one bay window of stone of the following description: To project from the second story, over Tremont street, of the following dimensions: Fourteen feet high, 10 feet wide, and 18 inches over line of street.

SAMUEL B. DOGGETT,
Commonwealth avenue and Wade street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 17, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, October 31, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

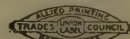
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October 18, 1898.

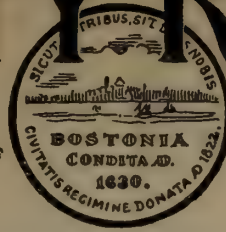
Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Rosemont street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Dorchester avenue to Samoset street, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the third day of November 1898, and the office of this board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

At its meeting held Monday, October 24, 1898, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor:

James Buckner, to be a member of the Board of Assessors, for the term ending April 30, 1901.

Thomas Sproules, to be a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, for the term ending April 30, 1901.

George J. Ryan, to be a Constable, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Arthur R. Crooks and James Wilson, to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

PUBLIC WASH-HOUSES IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The modern public-bath movement is usually said to have originated in Liverpool, through the action of the corporation of that city in 1828; when the so-called St. George's Baths, comprising a swimming-pool, and several suites of private tub-baths, were built on the bank of the Mersey at Pierhead. But Liverpool's action did not excite much

public attention prior to May, 1842, when the corporation opened the Frederick-street Baths and Wash-house, which cost £2,648 to build and furnish. It was the first public "baths and wash-house" erected in Great Britain, and most of the public bath-houses built in England and on the Continent during the succeeding twenty years comprised also a wash-house or public laundry. Since 1870, most continental municipalities have not provided public laundries in connection with their public bath-houses. While some British cities which maintain an extensive system of public baths—for instance Manchester and Birmingham—have no public wash-houses, others—as for instance Dublin, Glasgow and London—attach importance to the wash-house feature even in their newest and most costly establishments.

The Frederick-street establishment in Liverpool, owed its distinctive features to the interest excited by the example of a benevolent woman, who during a cholera epidemic established a small wash-house at her own expense for the benefit of the poor in an infected district of that city. The establishment originally comprised, in addition to private tub baths and a vapor bath, a wash-house for infected clothing, a wash-house for ordinary clothing, a reading room, and a superintendent's house. Since 1854, when the establishment was reconstructed, it has been maintained solely as a wash-house. Leaving maintenance charges out of the account, its cost to the corporation up to 1895, when it had accommodations for sixty washers, was £4,451.

According to the last available report of the Liverpool Baths Committee, viz.: that of 1895, this wash-house is kept open from Monday to Friday, inclusive, throughout the year, from 8 A.M. till 5 P.M. One penny is charged to washers for a single hour's use of washing and drying appliances; for two or more consecutive hours each washer is charged three half-pence per hour, including the first. In 1895 the regular weekly payroll was: One superintendent at 30s.; one money-taker at 17s.; one fireman at 27s.; and one helper at 10s.

The following table shows the number of washers using the Frederick-street wash-

house, and the receipts and expenditures, by years, for the period 1890 to 1895, inclusive:

YEAR.	Number of Washers.	Receipts from Washers.	Expenditures.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1890 . .	15,693	292 16 2	486 14 9
1891 . .	16,201	283 14 1	537 9 11
1892 . .	17,574	305 8 5	460 5 6
1893 . .	16,630	296 2 3	424 6 4
1894 . .	16,390	285 2 1	421 10 7
1895 . .	15,117	266 8 11	425 4 3
Total .	97,605	1,729 11 11	2,755 11 4

The excess of expenditures over receipts for the six years amounted to £1,025 19s. 5d.

In 1895 Liverpool had nine establishments that had been erected in accordance with the provisions of the Baths and Wash-houses Act of Parliament. Of these, as has been said, one was a wash-house only; one was an open-air pool; four were bath-houses without wash-houses; and three were combined bath and wash-houses—with accommodation in the aggregate for 211 washers. In all, the Liverpool establishments contained washing and drying accommodation for 277 washers. In 1895 the total number of washers who availed themselves of these accommodations was 156,375. Though the receipts and expenditures as regards bathers and washers are not separated in the report of the Baths Committee, it is noteworthy that none of the four establishments having wash-houses earned a surplus in 1895, and only one of them had a surplus, and that a small one, for the six years 1890-95.

The Corporation Baths and Wash-house, Tara street, Dublin, which dates from 1885-86 and cost £13,000, comprises two swimming-pools, thirty-seven private baths, and twenty washing-stalls.

Sir Charles A. Cameron, the Medical Officer of Health of Dublin, in his report for 1894 says:

"During the decade ended in 1894, 1,045,350 persons have obtained accommo-

dation [in the Tara-street establishment]. Of this number 206,661 were females, of whom 68,085 had private reclining (tub) baths; 133,580 washed and dried wearing apparel, bedding, etc., in the public laundry, and 4,999 persons used mangling conveniences for which separate tickets are issued. Eight hundred and twenty-eight thousand six hundred and eighty males used the baths, of whom 366,933 took reclining baths; the remaining 461,756 men and boys used the swimming-basins. The total revenue derived from every source from the 1,045,350 visitors during the ten years amounted to £11,102 11s. 8d. . . . Public laundries, such as the one in Tara street, and which is conducted on the lines of similar establishments in Liverpool and London — except that in Dublin the charges for their use are nearly nominal — do not pay even the cost of their ordinary running expenses. As a set-off, however, it is clear that the habitual use of wash-houses makes the women resorting to them more cleanly in their persons and in their homes, and tends to develop habits of general cleanliness which are so conducive to the maintenance of health. . . . It is really a matter for congratulation that as many as 138,574 poor women have used the wash-house, yet as far as I can ascertain, not one case of disease being spread by it has as yet been traced."

The total number of washers in 1894 was 14,814, from whom £131 1s. 10½d. were received; besides these were 2,530 women who paid 1d. for use of a mangle, yielding £10 10s. 10d. The total income of the establishment for the year amounted to £1,198, and the total expenditure to £1,913.

It is somewhat remarkable that in the year 1894 the Frederick-street wash-house in Liverpool, with sixty washing-stalls, had only 1,585 more washers than the Tara-street wash-house with only one-third as many stalls. But the explanation is hardly to be found in the greater avidity of the Dublin women for washing, or in the slightly lower charges of the Dublin establishment.

The character of the location of a public laundry appears to determine very largely the extent of its usefulness. Mr. W. Thomson, the Superintendent of the Glasgow Corporation Baths and Wash-houses, in his report for 1892 touches on this point as follows:

"How the position of the wash-houses in relation to the surrounding dwellings affects the attendance, at least to some extent, may be seen from the following table:

"Drawings (i.e., receipts) from fifty-four washing-stalls at each establishment during the year, ending May 31, 1892:

Greenhead, district broken by Glasgow
Green and the Clyde £443
Woodside, surrounded by houses 539
Cranstonhill, broken by the Clyde 463
Townhead, broken and hilly district 323
Gorbals, broken by the Clyde 434

"The steep hills south of 'Townhead' probably help to account for the attendance at that establishment being lowest, as it is hard for women to climb them with their loads of clothes."

Glasgow, in 1892, had five combined public baths and wash-houses, with a total of 316 washing-stalls. Mr. Thomson concludes that the total number of washings in the year ending May, 1891, viz.: 155,221, were made by only 2,997 persons, who paid £2,483, equal to about 16s. 6d. per woman per annum, less than four pence each per week, and two hours per woman per week. Of the 546 women using the fifty-four washing-stalls at the Gorbals establishment, it was found that 286 lived within a quarter of a mile. Within a similar area outside the quarter-mile but within a half-mile radius, there resided but seventy-four, or 223 in an area three times larger, and only thirty-seven outside the half-mile radius.

Such facts indicate that public wash-houses in large cities, to fulfill their purpose should be fairly numerous and centrally located with reference to the people they are intended to serve; and the same may be said of public bath-houses. European experience clearly shows that given a certain sum for the erection of public baths and laundries, it is wiser to erect several relatively small establishments in congested districts than to devote the money to a single large and costly establishment.

The following statement is suggestive of the influence of local conditions upon the usefulness of public laundries: The average annual number of washings per stall (computed for a period of five years in each instance) is, for the five Glasgow establishments, 340; for the Tara-street wash-house, Dublin, 692; the corresponding figures for the four wash-houses of Liverpool are: At Steble street, 801; at Lodge lane, 656; at Burroughs Gardens, 614; and at Frederick street, 272.

The most extensive and costly public baths and wash-houses in Great Britain are found in London. The majority of the establishments in London, even the newest of them, contain a public wash-house. The official reports concerning these establishments seldom enable one to separate the original cost, or ordinary running expenses of the wash-house and bath-house sections.

On page 611, a cut is introduced to show the characteristic structural features of a combined bath and wash-house, viz., the establishment erected in 1892 by the Vestry of St. Mary, Stratford Bow, in East London, at a cost of more than \$204,000. The baths comprise a first-class swimming-bath, ninety

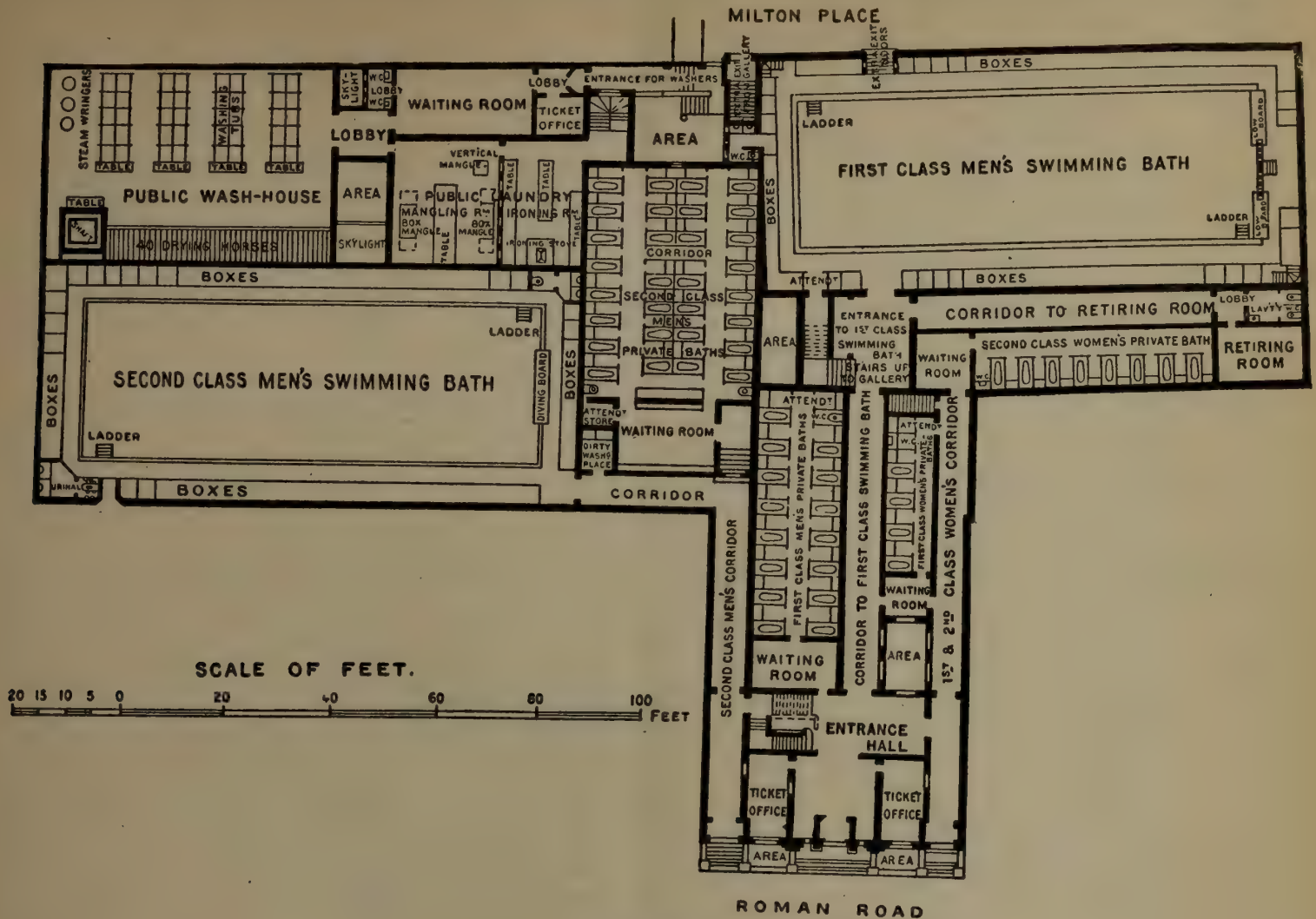
by thirty feet, with fifty-two dressing cabins, a second-class swimming-bath, eighty-six by thirty feet, with seventy-one dressing cabins; nineteen first-class private baths; thirty-eight second-class private baths; and a vapor bath.

The public laundry, having a separate entrance, has forty washing-troughs, forty drying-horses, together with steam driven wringers and mangles; ironing stoves, tables, etc. The charge is 1½d. per hour, which includes a plentiful supply of hot and cold water.

The following table is introduced to show the use made by bathers and washers of a typical modern London baths and wash-house. It will be seen that the ordinary establishment charges were not met by the total receipts from washers and bathers in any of the years 1893-96. That is usual, though a few cases might be cited, e.g., the Hamburg baths and wash-house, built in 1855, in which such establishments have earned a surplus. But the usefulness of public baths and laundries is hardly to be estimated in dollars and cents.

YEAR.	BATHERS.		WASHERS.		Total Receipts from Bathers and Washers.	Establishment Charges.	Net Loss in Operating, Including Sinking Fund, Interest and Extraordinary Charges.
	Number of.	Receipts from.	Number of.	Receipts from.			
1893 (8 mos.)	53,284	£ 679 12 0	13,819	£ 351 4 4	£ 1,030 16 4	£ 1,769 2 7	£ 379 5 7
1894 . . .	119,482	£ 1,461 3 0	27,736	£ 584 7 8	£ 2,045 10 8	£ 3,254 14 2	£ 413 7 7
1895 . . .	105,922	£ 1,358 0 4	27,639	£ 666 17 10	£ 2,024 18 2	£ 2,616 16 11	£ 601 18 9
1896 . . .	144,757	£ 1,735 4 3	27,711	£ 665 7 9	£ 2,400 12 0	£ 2,664 3 7	£ 243 11 7

Besides Boston, certain American cities have entered tentatively on the policy of providing public baths, but so far as the writer is informed there is no city in the United States which contains a public wash-house, or provides laundry instruction in any of its public schools, as is done by many British school boards at the present time. The gospel of municipal cleanliness is yet in its infancy.



Ground floor.

PUBLIC BATHS AND WASHHOUSES, ST. MARY STRATFORD BOW, LONDON, ENGLAND

PUBLIC BATHS AT CONEY ISLAND.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment of New York City has been asked for, and has agreed to set aside, an appropriation of \$150,000 for the purpose of erecting a public bath-house at Coney Island, where the city owns property valued at about \$1,300,000. Work will be begun at an early date, and it is designed to have the house ready for occupancy next June.

The plans for the proposed bath-house are on the same general principle as the Revere Beach baths. The pavilion will extend along the ocean-front for a distance of 6,000 feet, and the building will be of brick. Small piers will run out into the water to near the danger line, and on the extremity of each pier will be placed large electric lights, with reflectors, so that it will be possible to bathe in perfect safety at night. There will be free grand-stands for people to watch the bathers, and at either end of the pavilion will be shelters where refreshments will be served.

Provision will be made to accommodate 10,000 bathers at the same time. There will be a charge for suits and towels.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on November 15, 1898, examination will be held at any city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners, to establish an eligible register from which a selection may be made to fill a vacancy in the position of ink maker, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Treasury Department, at a salary of \$2,500 per annum.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements, without regard to race or to political or religious affiliations. All such citizens are invited to apply. They shall be examined, graded and certified, with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save their ability as shown by the grade they attain in the examination.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for application blanks, Form 304, and special vouchers, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATISTICS OF SCHOOLS.

School Document No. 12, 1898, recently published by the School Committee, is entitled "Semi-Annual Statistics of the Boston Public Schools, June, 1898." The document, which numbers twenty-two pages, contains the usual statistical presentations regarding the number and distribution of teachers in the various public schools; the average number of pupils and average attendance of pupils for the six months ending June 30, 1898; the number of pupils graduated from the high and grammar schools in June, 1898; and the number of pupils in each grade, whole number and ages by individual schools to June 30, 1898.

The principal financial statements contained in the document are already in print (see THE CITY RECORD, page 198).

The results of the school census made in May, 1898, are given as follows:

Number of children in Boston between the ages of 5 and 15	83,097
Number reported as attending public schools	63,493
Number reported as attending private schools	12,681
Whole number of different pupils registered in the public schools during the year:	
Boys	43,672
Girls	41,648
Total	85,320

The following tables present a consolidated summary statement regarding teachers and pupils in the general and special schools on June 30, 1898:

GENERAL SCHOOLS.	No. of Regular Teachers.			Average No. Pupils Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Average Absence.	Per cent of Attendance.	No. at Date.
	No. of Schools.	Men.	Women.					
Normal	1	2	9	11	265	257	96.9	262
Latin and High	11	70	105	175	4,599	4,311	93.7	4,414
Grammar	57	121	687	808	36,547	33,674	92.1	35,461
Primary	556	—	556	556	29,379	25,873	88.0	29,173
Kindergarten	69	—	136	136	3,988	2,914	73.0	3,946
Totals	694	193	1,493	1,686	74,778	67,029	89.6	73,256

SPECIAL SCHOOLS.	No. of Schools.	No. of Regular Teachers.	Average No. Pupils Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Average Absence.	Per cent of Attendance.	No. at Date.
Horace Mann	1	13	113	97	16	85.8	114
Spectacle Island	1	1	21	17	4	80.4	21
Evening High: Central	1	25	1,775	1,335	440	75.2	
Charlestown Branch	—	7	212	157	55	74.0	
East Boston Branch	—	6	152	113	39	74.3	
South Boston Branch	—	6	187	122	65	65.2	
Evening Elementary	12	139	3,148	1,928	1,220	61.2	
Evening Drawing	5	26	481	347	134	72.1	
Totals	20	223	6,089	4,116	1,973	67.6	

* Each teacher was in charge of two classes, one of which met on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, the other on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Besides the teachers included in the two preceding tables, there were 108 teachers (twenty men and eighty-eight women) engaged in giving special instruction in various subjects, e.g., chemistry, cookery, music, physical training, sewing, and woodwork. The special instructors in sewing numbered thirty-nine; in woodworking, twenty-five; in cookery, seventeen; in music, eight; and in physical training, six.

The total teaching force numbered 2,017, for an average attendance of 71,145 pupils.

The total number who graduated from the Boston schools in June last was 4,221, of whom 2,364 were females and 1,857 males. Of the former, 1,678 graduated from gram-

mar and 686 from high schools; while of the latter, 1,473 were from grammar and 384 from high schools.

The following table shows the number and sex of high-school graduates, by schools:

SCHOOLS.	Regular Course.		Four Years' Course.		Totals.
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	
Normal	—	101	—	—	101
Latin	49	—	—	—	49
Girls' Latin	—	34	—	—	34
Brighton High	11	25	2	14	52
Charlestown High	14	36	3	16	69
Dorchester High	21	30	6	15	72
East Boston High	12	24	1	7	44
English High	148	—	31	—	179
Girls' High	—	148	—	77	225
Mechanic Arts High	26	—	2	—	28
Roxbury High	41	72	—	38	158
West Roxbury High	8	36	2	13	59
Totals	330	506	54	160	1,070

IMMIGRATION DURING SEPTEMBER

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston, from trans-Atlantic ports, during the month ending September 30, 1898:

NATIONALITY.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Austria-Hungary	39	22	17
Belgium	5	5	—
Denmark	57	27	30
France (including Corsica)	11	4	7
Germany	44	28	16
Italy	1	1	—
Netherlands	12	2	10
Norway	56	31	25
Portugal	1	1	—
Russia and Finland	154	97	57
Spain	1	1	—
Sweden	503	164	339
Switzerland	1	1	—
United Kingdom —			
England	682	323	359
Ireland	805	238	567
Scotland	133	67	66
Wales	3	3	—
Total from Europe	2,508	1,015	1,493
Japan	1	1	—
Turkey in Asia	3	2	1
Total from Asia	4	3	1
British North America, West Indies	19	8	11
	7	4	3
Grand total	2,538	1,030	1,508
In transit	70	—	—
Tourists	7	—	—
Total immigration for the month of September	2,615	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS. — STATES AND TERRITORIES.

	Totals.
North Atlantic Division —	
Maine	23
New Hampshire	40
Vermont	1
Massachusetts	1,824
Rhode Island	171
Connecticut	11
New York	213
New Jersey	3
Pennsylvania	21
Total	2,307
South Atlantic Division —	
Maryland	1
Virginia	2
Florida	2
Total	5
North Central Division —	
Illinois	77
Indiana	6
Iowa	8
Kansas	11
Michigan	24
Minnesota	25
Colorado	5
Missouri	3
Nebraska	8
North Dakota	6
Ohio	11
South Dakota	4
Utah	1
Wisconsin	8
Total	197
South Central Division —	
Alabama	1
Louisiana	2
Total	3
Western Division —	
California	10
New Mexico	3
Idaho	1
Oregon	1
Washington	11
Total	26

RECAPITULATION.

North Atlantic Division	2,307
South Atlantic Division	5
North Central Division	197
South Central Division	3
Western Division	26
Total	2,538

DEATH OF HOSEA E. HOLT.

The death of Hosea E. Holt, Instructor of Music in the Normal, Rice, Bunker Hill, Frothingham, Harvard, Prescott, Warren, Bowdoin, Eliot, Hancock, Winthrop, Gaston, Lincoln, Norcross, Thomas N. Hart, and John A. Andrew schools, occurred Tuesday, October 18, 1898.

Mr. Holt was born in Ashburnham, Mass., in 1836. He was a graduate of the Boston Music School, and in 1870 was appointed Instructor of Music in the primary schools of Boston. In 1884 he became Instructor of Music in the grammar schools, and was re-elected each year, until 1889, when he was elected to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee.

TABLE SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF PUPILS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BOSTON IN RESPECT TO AGE AND TO CLASSES, JUNE, 1898.

GRADES.	Under 4 years.	4 years.	5 years.	6 years.	7 years.	8 years.	9 years.	10 years.	11 years.	12 years.	13 years.	14 years.	15 years.	16 years.	17 years.	18 years.	19 years and over.	Totals.
<i>Latin Schools.</i>																		
All grades:																		
Boys									5	21	58	93	113	109	90	51	25	565
Girls										9	27	54	65	73	62	35	19	344
Totals									5	30	85	147	178	182	152	86	44	909
<i>High Schools.</i>																		
Advanced class:																		
Boys														2	11	26	30	69
Girls														4	26	67	91	188
Third-year class:																		
Boys													9	61	95	94	46	305
Girls													6	48	128	126	81	389
Second-year class:																		
Boys											1	12	54	136	139	61	24	427
Girls												4	47	180	168	77	32	508
First-year class:																		
Boys											11	97	221	254	121	22	4	730
Girls											15	99	287	297	135	44	12	889
Totals											27	212	624	982	823	517	320	3,505
<i>Grammar Schools.</i>																		
Ninth grade:																		
Boys										25	180	453	501	276	82	11		1,528
Girls									1	13	159	456	569	353	142	40		1,733
Eighth grade:																		
Boys								2	36	215	536	645	382	143	36	5		2,000
Girls								1	30	198	503	671	462	173	45	6		2,089
Seventh grade:																		
Boys							6	30	240	632	802	630	210	58	13	3		2,624
Girls							2	30	235	631	905	552	217	67	7			2,696
Sixth grade:																		
Boys							30	220	738	997	823	382	123	21	4	1		3,339
Girls							13	235	761	953	679	296	104	23	5			3,069
Fifth grade:																		
Boys						15	221	766	1,043	751	433	192	43	7				3,471
Girls						21	252	836	1,031	664	395	129	32	3		1		3,364
Fourth grade:																		
Boys					5	203	1,000	1,268	846	449	188	65	6	1				4,031
Girls					10	171	937	1,155	656	344	128	42	14	2				3,459
Ungraded:																		
Boys					17	30	131	257	259	253	183	95	33	8	1	1		1,268
Girls					9	35	60	162	176	167	112	48	19	2				790
Totals					41	475	2,652	4,962	6,052	6,342	6,026	4,656	2,715	1,137	335	68		35,461
<i>Primary Schools.</i>																		
Third grade:																		
Boys				8	241	1,156	1,381	688	252	66	14							3,806
Girls				2	225	1,119	1,278	661	205	63	20							3,573
Second grade:																		
Boys			9	338	1,493	1,534	814	307	73	20	5							4,643
Girls			9	324	1,491	1,394	668	242	61	17	5							4,211
First grade:																		
Boys		18	1,231	2,758	1,881	664	183	52	14	9	3							6,813
Girls		11	1,047	2,476	1,727	644	161	43	12	3	3							6,127
Totals		29	2,296	5,906	7,058	6,561	4,485	1,993	176	178	50							29,173
<i>Kindergartens.</i>																		
All classes:																		
Boys	101	717	924	200	3													1,945
Girls	114	704	945	220	18													2,001
Totals	215	1,421	1,869	420	21													3,946
Grand Totals by Ages	215	1,450	4,165	6,326	7,120	7,036	7,137	6,955	6,674	6,550	6,188	5,015	3,517	2,301	1,310	671	364	72,994

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, October 24, 1898, Chairman Dyar presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Land on Canterbury Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 24, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Health, stating that it no longer has need of the small-pox hospital on Canterbury street and suggesting that it be released from the care of this property. I accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying order placing this property under the custody of the Street Commissioners, who have charge of all unused city property.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, October 6, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The Board of Health respectfully begs to state that, inasmuch as the Department will be able hereafter to accommodate in other places which are in its care the few cases of small-pox which occur, the expensive plant known as the small-pox hospital, on Canterbury street, may be discontinued without detriment to this Department.

This Board, therefore, would suggest that it be released from the care of this property at such early date as may be found expedient.

Very respectfully,
The Board of Health,
SAMUEL H. DURGIN, Chairman.

Ordered, That the land and building on Canterbury street, known as the small-pox hospital, now in the custody of the Board of Health, and for which the said Board has no further use, be placed under the charge of the Board of Street Commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Appointment of Weigher.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 24, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint John H. Brine a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

Union Freight Railroad Location.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 24, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a relocation of the temporary location granted the Union Freight Railroad Company for tracks on Atlantic avenue. Under the law, this plan is to be filed with the City Clerk, and I recommend that he be instructed to place it on his files.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Free Public Lectures in School-rooms.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 24, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I desire to call your attention to the conspicuous success of the system of free evening lectures for the people which has been carried on in the City of New York, under the charge of its Board of Education, and to urge the desirability of establishing similar courses of lectures here. In the ten years since the establishment of these lectures in New York City, the attendance has increased from 22,000 in 1889 to 698,000 in 1897, and the number of lectures given from 185 to 1,866. These lectures are given in the halls of the school-houses, and they result in more fully utilizing a plant, in the form of buildings and equipment, which represents an immense expenditure of public money, and in making the school-houses centres of a system of adult instruction as well as of the education of the young.

I believe that, if permission to use school halls for this purpose can be obtained from the School Committee, a beginning at least can be made in establishing in this city similar courses of free public lectures, given by lecturers of standing, and illustrated either by experiments or by the stereopticon, and I think that, if necessary, funds to start the experiment can be raised by private subscription. If this subject commends itself to your favorable attention, I desire to ask for the passage of the accompanying order, in order that the weight of the City Council may be placed behind a request to the School Committee to allow the use of school halls for this purpose. A full account of the development of the free lecture system in New York can be found in the October number of one of the popular magazines, and I desire to commend this to your attention. The experience of New York has shown that the expense of giving these lectures is very small, while the benefits which they confer, in affording opportunities for the enlightenment of the people, are very great.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Council hereby requests the School Committee to allow the use of school-buildings for the giving of free public lectures, similar to those which are given in school-houses in New York City, and that His Honor the Mayor be authorized and requested to make arrangements for the giving of such lectures.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Rainsford Island — Heating, Etc.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 24, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Children which explains itself, and I respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order in accordance with the request.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Boston, October 24, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Board of Trustees for Children have felt absolutely obliged to expend a considerable sum during the last few months to make certain improvements at the House of Reformation on Rainsford Island, which seemed unavoidable for the continued operation of the institutions. The drains were found to be in a very bad state, and sanitary arrangements were entirely deficient. There was only a single steam boiler, and another was absolutely required to provide sufficient heat in this exposed situation. The Repairs Division of the Public Buildings Department has had charge of the work, and no improvements have been made which did not seem absolutely necessary.

As the maintenance appropriation of this Department is not sufficient to stand these extraordinary expenditures, the Board of Trustees respectfully requests you to ask the City Council for a loan appropriation of \$6,500 to provide for these expenditures. They will be glad to show in greater detail, if desired, what these have been and to demonstrate their necessity.

Yours very truly,

H. A. LAMB, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Board of Trustees for Children be authorized to expend the sum of \$6,500 for improvements in drainage, sanitary arrangements, steam boilers, etc., at the House of Reformation, Rainsford Island, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Read once, and laid over to the next meeting, under the rule.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved October 17, 1898:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Hersey Manufacturing Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on E street, near West Second street, Ward 14, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for storage purposes; main building occupied for manufacturing purposes.

The following were approved October 19, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$4,500 for the construction of the roadway on the westerly side of Washington street, between Grove Hall and Columbia road, and that the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount.

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston hereby tenders its heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late Stephen D. Murphy, late an employee of the city, and a member of Company I, of the Ninth Regiment Volunteers, who laid down his life in the service of his country, and whose example should be an inspiration of patriotism to future generations of the citizens of Boston.

Ordered, That a copy of the above resolution be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

The following was approved October 21, 1898:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building near Market street, Ward 25, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for mercantile purposes.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved October 17, 1898:

Permit to Lizzie J. Emerson to project one bay-window from building 655 Broadway, Ward 14.

Permit to Austin and Samuel Davis to slaughter cattle at 11 Brighton Abattoir.

Order authorizing a permit to the Trustees under the will of Thomas E. Proctor to construct, maintain and use an area 123 feet by three feet nine inches, with granite and sidewalk covers and one coal-hole opening not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with iron cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of the Essex-street side of estate at the corner of Atlantic avenue and Essex street, Ward 7.

Order authorizing a permit to Robert B. Brigham to construct, maintain and use two areas with granite and sidewalk-light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate Nos. 16, 18, 20, 22 Beach street, Ward 7.

Order authorizing a permit to John J. Keeley to construct, maintain and use one coal-hole opening not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 204 Main street, Ward 5.

Ordered, That the Boston Electric Light Company be and is hereby directed to remove immediately the three poles now standing in the sidewalk opposite Nos. 12 and 16 Belden street, and at the corner of Belden and Dudley streets, Ward 16.

The following were approved October 18:

Permit to Francis Raynes to project one bay-window from building 48 Tremont street, Ward 3.

Permit to C. W. & F. A. Davis to project one bay-window and a cornice from building 328 Washington street, Ward 25.

In Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners for the County of Suffolk, on the tenth day of October, 1898.

And now, on the petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company filed on the thirtieth day of August, 1898, asking the Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners for the County of Suffolk, to prescribe the limits within which it may take land without the limits of its route as fixed in the City of Boston for the purpose of making and securing its road and for depot and station purposes, it appearing that due notice of the filing of said petition and that the same would be brought before the Board for action was duly served upon the owners of said land upon the second day of September, 1898.

Now, therefore, the following are hereby prescribed as the limits within which said Boston and Albany Railroad Company may take land agreeably to the prayer of its said petition, as follows—that is to say:

Beginning at the intersection of the dividing line between land of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company and land of the estate of the late Eben D. Jordan with the dividing line between land of the City of Boston and land belonging to the said estate of said Jordan; thence running southwesterly by land of said City of Boston thirty-seven and seventy-three one-hundredths feet to a point distant three hundred and twenty-three and fifty-nine one-hundredths feet northeasterly from the northeasterly line of Irvington street, measured on said dividing line between land of said City of Boston and land of said estate of said Jordan; thence running westerly by a line parallel with the base line of the location of the

Boston and Albany Railroad two hundred and thirty-two and twenty-one one-hundredths feet; thence turning at a right angle and running northerly twenty-eight feet to land of the said railroad company; thence running easterly by land of said railroad company two hundred and fifty-seven and forty-nine one-hundredths feet to the place of beginning, containing six thousand eight hundred and fifty-six (6,856) square feet, more or less. Reference is made to the plan entitled "Additional land required for railroad purposes in the City of Boston," dated August, 1898, and signed by William Parker, Division Engineer, filed with said petition.

The following were approved October 19, 1898:

Permits to P. F. McDonald to project a campaign transparency at 10 East street, Ward 20.

Permit to Morris Sklar to project a watch sign at 270 Tremont street, Ward 7.

Permit to Daly Brothers to project a bay-window at the corner of Mercer and East Ninth streets, Ward 15.

Permit to C. W. & F. A. Davis to project a bay-window and a cornice from building 328 Washington street, Ward 25.

Permit to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to attach wires to trees on Roslin street, Dorchester.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestones, the owners of the said estates to furnish the materials, viz.:

B. J. Connolly, Northampton street and Camden street, Ward 12, of artificial stone.

Margaret Curless, 3144 Washington street, Ward 22, of artificial stone.

Richard W. Hale, 1750 Dorchester avenue, Ward 24, of artificial stone.

William H. Emery, 72 Gardner street, Ward 25, of artificial stone.

Margaret E. Doyle, 131 Minden street, Ward 19, of gravel.

Henry F. Johnson, 30-34 Charles street, Ward 20, of gravel.

Rebecca T. Reed, 19 Boylston street, Ward 22, of gravel.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Lawn street, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, the owners of the estates to provide the material.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Elmo street, between Blue Hill avenue and Erie street, Ward 20; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost thereof.

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered the passage of vehicles other than bicycles be prohibited over that portion of the way on the westerly side of Massachusetts avenue,

between Gerard street and Edward Everett square, which has been reserved for use as a bicycle path under an order of this Board passed June 14, 1898.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be directed to issue permits for the use of the ward-rooms in Wards 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 on the evening of November 7, 1898, the use of the same being required by the Board of Election Commissioners to make preparations for the State election on November 8, 1898.

Ordered, That Faneuil Hall be closed to the public from October 18 until otherwise ordered, to permit of the said building being made fire-proof.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets; said poles to be located as follows:

Greenhill street, one pole, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet, and date of plan, August 8, 1898.

Surrey street, four poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet, and date of plan, August 8, 1898.

Northampton street, twelve poles, fifty feet high, sixteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet, and date of plan, November, 1889.

Blue Hill avenue, one pole, forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, fifteen feet, and date of plan, April 13, 1896.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove poles from the following streets; said poles being shown on plans made by C. A. Perkins and G. H. Dresser, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, viz.:

Greenhill street, one pole, plan dated August 8, 1898.

Blue Hill avenue, one pole, plan dated April 13, 1896.

Commonwealth avenue, one pole, plan dated November, 1889.

Northampton street, eleven poles, plan dated November, 1889.

Tibbetts Townway, two poles, plan dated November, 1889.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, and dated October 1, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Fairview street, three poles, forty-five feet high, fifteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, three feet.

Roberts-street extension, four poles, forty-five feet high, fifteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet.

Corinth street, six poles, forty-five feet high, fifteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, five feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, and dated September 27, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Rutherford avenue, five poles, fifty feet high, sixteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove twenty-seven poles from Charles street, between Cambridge and Boylston streets, said poles being shown by red dots marked "removed" on a plan filed November, 1889, made by C. A. Perkins, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to lay and maintain underground conduits for electric wires and cables, provided with suitable manholes, in Warren street, Ward 17, and Taber street, Ward 17.

The surface of said streets shall be disturbed for the purpose of laying or repairing cables or conduits therefor, only at such times and in such manner and place of opening as the Superintendent of Streets shall indicate and issue permits therefor; and the surface of said streets shall not be disturbed as above until a plan has been filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets showing the location of said underground conduits and manholes in the aforesaid streets.

All the work of laying said conduits to be done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 38, Section 14, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, and dated November, 1889; said poles to be located as follows:

Morton street, Ward 23, eleven poles, forty-five feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove six poles from Morton street; said poles being shown by red dots on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated November, 1889, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by dots on plans deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:

Centre street, Ward 24, ten poles, forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven and one-half feet, and plans dated June 21 and July 8, 1893.

Centre avenue, Ward 24, one pole, forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven and one-half feet, and date of plan, June 21, 1898.

South street, Ward 23, two poles, forty-five feet high, fifteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet, and date of plan, November, 1889.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove poles from the following streets, said poles being shown by red dots on plans made by C. A. Perkins and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, viz.:

Centre street, ten poles, plans dated June 21, 1893, and July 8, 1893.

Centre avenue, one pole, plan dated June 21, 1893.

South street, one pole, plan dated November, 1889.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, and dated November, 1889, said poles to be located as follows:

Bellevue street, Ward 20, two poles, thirty feet high, ten inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove two poles from Bellevue street, said poles being shown by red dots on a plan made by

C. A. Perkins, dated November, 1889, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:

Western avenue, Ward 25, one pole, forty feet high, fifteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet; date of plan, November, 1889.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from Western avenue, near North Harvard street, said pole being shown by a blue dot on a plan dated November, 1889, made by C. A. Perkins, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved October 20, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to erect, maintain and use an iron hitching-post in the sidewalk, in front of estate on Centre street, near Corey street, Ward 23, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, and done on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to erect, maintain and use an iron hitching-post in the sidewalk, in front of estate on Centre street, near Corey street, Ward 23, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—NOT REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow extra compensation to such

of their employees as were obliged to work on the Saturday half-holidays during the months of May, June, July, August, September and October of the present year.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to resurface the following streets in Ward 14, and charge the same to the appropriation for street improvements, Ward 14, viz.:

Fifth street, between I and K streets.

M and N streets, between Broadway and Fourth street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be hereby requested to replace the plank walks on Congress street, between the New England Railroad tracks and the L-street bridge; said walks having been removed when the street was being repaired.

Ordered, That a special committee of four members of the Board of Aldermen be appointed to confer with the Railroad Commissioners of Massachusetts for the establishment of a comprehensive system of free transfers on the cars of the Boston Elevated Railroad Company in Boston and vicinity.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following matters were presented to the Mayor October 11, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Permit to A. Davis Bond to place a light awning with iron frame in front of Eliot Hall, on Centre street, Jamaica Plain, to be used in stormy weather.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Sensibaugh & Martin, to erect, maintain and use a hitching-post in the sidewalk in front of estate 124 Dudley street, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1898, and done on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the trees standing in front of premises 20-22 Rill street, Ward 20; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That one tree be removed and two trees be trimmed in front of estate of M. J. Curley, Centre street, fourth house from South street, near Central Station, Roslindale, expense attending the same to be charged to appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of premises 123 Centre street, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the trees in front of premises 213 Second street, South Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That a decayed tree be removed from in front of estate of Charles A. Clark, on the easterly side of Blue Hill avenue, between Elmo street and Glenway, the expense attending the same to be charged to appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain an electric light at the corner of Harrison-avenue extension and Chickering place; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Permit to Joseph Arancio to project a bay-window from building 23 Fulton place and 149 North street, Ward 6.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders were promulgated by the Board of Police on October 20 and 22, respectively:

General Order No. 540.

In the matter of the complaint made by Mary Diggins against Reserve Officers Jeremiah O'Keeffe and John Hughes, of Division 4, for violation of Rule XXVI of the Police Manual, to wit: conduct unbecoming officers, the Board finds the said Reservemen O'Keeffe and Hughes not guilty, and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

General Order No. 541.

In the matter of the complaint made by Henry J. O'Brien against Reserve Officer Michael J. McDonough, of Division 3, for violation of Rule XXVI of the Police Manual, to wit: conduct unbecoming an officer and neglect of duty, the Board finds the said Reserveman McDonough not guilty, and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

The following was passed at a meeting of the Boston Transit Commission held October 13, 1898:

Voted, That in accordance with the authority given by Statutes 1897, Chapter 347, the Boston Transit Commission transfers to the City of Boston, to be used for a market or other public purpose, the following described parcels of land, the same having been agreed upon by said Commission and the Mayor of said city under the provisions of said act, and being portions of the land between Haverhill and Canal streets in said city, taken for said city by said Commission by vote of December 27, 1894, and which was released to the City of Boston by the Boston and Maine Railroad by deed dated April 2, 1895, and recorded in Suffolk Registry, Libro 2267, folio 283.

The first parcel is all that parcel of land bounded by Canal street, Haymarket square,

Haverhill street and Travers street as shown on the accompanying plan, excepting that portion thereof which on said plan is marked "Subway incline" and "Subway wall," it being understood and agreed that the right to build on said wall up to the line shown on said plan as the "Building line" is also transferred to said city and it is also understood and agreed that a portion of said land as shown on said plan is subject to the subway easement.

The second parcel is all that parcel of land lying between Causeway street and said Travers street and southwesterly of a line seventy-five feet northeasterly from and parallel with the southwesterly line of Canal street, as shown on a plan of the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, dated February 3, 1898, and signed by William Jackson, City Engineer.

Whereas, it has been determined by the Boston Transit Commission that the value of the real estate transferred to the City of Boston to be used for a market or other public purpose under the authority of Statutes 1897, Chapter 347, is \$616,000, and

Whereas, said amount has been approved by His Honor the Mayor,

Voted, That the Treasurer of the City of Boston be requested, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to issue bonds to said amount and to sell the same and hold the proceeds thereof for the construction of the subway referred to in said act.

A true copy. Attest:

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

OFFICIAL EXAMINERS.

Official examiners of titles under the new Torrens Law have been appointed by Judge Leonard A. Jones of the Court of Land Registration for the Metropolitan District, as follows:

IN SUFFOLK COUNTY.

John T. Hassam, Dudley A. Dorr, Frank Brewster, Louis M. Clark, John H. Colby, Thomas F. Reddy, Carleton Hunneman, G. Philip Wardner, Charles S. Fiske, jr., and Joseph I. Bennett, all of Boston.

IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, SOUTH DISTRICT.

Alfred C. Vinton of Winchester, Samuel T. Harris of Somerville, Harry W. Mason of Newton Centre, George A. Sawyer of Cambridge, George D. Bigelow of Framingham, William H. Dunbar of Cambridge, Henry M. Williams of Cambridge, and Delavan C. Delano of Somerville.

IN NORFOLK COUNTY.

James R. Carret of Wellesley, Charles S. Rackemann of Readville, Albert L. Lincoln, jr., of Brookline, Walter S. Pinkham of Quincy, and Frank A. North of Dorchester.

IN PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

William Hedge and Charles S. Davis, both of Plymouth.

The above-named examiners will all do work in Suffolk County.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

Boston, October 12, 1898.

The regular meeting of the Trustees was held at the office of Mr. A. Shuman on October 12, at 4 P.M., the President in the chair.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague and Keany.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Sprague was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and it was voted to authorize the President to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$22,970.14.

It was voted to approve the regular monthly draft on account of New Buildings, amounting to \$341.06, and to authorize the President to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof.

It was voted to pay to O'Rourke & Nelson the sum of \$671.65, on account of their contract of May 16, 1898, for renewing mains and conduits.

It was voted to pay to Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$2,916.75, on account of his contract of August 16, 1898, for extension of boiler-house.

It was voted to pay to John S. Jacobs & Son the sum of \$3,825, on account of their contract of November 23, 1897, for erection and completion of Ann White Vose Building.

It was voted to pay to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$95.63, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$3,825, paid to John S. Jacobs & Son on account of their contract of November 23, 1897, for erection and completion of Ann White Vose Building.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

First—Showing receipts from paying patients for the month of September. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

Second—A statement in regard to the condition of the appropriations and expenditures. After consideration and discussion, it was ordered to be placed on file.

Third—The Superintendent reported that there had been received at the hospital since the middle of August about 410 soldiers, about 100 of whom were remaining as patients; that the care of the soldiers had required in addition to the tents and booths the setting apart for their exclusive use of two wards for female patients; that the coming of colder weather would render it inexpedient to continue much longer the use of either booths or tents; that there was pressing need of the wards for the care of the patients to whom they were originally devoted; and that it would seem that the hospitals in the other portions of the State were now both adequate and willing to care for such soldiers belonging in their respective sections as should hereafter need medical and surgical treatment.

It was consequently voted that hereafter, except in cases of exigency, only such soldiers as are entitled to admission under the ordinary rules for admission will be received for treatment at the hospital.

It was voted that there be deducted from

the contract of Kerrens Driscoll of August 14, 1897, for erection of the Laundry Building, the sum of \$23 for difference between Thomas J. Hind's estimate of granolithic in old part and allowance in contract, the same having been accepted by Kerrens Driscoll.

The Committee on Medical Service reported favorably upon the nomination of Dr. Joseph H. Pratt, and upon such report, it was voted that Dr. Pratt be appointed second assistant in pathology.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE,
Secretary pro tempore.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street, on October 13, 1898.

Present: Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Connelly and Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The records of the Institutions Conference were read.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$4,645.46, for Austin Farm, and \$3,893.98 for Pierce Farm, were referred to the Committee on Supplies, for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for the amounts.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$2,151.99 for Austin Farm, and \$1,490.55 for Pierce Farm, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for the total amount.

The reports from the Superintendents were read and placed on file.

It was voted to employ a matron and superintendent of the Training School, at a salary of \$60 a month, and a painter attendant at a salary of \$50 a month.

It was reported that bills for the board of patients in the Boston Insane Hospital, unpaid, amounted to nearly \$12,000. The question of enforcing the payment of these bills was discussed, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

A special committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. Baldwin, Messrs. Connelly, Sanderson and Leahy, to make provision for suitable fire-escapes for the new attic rooms at Pierce Farm.

Population October 12, 1898:

AUSTIN FARM.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	110	232	342
On visit	4	6	10
Total	114	238	352

PIERCE FARM.			
	Males.		
In house	202		
On visit	9		
Total	211		

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

October 14, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room, at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De-Normandie, Lincoln and the Librarian.
Communications received: From Walter B. Waterman, dated June 13; the Librarian's report.

Bills authorized: Chargeable to the general appropriation, amounting to \$10,877.16; to trust funds, \$572.24; to Library building appropriation, \$5,920.89; to "Branch Library, Broadway Extension," special appropriation, \$35; and the President was authorized to sign special drafts in favor of Lynch & Woodward for \$2,527.74; Public Buildings Department (Electrical Construction Division) for \$918.15; and Smith & Lovett for \$1,125, included in the bills chargeable to the building appropriation.

Salaries increased: Margaret Meffen, Dorchester Branch, \$6 to \$7 per week, beginning October 3; Birdsey F. Ives, printing department, \$9 to \$10 per week, beginning October 14; Otto E. Zaugg, issue department, \$6 to \$7 per week, beginning October 22; Harry F. Maier, issue department, \$5 to \$6 per week, beginning October 27.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$315; to trust funds, \$96.08; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$2.61; Station "F," \$1.63; miscellaneous articles, \$1,452.14.

Petition received from Mrs. W. E. Bowditch and others, for the establishment of a branch of the library at Grove Hall, and it was

Voted, That the petitioners be informed that it is out of the power of the Trustees to grant the prayer of the petition at the present time, but that the petition will be placed on file, to be considered with other similar requests from other districts of the city, when the funds at the disposal of the Trustees shall permit the establishment of further outlying departments.

The President was authorized to terminate the general contract with Connery & Wentworth, under date of June 13, and to substitute a definite contract for the balance of such work as would naturally have come under the general contract; the amount to be paid to be such definite sum as he shall deem proper.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Pauper Institutions Department.

The thirty-eighth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held on Monday, October 3, at 11 A.M., the full Board being present.

The Superintendent of Long Island reported that all the sick soldiers are better. Also that two men in an intoxicated condition had been found shooting on Long Island. The police boat was sent for and both men were arrested and afterwards fined \$10 each.

Voted, That the report of the Finance Committee in regard to the preparations for salt-water fire service on Long Island, be accepted, and that this committee be authorized to proceed with the work, for which the sum of \$11,000 has been appropriated by the City Council.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee

reported that unusual repairs in the steam-heating apparatus and in the laundry at the Charlestown Almshouse are necessary, involving an expense of possibly \$1,000.

Census for Long Island, October 1, 1898:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	61	107	168
Children	2	1	3
Dormitory:			
Adults	0	222	222
Children	2	5	7
Institution	207	0	207
Totals	272	335	607
Same date 1897			601

Friday, October 14, 1898.

At a special meeting of the Board, held October 14, at 11 A.M., the following votes were passed:

Voted, That on and after November 15, 1898, the office of Clerk at the Boston Almshouse and Hospital be abolished.

Voted, That beginning November 1, 1898, leave of absence for two weeks with pay be granted to J. J. Monroe, Clerk of the Boston Almshouse and Hospital.

A communication from Lieutenant Horn, enclosing a request from the War Department that, if possible, accommodations for twenty United States soldiers should be furnished at Long Island for the ensuing winter, was referred to the Chairman, with power.

The following bid was received on October 17, 1898, for furnishing the Pauper Institutions Department with 134 tons of cast-iron water pipes:

Warren Foundry and Machine Company, 160 Broadway, New York City:

	Per ton of 2,000 pounds.
127 tons straight pipe, at	\$17 20
Special castings, at	37 50

The contract was awarded to the Warren Foundry and Machine Company.

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending October 22, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	16.9
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897,	21.3
Number of deaths:	
Males	84
Females	88
Total	172
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	212
Decrease	40

Of the 172 decedents, 163 were white and 9 colored; 116 were born in the United States, 55 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 40 were of American parentage, 119 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 13 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	30	4
Scarlatina	23	2
Typhoid fever	28	7
Measles	14	0
Totals	95	13

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	29
Pneumonia	25
Heart disease	17
Bronchitis	4
Marasmus	5
Violent causes	8

Total from principal causes	88
Total from infectious diseases	13
Total from other causes	71

Total from all causes	172
Deaths of children under 1 year	31
Deaths of children under 5 years	44
Deaths of persons over 60 years	33
Deaths in public institutions	42

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CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 26, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Fowler street, between Greenwood and Glenway streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Wednesday, November 2, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, October 21, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Columbia road, from Blue Hill avenue to Edward Everett square, together with all necessary turnouts, cross-overs, switches, and connections, and with curves connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Blue Hill avenue, Washington, Hancock, Stoughton and Dudley streets; all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated October 17, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

Also for leave to establish and maintain the overhead, single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said new tracks, and to erect, lay and maintain the poles, wires, appliances, and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 24, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the fourteenth day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Globe, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

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NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, October 20, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 106 Northampton street, Ward 12, one bay window, of iron, of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Northampton street, and cornice projecting two feet over said street. Dimensions of window: Ten feet six inches above grade, twenty-five feet high, thirteen feet wide, and three feet over line of street.

THOMAS J. KELLY,
216 Tremont street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 24, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 20, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Lauriat avenue, at Dorchester, be laid out, as a highway, from Tucker street to Norfolk street, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fourth day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for furnishing the school furniture for the Paul Revere School house, Prince street. A certified check for \$200, payable to the City of Boston, must be furnished with each proposal, and will be held as security for the carrying out of the proposal. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$1,000 will also be required. Proposals will be received at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, Boston, Mass., until November 1, 1898, at 4.30 o'clock P.M., at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and read. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city. The proposal and check should be enclosed in an envelope endorsed "Proposal for School Furniture, Paul Revere School."

THOMAS F. STRANGE,

Chairman of Committee on School-houses of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 26, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Wensley street, from Heath street about 720 feet westerly, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Wednesday, November 2, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 26, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Angell street, between Blue Hill avenue and Canterbury street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Wednesday, November 2, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 21, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a sewer be constructed, at Dorchester, in Harvard avenue and in private lands between Harvard street and Washington street, and in Faxon street, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands, deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fourth day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 19, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Atlantic avenue (formerly Cove street) be extended by a bridge over the tracks of the Terminal Company and over Fort Point channel to Dorchester avenue, at West First street, in South Boston, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1896, as amended by Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the third day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 20, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Blandford street be laid out as a highway, from Commonwealth avenue to the Boston and Albany Railroad, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fourth day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 20, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Cummington street be laid out as a highway, from Blandford street to Avon street, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fourth day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 25, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 642 linear feet of sewer work in Belvidere street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Tuesday, November 1, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

Boston, August 22, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed.

Said Company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Blue Hill avenue, corner Columbia road, Ward 20, one pole.

Joy street, from Cambridge street, towards Beacon street, Wards 8 and 11, eight poles.

Mt. Everett avenue, from Quincy street, three poles, Ward 20.

Quincy street, between Stanley street and the railroad crossing, eight poles, Wards 20 and 18.

Blue Hill avenue, remove one pole (blue dot), marked remove.

Set one pole (blue dot), forty feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, fifteen feet wide. Ward 20. Plan by C. A. Perkins, dated August 13, 1896.

Joy street, remove eight poles (red dots), marked remove; sidewalk, five feet wide. On plan by C. A. Perkins, dated November, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 24, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the thirty-first day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

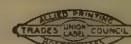
Boston, October 25, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building brick conduit, pipe surface drain and pipe sewers in Callender street, between Don street and Lyons street, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, November 3, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$3,000, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.



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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

At a meeting held Monday, October 31, 1898, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the following appointment made by His Honor the Mayor:

John H. Brine, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular was issued by His Honor Mayor Quincy on October 29, 1898:
Circular No. 48.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: Please send me a list of any officers or employees of your department who were given leave of absence to serve in the army or navy during the late war with Spain, together with a statement of the salary or pay which each would have received during such absence, also stating in each case whether or not some other person was temporarily employed to fill the

vacancy at the expense of the department. This information is asked for in connection with an order passed by the City Government authorizing the City Auditor "to allow for payment, and the City Treasurer to pay, in part compensation for services rendered, the salaries and wages of city employees, during leave of absence, while serving in the army or navy during the Spanish war." This order I have allowed to take effect without my signature, as a mere expression of opinion on the part of the City Council, the Corporation Counsel having advised me that the order has no legal effect, as the payment or withholding of salaries is wholly under the control of the Executive.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

October 29, 1898.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

The Thirty-first Annual Report of the expenses and operation of the Engineering Department, for the year ending January 31, 1898, has recently been issued. The report constitutes City Document No. 12.

The office of City Engineer was established by ordinance on October 13, 1850, and by Chapter 449 of the Acts of 1895. His duties include the designing and superintending of the construction of new bridges, retaining walls, city wharves, and such other public engineering works as the City Council may authorize; the making of such surveys, plans, estimates, statements and descriptions, and taking such levels as the City Government, or any of its departments or committees, may require; the custody of all surveys and plans relating to the laying out, locating anew, altering, widening or discontinuing of streets; and the new engineering construction for all departments of the city. He must be consulted on all work where the advice of a civil engineer would be of service.

The Architectural Division was detached from the Public Buildings Department on January 13, 1898, and placed under the Engineering Department. The work of this division is that of a consulting or expert force. It may be called upon by any depart-

ment for technical advice on matters relating to building, heating, or ventilation. Plans for work to be done, in certain cases, by the Repairs Division of the Public Buildings Department are prepared by this division, which is also charged with the general supervision of work done by the Repairs Division.

Following is the financial statement of the Department for the fiscal year:

Amount of appropriation . . .	\$72,000 00
Transferred from surplus revenue, . . .	372 32

Amount expended for 1897-98 . . .	\$72,372 32
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A comprehensive detailed list of bridges with their locations is given, of which the following is a recapitulation:

Number wholly supported by Boston . .	64
Number of which Boston supports that part within its limits	18
Number of which Boston pays a part of the cost of maintenance	10
Total	92

Of this number twenty-seven bridges are over navigable waters, each being provided with a draw. Thirty-two bridges are supported by railroad corporations.

The annual inspection of all these bridges has been made, and the report contains data in connection with the erection of each and their present condition and needs.

Owing to new legislation and to the great amount of work done by the Paving and Sewer Divisions of the Street Department, and to the extensive surveys made for the laying out of Columbia road, the work of the Surveying Division has increased materially. During the year, 9,002 orders for property owners and holders and the various city departments were attended to, as against 8,419 orders in the preceding year. Thirteen hundred and twenty-six blue prints have been made. Plans for 18,560 feet of brook takings and 5,750 feet of sewer takings have also been made. A large amount of paving work has been measured by the Surveying Division.

The reports of the City Engineer to the Water Commissioner, to the Board of Park Commissioners and to the Street Department are embodied in his general report. A full report on miscellaneous work done

by the Department during 1897, including reports on Canal bridge, Congress-street grade crossing, Dorchester avenue and Summer-street extension, and East Boston ferries is also made.

The appendix of the report covers the following:

A table showing the widths of openings for vessels in all bridges provided with draws in the City of Boston; a list of accident and other plans made for the Law Department during the year; a list of plans and profiles made by the Surveying Division; a list of edgestone and sidewalk assessment plans made for the Paving Division; a list showing the property of the Engineering Department at its main office, together with statistics regarding tides at the Port, and the annual reports of the Engineering Department.

THE NEW YORK FREE LECTURE SYSTEM.

The Legislature of New York, in January, 1888, passed an act authorizing the Board of Education to provide free lectures for working men and women in New York City, and directing that \$15,000 be appropriated for that purpose.

The first course given under the act, numbered 186. They were given in six public school-houses during the first quarter of the year 1889, to audiences which included upwards of 22,000 persons, or 119 on the average. The lectures related to selected topics in physiology, hygiene, physics, history and political science. In the interval, October, 1889, to April, 1890, a second course of 329 lectures were given along similar lines, at seven centres. The total attendance was disappointing, as it showed an increase of less than 1,500, against an increase of over 76 per cent. in the number of lectures provided.

The Board of Education thereupon acted wisely, as the event proved, in transferring the management of the free lectures to the people from a committee to a single, responsible person, Dr. Henry Leipziger, who is still Supervisor of Lectures.

Dr. Leipziger's measures for advertising and popularizing the lectures met with striking success. In the first year of his management—though the lectures given were less in number by 144 than in the previous year—the total attendance rose from 23,000 to 78,000, and the average attendance per lecture from seventy-one to 423.

The statements and tables which follow are compiled from Dr. Leipziger's "Report of the Free Lectures to the People," to the School Board for the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, for the season of 1897-98. Between October 18, 1897, and

May 1, 1898, free lectures to the number of 1,595 were given in forty-one different places (thirty-one of which were public school-houses). Of these lectures 1,121 were illustrated with the stereopticon, eighty-seven were illustrated by experiments, and 387 were not illustrated.

The total number of persons who attended the lectures was 509,571, an increase of 82,644 over the year before. The lectures were given on 152 different evenings. An analysis of the attendance by evenings is shown in the following tabular presentation:

Lectures.		Total Attendance.	Average Attendance.
On Mondays and Thursdays . . .	50	333,896	6,677
On Tuesdays . . .	25	48,995	1,959
On Wednesdays . . .	25	14,353	574
On Fridays . . .	26	35,412	1,362
On Saturdays . . .	26	76,915	2,958
Totals	152	509,571	

The maximum attendance on Monday and Thursday lectures was 8,803 on January 17, and the minimum 3,072 on November 1. The maximum attendance on Wednesday lectures was 1,087 on February 9, and the minimum 129 on November 3.

As regards locality, the greatest total attendance was 40,106 at the Cooper Union, the least being 424 at the Chapel of Grace Parish. The maximum attendance on lectures given in any of the thirty-one public school-houses was 17,762 at Public School No. 23, corner of Mulberry and Bayard streets, and the minimum 1,977 at Public School No. 50, at 211 East Twentieth street.

The lecturers numbered 227, and the subjects treated amounted to 375, as is shown in the following summary:

Subjects.		Lecturers.
American History and Civics . . .	81	46
Travel	74	69
Natural Science	61	41
Literature	45	24
Music	31	9
Art	30	11
Physiology and Hygiene	30	18
Social Science	23	9
	375	227

One hundred and forty-one lectures were given in courses of from three to ten lectures each. The report under consideration contains no financial statements, but the price per lecture is \$10, we believe. In 1896-97, the sum appropriated by the New York Board of Education for Free Lectures was in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

Dr. Leipziger notes an increased interest in the lectures arranged in courses. "At these courses," he says, "the auditors were regular in attendance. After each lecture a discussion was held, lasting from half an hour to an hour. At three centres the experiment was begun with what may be styled the 'platform library.' A selection

of books relating to the particular subject being treated was placed on a table on the platform, and at the conclusion of the lecture was distributed to such of the auditors as desired. The demand for these books far exceeded the supply."

Dr. Leipziger is of the opinion that the lecture work is so well established, particularly at those centres where lectures have been given for nine years, that the time is ripe for undertaking work partaking of the nature of serious study. He therefore recommends that "during the coming season (1898-99) at such centres as the Supervisor of Lectures shall select, the entire season be devoted to lectures on not more than two subjects, i.e., if lectures be held on Monday and Thursday. The Monday lectures to be devoted to History, for example, the Thursday lectures to be devoted to Science, and that special efforts be made to encourage collateral reading from recommended books, and that at the end of the term papers be submitted or inquiries be instituted to ascertain the results of said lectures. . . . I would suggest the giving of some lectures on such topics as General Sanitation, The Laws of Health, and the History of the Government of the United States, in the foreign languages. The three languages which I would select would be Italian, Hebrew Jargon and German. . . . I would suggest that at one or two centres the experiment be made of forming people's choruses, and that one night be set apart for instruction in singing."

The following table shows the most salient facts regarding the growth of the New York free lecture system during the ten years of its existence, viz., (1) the number of lectures provided by the School Board of New York City, and (2) the number of persons who attended, by years, in the period 1889-90—1896-97:

Year.	LECTURES.			ATTENDANCE AT LECTURES.		
	Number of Lectures.	Increase in Number.	Per cent. of Increase.	Total Attendance.	Increase in Attendance.	Per cent. of Increase.
1889	186	—	—	22,149	—	—
1889-90	329	143	76.8	23,632	1,483	6.7
1890-91	185	*144	*43.7	78,295	54,663	231.3
1891-92	287	102	55.1	122,243	43,948	56.1
1892-93	310	23	8.0	130,830	8,587	7.8
1893-94	383	73	23.5	170,368	39,538	30.2
1894-95	502	119	31.0	224,118	53,750	31.5
1895-96	1,040	538	107.1	392,733	168,615	75.2
1896-97	1,065	25	2.4	426,927	34,194	8.7
1897-98	1,595	530	49.7	509,571	82,644	19.9
Totals,	5,882	1,409		2,100,866	487,422	

* Decrease.

For the whole United States the average charge per family in cities having public water-works is \$21.55; in those having private works, \$30.82—a difference of \$9.27 per family, or 43 per cent. in favor of public works.

ACT AUTHORIZING FREE EVENING LECTURES AT PUBLIC EXPENSE.

Chapter 208 of the Acts of 1893 of the Legislature of Massachusetts reads as follows:

An act authorizing cities and towns to provide free evening lectures.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The school committees of cities and towns maintaining free evening schools are hereby authorized to employ competent persons to deliver lectures, on the natural sciences, history and kindred subjects, in such places as said committees may provide.

Sect. 2. Said committees are hereby authorized to provide cards or pamphlets giving the titles and names of authors of books of reference, contained in the local public libraries, on the subject matter of said lectures. (Approved April 15, 1893).

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7.30 P.M., Tuesday, October 25, 1898, with President Huggan in the chair, and all members present except Messrs. Bassett, Davison, Fleischer and Strange.

Under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

The appointments, confirmations and transfers presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting were approved.

The following order, laid over at the last meeting, was passed:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriations be made:

Temporary wooden buildings, furnishing, \$1,800.

The Chair read the following communications from His Honor the Mayor:

(1.) OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 25, 1898.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I desire to notify your body that the permanent bath-house on Dover street was opened for the free use of the public on October 15, and to suggest the desirability of requesting the teachers in the public schools within a reasonable distance of this location to encourage its regular use by such

of their pupils as are not provided with good bathing facilities at home.

The Bath Trustees and myself desire to encourage the largest use of public bathing facilities for children, as well as by adults, and with this object in view it has been decided that, while a charge of one cent is ordinarily made for the use of a towel, and the same charge for a small piece of soap, on Saturday afternoons these will be furnished free to school-children. I trust that the opening of this finely equipped public bath-house will lead the teachers of our public schools to place more emphasis in future upon the importance of personal cleanliness from a moral, as well as from a hygienic standpoint, in order that our school-children may be educated to make full use of the excellent bathing facilities which the city is now supplying. All of the teachers of the public schools have been invited to inspect the new bath-house on Dover street, and the Bath Trustees and myself earnestly invite their co-operation and will welcome any suggestions from them as to the further development or better administration of our public bathing facilities. Besides the bath-house on Dover street, facilities for bathing are also provided in the public gymnasium on Paris street, East Boston, and they will also be provided before long at the gymnasium on Commonwealth Park, South Boston, which is nearing completion, and at the swimming-pool, the construction of which will soon be begun, on East Ninth street, Ward 15, South Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

(2.) OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 25, 1898.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I desire to call the attention of your body to the very successful results which have been attained in the City of New York by the free courses of public lectures, attended last year by nearly 700,000 persons, which have been carried on for ten years under the direction of the Board of Education, and I transmit herewith for your information, an article from a recent magazine giving a history of these lectures, with their scope and purpose.

I wish to direct your particular attention to the point that such courses of lectures afford extensive and varied opportunities for the continuance of education in adult life, and that the plan involves a much larger utilization, with a slight additional cost, of a very expensive school-plant. In view of the very large sums of money which this city has invested, and is still investing, in school-buildings, it is certainly important from a

mere economical standpoint, that these should be put to the largest possible use or the benefit of the community. It hardly seems intelligent to confine the use of expensive school-buildings, many of them containing halls well adapted for lectures, to the hours when the schools are in session; and if there is among the people of this city as much of a thirst for knowledge as has been demonstrated to exist among the people of New York—and we surely have no reason to doubt that this is the case—it would certainly seem wise to extend very greatly, in every section of the city, the facilities for public instruction, and to offer them to adults as well as to the young, when it can be done at such a comparatively small additional expenditure.

I do not overlook the very admirable and comprehensive work which is being accomplished by the evening schools conducted by your Board, but it seems to me that their work is different from that of the popular lecture, and that there are a large number of people who would attend interesting and instructive lectures near their own homes, given by men of recognized standing in their respective branches of study and illustrated by experiments or stereopticon views, who do not care to take formal lessons in an evening school, and are unable to attend at a central point such courses of lectures as are given by the Lowell Institute.

It will doubtless be stated that, however desirable it might be to add such courses of lectures to the instruction now given under the direction of the School Committee, its funds do not permit the undertaking of this work at the present time. In order to obviate this difficulty, without conceding that it is a real one except for the balance of this financial year, and to make it possible to secure at least a small beginning during the coming winter in work of this character. I desire to ask your Board to give its permission to have some of the school-halls in different sections of the city used for this purpose; and if such permission is given, I will at least make the attempt to secure, either by appropriation from the City Council or by private subscription, sufficient funds to start the experiment, and I will further undertake to organize an advisory committee to secure lecturers and make the necessary arrangements, unless your Board desires to place the matter at once under the charge of a committee of its own number. I make this suggestion with no desire to enter, as the executive head of the city, a field which may be considered as coming within the scope of the general powers and duties of the School Committee, in its relation to public education, but merely with the object of getting this work started in some manner within the next few months,

so that Boston may be the second city—as the work already done by New York prevents her from being the first—to establish in this manner a comprehensive system of adult instruction.

In some parts of the city it may be possible to use ward-rooms or other public halls which can be had without the payment of rent, but in many districts the only halls suitable for such a purpose are to be found in the school-buildings, and it therefore seems necessary to make this request for their use. I have already called this matter to the attention of the City Council, and have requested that body to join with me in this application for their use.

I trust that the School Committee will recognize the value and importance of this work, and, if it cannot inaugurate it directly itself, will be willing to give its hearty co-operation towards starting it.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

The resignations of three teachers, presented by the Superintendent of Schools, were accepted.

The Superintendent presented, for the approval of the Board, the appointments of three teachers; the appointments of seven teachers on probation; transfers of two teachers; the confirmation of appointments of six teachers, and the appointments of nine teachers in evening schools—all of which were laid over, under the rule.

Leave of absence was granted to five teachers.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, reported that, on July 19, the Board approved plans and specifications, prepared by James Mulcahy, architect, for a new eight-room primary school-house on Munroe street, Roxbury. In due course, your committee advertised for bids for the construction of this building, which were opened on August 22. But four proposals were received, the lowest of which was for \$63,396, an amount considerably in excess of the appropriation of \$50,000. Your committee, acting in accordance with their best judgment, rejected these bids, and directed the architect to prepare an entirely new set of plans, for a building to contain the same number of rooms, but of less cost. This has been done, and your committee now present the new plans for the approval of the Board, and ask the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the new plans and specifications for a primary school-house on Munroe street, prepared by James Mulcahy, architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said James Mulcahy is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise

for proposals to construct and erect the same, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Passed.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, to whom was referred, October 11, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, asking what progress, if any, has been made in the erection of the proposed high school for South Boston, reported that the contract for the construction of this building has recently been executed, and your committee anticipate that work on the site will be begun in a few days.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, the report and order presented by the Committee on New Buildings at the last meeting, with reference to an appropriation to cover the cost of a portion of the Elm-street site, Charlestown, were taken from the table. The order is as follows:

Ordered, That of the \$35,812 appropriated April 26, 1898, for new primary school-house, Charlestown site, the following transfer be made:

Elm street, Charlestown, primary school-house site, \$10,291.40.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was ordered:

(1.) That the Committee on New Buildings be instructed as soon as practicable to report to this Board:

First—A list of the appropriations made from the funds provided under Chapter 405 of the Acts of 1895 and other subsequent acts of the Legislature under which funds have been provided for this Board and grouping such appropriations as to show when made, for what made, and the total amount for each lot taken or furnished, building erected or furnished, or both.

Second—The lots taken or purchased or both, since the passage of said act, whether the latter was obtained by purchase or by taking or both, the assessed valuations of the various parcels taken and the prices paid for the said parcels; whether the prices paid were paid by agreement with this Board, with the Street Commissioners under the advice of the Law Department, or on verdicts by juries and the excess, if any, in the prices paid over the assessed valuations of each school-house lot taken.

Third—If the foregoing should show that the prices paid were largely in excess of the assessed valuations, the reasons why, in the judgment of said committee, such excess has been paid.

Fourth—Whether any legislation, and, if so, what legislation is necessary or expedient to enable this Board better and more economically to obtain proper lots and erect thereon proper buildings for school-house purposes.

(2.) That the Committee on School-houses be instructed, as soon as practicable, to report to this Board whether any legislation is needed, and if so what, in order to enable this Board better and more economically to provide for the repair, warming, cleaning and ventilation of the several school-houses.

(3.) That the Superintendent of Streets

be requested to grade Sharon street, or to provide a plank-walk or other facilities by which reasonable access may be obtained to said school-building in stormy weather.

(4.) That the Helman-Taylor Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, be permitted to give an exhibition of their collection of pictures suitable for school-room decoration in either hall of the Latin-English High School Building, provided that the same be without expense to the city, that it be free to the public, and that no sales be made from the collection.

Mr. Courtney offered the following:

Ordered, That the orders passed by this Board, May 24, that on and after the first day of September, 1899, the Boston Normal School be discontinued, and that the Secretary of the State Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts be informed that it is the sense of this Board that a normal school in-lieu of the normal school now maintained by the City of Boston should be established and maintained by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, be, and the same hereby are, rescinded.

Mr. Anderson moved to lay the motion on the table.

This was defeated on a ye and nay vote—Yeas, 9; nays, 11.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the matter was specially assigned to the next meeting, by a vote of 11 yeas to 9 nays.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Courses of Study and Text-books, to whom was referred, October 11, an order relative to the authorization of certain text-books in the high schools which are already authorized for use in the Latin schools, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Moulton & Collar's Preparatory Latin Composition, Oman's History of Greece, and Allen's A Short History of the Roman People, be authorized for use as text-books in the high schools, to be furnished only for such pupils as are preparing for college.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, it was

Ordered, That a special committee of three be appointed by the Chair to take charge of all matters relating to the exhibition of the work of the public schools in the city at the Paris Exposition during the year 1900.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, it was

Ordered, That Sarah A. Gallagher, grammar assistant in the Norcross District, be granted leave of absence at half pay, from November 1, 1898, until August 31, 1899.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the following order was taken from the table and passed:

Ordered, That there be paid to Joseph B. Fleming, janitor of the Hancock School-house, the sum of twenty-five (25) dollars for extra services performed during the school year 1897-98.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to employ a laboratory assistant for classes in chemistry and physics in the English High School to date from September 6, 1898, at a salary not to exceed five hundred (500) dollars per annum.

The Board adjourned at 9.41 P. M.

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, October 31, 1898, Chairman Dyar presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages were received from His Honor the Mayor:

Revised Grade of Hamilton Street — Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 28, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith, without my signature, the order passed by your body establishing a revised grade of Hamilton street, for the reason that the Street Commissioners have since concluded that the desired result can be obtained without the revision of this grade, and have prepared new plans for the purpose. Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The Board refused to pass the order, in opposition to the Mayor's objection.

Remodelling of old Fire-boat.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 21, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in reply to your request for information as to when the work of remodelling the old fire-boat (Engine 31) will be completed.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER.

Boston, October 29, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor:

SIR: Referring to the request of the Honorable Board of Aldermen regarding fire-boat (Engine 31), I have to respectfully report that, through my error in judgment, her completion has been delayed while three different single wheels have been applied, tried and found inadequate to handle the new and shallow hull to my satisfaction. Machinery for twin screws has been built, and is now in process of substitution for the old, which when perfected, will, I trust, prove satisfactory during the coming month.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

List of Constables Complete.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 31, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Frank Yennaco a

constable of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

I desire to call attention to the fact that this appointment, if confirmed, will bring the number of constables up to 100, which is the limit established by me, according to my message sent to the Board of Aldermen April 25, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Appointment laid over to the next meeting, under the law.

Use of Voting Machines — Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 31, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I regret to feel obliged to return herewith without my approval the order passed October 24, providing for the purchase of voting machines, for the reason that, according to an opinion given by the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth since the passage of the order, the use of such machines in connection with casting the vote for members of Congress would probably be illegal, and that the Board of Election Commissioners does not believe that the first trial of the voting machines should be made at a municipal election, when it might be possible for its workings to affect the general results in the city at large.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The Board refused to pass the order, in opposition to the Mayor's objections.

Brookline Gas Light Contract.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 31, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith for your information a communication received by me from the President of the Brookline Gas Light Company, together with my reply thereto, and a copy of the amendment made to the contract between the city and said company.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BROOKLINE GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

Boston, October 29, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In the contracts between the City of Boston and the Boston Gas Light Company and the other gas companies furnishing gas for street lamps and public buildings (excepting the Brookline Gas Light Company), under the date of August 17, 1893, it is provided that the several companies may furnish either water gas of twenty-five candle power, or coal gas of eighteen candle power.

In the contract between the City of Boston and the Brookline Gas Light Company,

under date of February 27, 1893, no provision is made for the substitution of coal gas for water gas.

In all probability it was at that time not considered possible for the gas company to supply coal gas of eighteen candle power at the prices mentioned in the aforesaid agreement; nor until recently has it since been possible for any company to make this change without either increasing the price of gas to the people, or involving a great and serious loss to itself; but the Brookline Company has recently made a contract with the Massachusetts Pipe Line Gas Company, by which it is to be supplied with coal gas of eighteen candle power at a price which permits the substitution of this gas for water gas; and it therefore asks that permission to supply coal gas, as provided in the contracts with the other gas companies, be extended by the City of Boston to the Brookline Gas Light Company.

The coal gas to be thus furnished will contain less than 10 per cent. of carbonic oxide, and this change will meet the earnest approval of the public who are familiar with the better sanitary character of the coal gas which it is proposed to furnish in comparison with water gas.

If your assent be given to this change, it is the intention of this company as soon as the Massachusetts Pipe Line Gas Company is ready to furnish the supply of gas already contracted for, to reduce the price of coal gas used for fuel purposes and supplied by separate meter, to seventy-five cents per thousand cubic feet; when used for power purposes in gas engines up to 100 horse-power, the price will be one and one-fifth cents per horse-power hour; in gas engines from 100 to 200 horse-power one and one-tenth cents per horse-power hour; in gas engines of 200 horse-power and upwards one cent per horse-power hour.

In order that it may be clearly understood how the cost of power at the prices mentioned compares with the cost of power furnished in ways now employed, I would say that the present net cost of electric power varies from seven and one-half to three and one-half cents per horse-power hour, depending on the quantity used. The cost of fuel for a steam-engine on a basis of six pounds of coal per horse-power hour is precisely the equivalent of one and one-fifth cents per horse-power hour; but the small engines in general use throughout the city do not show this economy in the fuel consumption. I am informed on authority that the average small steam-engine runs more nearly to ten pounds of coal per horse-power hour of actual working time, which would make the cost of fuel two cents per horse-power hour, as against one and one-fifth cents, the maximum charge for gas for power purposes in gas engines.

In addition, I may call your attention to the fact that the substitution of gas for soft coal will largely abate the smoke nuisance, which is now so prevalent, and also will enable the industries which use small amounts of power oftentimes at intervals, to be able to use and pay for such an amount of fuel as required for the actual time when its machinery is in operation. Of the great advantage of this reduction in the cost of power to the thousands of industrial enterprises in the city, I need not dwell, as you are entirely familiar with the subject, nor

need I allude further to the æsthetic and sanitary advantages of substituting smokeless fuel for the kinds now in use.

In addition, it is the intention of this company to furnish the gas for house-heating purposes in furnaces, at the special rate of fifty cents per thousand cubic feet. This especially low price is made because the introduction of gas for house furnaces will be a new departure more radical than its use for fuel or for power. It will be so important a change, however, and one in every way desirable for the public benefit, that the very low rate of fifty cents per thousand feet will be made. Of course this consumption of gas, if adopted by the public, will mean an enormous output. The management of the Brookline Company is so confident that once adopted this system will be most popular, that it is determined to put gas for this use at such a price as will make its advantages clearly apparent.

I think I may count upon your thoughtful approval of these steps, which I believe are of vast importance to the prosperity, comfort and health of our citizens, and that their reception and use of gas at these prices will more than justify the very large expenditure of capital now being made in order that it may be manufactured and served them as I have above indicated.

As to the time when this substitution of coal gas for water gas will be made, it is understood that if no unforeseen obstacles are encountered, the gas will be furnished early in the spring; but whether the Massachusetts Pipe Line Gas Company is ready to supply this company with gas, the price of gas will be changed as indicated above.

Very respectfully yours,

HENRY M. WHITNEY, President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 29, 1898.

HENRY M. WHITNEY, Esq., President
Brookline Gas Light Company, Boston.

DEAR SIR: I have your letter of October 29, putting in writing the proposition which you made to me verbally some time since respecting an amendment of the contract between the City of Boston and the Brookline Gas Light Company to allow the company to furnish coal gas of eighteen candle power, instead of water gas of twenty-five candle power, if such amendment of its contract is assented to, and also stating certain reduced prices at which this company will be prepared to supply gas for fuel and power purposes as soon as the Massachusetts Pipe Line Gas Company is ready to furnish gas from its works at Everett, in accordance with a contract already made. Since you suggested this amendment to the contract, which merely allows the Brookline Company to do what the Boston Gas Light Company and other companies are authorized to do under their existing contracts with the city, I have carefully looked into the matter, and I can see no reasonable objection to giving the Brookline Company the same right in this respect which is allowed to other companies; while, on the other hand, there are important advantages to the public in the proposed substitution. I am quite ready to allow the change, and I have now given my approval to such an amendment of the contract. Our Board of Health strongly endorses the desir-

ability of this change, and I think that no one familiar with the respective qualities of coal gas and water gas will question that the change from the latter to the former will be in the interest of the public health and safety.

I note with much satisfaction the reductions which your company proposes to make in the price of gas for fuel and power purposes. I have for some time believed that the furnishing of cheap gas for fuel and power, to displace coal, was of enormous industrial and social importance, and I fully coincide in your belief that the announcement of the new prices will be "most welcome to the business interests of the city." The experience of communities which have enjoyed the benefits of cheap natural gas has fully confirmed the conclusion, obvious enough as a matter of theory, that coal burned under boilers or in furnaces, in isolated plants, is a crude and objectionable source of power and heat, compared with gas distributed through mains. If the heat value of a given quantity of coal can be secured to a considerable extent in the form of gas, the advantages of the latter, in respect to economy of transportation to the point of consumption and of labor and care required to utilize it, are beyond dispute. Cheap fuel is the basis of successful industry, and I am convinced that the use of gas-engines for power, at the price which your company proposes to charge for gas for such use, should result in the displacement of steam engines to a considerable extent, and in stimulating many small manufacturing and industrial enterprises in this city and vicinity.

The abatement in some measure of the smoke nuisance may be a minor consideration in comparison with the great economical importance of a cheapening of fuel, but it is no unimportant one, and the direct saving to the city through a diminution in the amount of engine and furnace ashes to be removed, to say nothing of the saving of some of the wear and tear of our streets by heavy coal teams, is by no means insignificant. There are many points at which I have no doubt that the various city departments will find it economical and advantageous to use gas at such prices for heat and power where coal is now employed.

No one can visit the immense works which the Massachusetts Pipe Line Gas Light Company is now building at Everett without being impressed with the great magnitude and importance of its operations, and with the extensive facilities which it will have for producing gas on an enormous scale and at a very low price. The successful accomplishment of the comprehensive plans which have been formulated, and in part carried out, so largely through your own foresight and enterprise, would, in my opinion, be of such great and far-reaching advantage to Boston that I shall always be glad to give any assistance in my power, either officially or personally, to promote their success.

Yours very truly,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The proposed amendment reads as follows: The Brookline Gas Light Company, a corporation duly established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of the first part, and the City of Boston, a municipal corporation in said Common-

wealth, of the second part, on this thirty-first day of October, 1898, hereby agree as follows:

The contract between the parties hereto, dated February 27, 1893, is hereby modified by adding at the end of the sentence now reading "All gas furnished to be of not less than twenty-five candle power," the words "unless coal gas shall be delivered, in which case the candle power shall not be less than eighteen."

In witness whereof, the said Brookline Gas Light Company has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed in its name by Henry M. Whitney, its President, and the City of Boston has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed by James Donovan, its Superintendent of Lamps, on the day and date above written.

BROOKLINE GAS LIGHT COMPANY,

By HENRY M. WHITNEY, President.

CITY OF BOSTON,

By JAMES DONOVAN,

Superintendent of Lamps.

Form of contract approved:

A. J. BAILEY, Corporation Counsel.

Approved:

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, October 27, 1898, at 7.45 P.M., President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received from His Honor the Mayor:

Real Estate Taken by Boston Terminal Company.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 20, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

In accordance with the order referred to me by your body, on July 7, requesting the Street Commissioners, through me, "to report to the City Council before October 27 a list of the owners of all real estate taken by the Boston Terminal Company and for which the City of Boston may have paid to the date of the report, the assessed valuation of such real estate in lots, and the prices paid by said Company," I transmit herewith a communication from the Street Commissioners, with a table containing the information called for.

In view of the fact that settlements have not been made in quite a number of similar cases of taking by the Terminal Company, acting on behalf of the city as well as on its own behalf, both the Street Commissioners and myself have serious doubts whether it is for the interest of the city in connection

with these cases to make this information public before they come to trial; these considerations have, I am informed, been fully explained by the Street Commissioners to the introducer of the order, but as they have not influenced him to withdraw the inquiry, and as the withholding of the information would doubtless be used as a basis for an attack upon the Street Commissioners and myself, we have thought it best to furnish the information requested, placing upon the introducer of the order of inquiry the responsibility for any prejudicial effect which the statement may have upon the unsettled cases which are still pending.

In furnishing this information, I think it proper, in order to remove any ground for honest misapprehension on the part of any one, to briefly summarize the history of these settlements. By the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1896, being the Act to Provide for The New Southern Union Station, the City of Boston was required to widen Cove street, as it then existed, to the width of at least 100 feet, and to extend it at the new width to Summer street, and the Boston Terminal Company was authorized to take any land east of the westerly line of Cove street extended to Federal street. The theory of the act was that it would be cheaper to have a single taking made of all estates required to be taken either for the use of the Terminal Company or for the widening of Cove street, rather than to have separate takings of parts of the same estate by the city and by the Terminal Company, and as by far the larger part of the aggregate area of such estates was required for the use of the Terminal Company, the simplest and most economical method of condemnation was for that company to acquire all of such estates and then transfer to the city such portion as was required for the widening and extension of Cove street. It will be seen by the accompanying table that the Terminal Company took in the estates enumerated 452,558 feet of land, and afterwards transferred 146,293 feet to the city.

Section 14 of said act expressly provides that the Terminal Company should convey in fee to the city "all the land . . . required for the laying out, widening and extension of Cove street and Summer street at its actual reasonable cost to said company."

Under this provision the city had nothing to do directly with fixing the price which such land should be settled for, but could raise the question, when called upon to make a proportionate payment to the Terminal Company for a portion of an estate, whether the settlement price was a reasonable one. In view of this provision, it was arranged between the Terminal Company and the

city that no settlements should be definitely agreed to by the Terminal Company until accepted on behalf of the city by the Board of Street Commissioners. At the time when these takings and most of the settlements were made, the Street Commissioners had full and exclusive general jurisdiction over all cases of settlements of damages for land taken, and the city had no other official who was charged with any duty of this character, and this matter therefore came within their jurisdiction. Settlements of land damages did not at that time require to be approved by the Mayor, and it was not until the passage of Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897, approved March 25 of that year, that such approval was required. Accordingly, the settlements included in the accompanying statement were agreed to by the Street Commissioners before they were made by the Terminal Company, and thus became binding upon the city. I may add that, in addition to my belief that the Street Commissioners would properly safeguard the interests of the city in these settlements, I assume as a matter of course, that the Terminal Company would carefully protect its own financial interests by agreeing only to such settlements as were clearly advantageous.

While I have never seen any reason to doubt that the representatives of the Terminal Company, who were entrusted with this delicate and important duty, endeavored faithfully to protect its financial interests in connection with these settlements, and to make none which were not considered more advantageous than valuations which juries would be likely to fix, and while I have every faith that the Street Commissioners performed their duties in passing upon proposed settlements in a careful and conscientious manner, I think it proper to state frankly that I concluded last spring, after the settlements included in the accompanying statement had all been made, both from my own analysis of the matter and from the advice given me by the real estate expert of the Mayor's office, Mr. John C. Cobb, that the general basis might be somewhat high. I, therefore, concluded, particularly in view of the provisions of Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897, giving the Mayor power to approve awards of the Street Commissioners, and in view of the further fact that I then had a regular real estate expert to call upon, and furthermore, after consultation with the City Solicitor, who was to try the unsettled cases on which suit had been brought, that I would adopt a different procedure as to the settlements still remaining to be made.

Accordingly, on April 20 of this year, I addressed a letter to the Boston Terminal Company, notifying them that under the

provisions of Section 14 of the Southern Union Station Act, I reserved the right to pass personally upon any further settlements, and that the city would not be bound to accept them as a basis of "reasonable cost" until I had done so.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, October 20, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor:

SIR: In reply to the order of the Common Council of July 7, requesting a report to the City Council of a list of the owners of all real estate taken by the Terminal Company for which the city may have paid to this date, with its assessed valuation, and the prices paid by the Terminal Company, the Commissioners respectfully submit the accompanying statement.

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

(For the tabular statement here referred to, see page 628.)

Ordered printed, and assigned for two weeks.

Legality of Sunday Concerts.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 20, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Corporation Counsel giving his opinion upon the question whether "the City of Boston may engage in the giving of any entertainment at which an admission fee is to be charged." As the order containing the inquiry doubtless had reference to the Sunday evening concerts given in Music Hall, I desire to state that these concerts are not given directly by the city, although they are under the direction of the members of the Music Commission, and that the expenses of these concerts are not paid out of the City Treasury. The members of the Music Commission have believed, and I have fully coincided with that opinion, that the general purposes of their appointment in connection with the development of good popular music in this city would be promoted by the giving of these concerts.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 20, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I understand that my opinion is desired upon the subject embraced in the following order of the Common Council: "Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel report to this body at its next meeting upon

STREET COMMISSIONERS' STATEMENT REGARDING REAL ESTATE TAKEN BY TERMINAL COMPANY. (See Mayor's Message, page 627.)

ESTATES AND LOCATION.	Feet of land in estates.	Taxed in 1896.	Paid by Terminal Company.	Feet of land taken by city.	Proportion paid by city, including interest.
Richardson's and Piper's wharves	209,822	\$433,500	\$1,182,481 20	100,919	\$598,431 39
Drake's and Curtis' wharves	201,835	450,500	743,042 30	2,782	10,775 50
Leander Hammond, 196 Kneeland street	591	10,600	—	591	19,182 00
Robert W. McNinch, 204 Kneeland street	683	10,500	—	683	18,125 06
Boston Real Estate Trust, Cove street	5,447	44,500	57,240 60	1,386	15,098 94
William J. Corbett, 86-88 Cove street	3,368	39,800	101,929 04	2,917	90,678 55
Heirs William Gaston, 321 Federal street	1,264	13,300	12,436 56	3	30 86
Charles A. Dean, 311-317 Federal street	4,630	45,800	107,883 20	647	15,779 21
Stillman Clough, 307-309 Federal street	2,523	23,200	43,466 45	758	13,674 84
John J. Buckley, trustee, 159-165, 160-162 Beach street	1,534	15,000	30,523 50	1,155	23,782 72
Heirs of James Butler, 285-287 Federal street	2,345	28,800	52,943 52	2,257	53,317 72
Charles G. Way, 25-27 East street	2,213	35,300	—	2,213	58,854 04
Charles G. Rice, Federal street	4,967	59,600	—	4,967	94,919 95
Mary L. Fitzgerald and others, 267-277 Federal street	4,673	46,300	—	4,673	117,855 60
Mary J. Collins and others, 36 Cove street	404	2,800	—	404	9,626 91
Thomas B. Shea and others, 28 Cove street	541	4,000	—	541	11,150 65
Heirs of James Hagarty, 66 Cove street	2,696	16,400	—	2,696	53,938 02
Joseph E. Doherty, 30 Cove street and 281 Federal street	2,367	26,700	—	2,367	66,224 58
Heirs of John Maloney, 38 Cove street	655	5,700	—	630	14,733 03
					\$1,286,179 57
Less amount cost, taking Richardson's and Piper's wharves, on account Summer-street extension, paid by Commission for abolishment of grade crossings					47,855 42
					\$1,238,324 15

what authority, if any, the City of Boston may engage in the giving of any entertainment at which an admission fee is to be charged," and I have to say that I know of no authority at present for giving any such entertainments, and if any such authority is desired, it must be obtained from the Legislature.

Respectfully,

ANDREW J. BAILEY,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

South Boston High School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 27, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting a report as to what progress has been made in the erection of the proposed High School for South Boston.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

October 25, 1898.

The Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, October 11, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, asking what progress, if any, has been made in the erection of the proposed High School for South Boston, report that the contract for the construction of this building has recently been executed, and your committee anticipate that work on the site will be begun in a few days.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM T. EATON, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

Water Pipes—Ward 2.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 20, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Water Commissioner in reply to your order requesting a report as to when the water pipes in Everett and Porter streets, Ward 2, were laid.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, October 16, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Referring to the attached order of the Common Council, dated October 13, I would report that in Porter street, Ward 2, the water pipes from Chelsea to Bennington streets were laid in 1850, and from Chelsea to Bremen streets in 1854, and in Everett street, Ward 2, the water pipes from Cottage to Jeffries streets were laid in 1850, and from Cottage to Orleans streets in 1858.

Yours very truly,

JOHN R. MURPHY,

Water Commissioner.

Placed on file.

The street-cleaning force of New Orleans has been uniformed in heavy white cotton drill and white helmets. The suits cost \$1 apiece, and each man must have three.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved October 29, 1898:

Ordered, That the land and building on Canterbury street, known as the Small Pox Hospital, now in the custody of the Board of Health, and for which the said Board has no further use, be placed under the charge of the Board of Street Commissioners.

Ordered, That the territory bordering on Mill street and the Old Colony Railroad in Dorchester, containing about 21,844 square feet, now in charge of the Board of Health, be transferred to the custody of the Board of Street Commissioners.

Ordered, That the expenses incurred by the City Messenger in furnishing flags for the new flag-staffs erected during the present year at Andrew square, Fellows-street playground and Peabody square, amounting to \$49.68, be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Ordered, That the salaries of all city and county employees on monthly pay-rolls be allowed and paid on or before Wednesday, November 23, in anticipation of the December draft, and for the month of December on or before Saturday, December 24, in anticipation of the January draft, and that the heads of departments are hereby directed to submit their pay-rolls to the City Auditor in season to have this order carried into effect.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved October 26, 1898:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

To New Idea Dental Company, V-shaped sign, 8 Winter street, Ward 7.

To Joseph Celeste, two barber poles, 188 C street, Ward 13.

To J. Washek, illuminated sign, 33 Province street, Ward 7.

To J. M. Cohen, show case, 22 Chapman place, Ward 7.

To Samuel Gans, sign, 387 Shawmut avenue, Ward 12.

To Samuel Goldberg, two signs, 44 Fleet street, Ward 6.

To Myer Kaufman, sign, 1007 Washington street, Ward 9.

To Samuel Levenson, sign, 17 Chapman street, Ward 7.

To Dolphes Perron, barber pole, 358½ Washington street, Ward 25.

To Lewis Myers, pawnbroker's sign, 7 Leverett street, Ward 8.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be and hereby is directed to give notice, by advertising the same as required by law, that meetings of the citizens of this city qualified to vote for State officers, will be held at the several polling-places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the eighth day of November next, for the election of a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney-General, Councilors, Representatives in Congress, District-Attorney, Register of Probate and Insolvency, Sheriff, Senators and Representatives in the General Court.

The polls at said election will be opened at 6 o'clock A.M., and closed at 4 P.M.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Mead, Mason & Co. to stretch, maintain and use guy-ropes over and across Saratoga, Princeton and Marion streets, during construction of the new high school building, Ward 1, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John A. Mulcahy to stretch, maintain and use a guy-rope over and across Dalton street, Ward 10; the same to be removed within ten days, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Public Buildings Department to lay, maintain and use a twelve-inch iron pipe, with steam pipes enclosed therein, under and across North Market street to Faneuil Hall; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to D. Henry Cram to stretch, maintain and use a guy-rope over and across Dorchester avenue, opposite the Mt. Washington-avenue bridge; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, and done on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Coughlan & Ryan to erect, maintain and use a guy-post in Clarendon street, at the corner of Columbus avenue, Ward 10, for use in track construction of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, and done on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley to move a wooden building, pitch roof, fifty feet in length, by twenty-one feet in width, by thirty feet in height, from the northwesterly side of Spring street, across said street to private land, to lot on Cass street, Ward 23, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Norfolk street and Milton avenue, Ward 24, in front of the estate of the Shawmut Real Estate Association; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of gravel with granite edgestone, the owners to provide said material.

Ordered, That the Massachusetts Pipe Line Gas Company is hereby authorized to dig up and open the ground in any of the streets, lanes and highways in the City of Boston, as far as is necessary to accomplish the objects of the corporation.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Massachusetts Pipe Line Gas Company to construct, maintain and operate a pipe line in the following streets, lanes and highways of the City of Boston:

In Alford street, from its intersection with the line of the City of Everett to its intersection with Cambridge street, thence in Cambridge street to its intersection with the line of the City of Somerville.

In Rutherford avenue, from its intersection with Cambridge street to its intersection with Devens street, thence in Devens street and Bow street to City square, thence in City square to Charles-river avenue, and in Prince street to its intersection with Commercial street, thence in Commercial street to the holders or plant of the Boston Gaslight Company on said street.

In Cambridge street, from its intersection with the City of Cambridge line to its intersection with Charles street, thence on Charles street to the holders or plant of the Boston Gaslight Company on said street.

In Massachusetts avenue, from its intersection with the City of Cambridge line to Columbia road; thence in Columbia road and Mt. Vernon street to the holders or plant of the Bay State Gas Company at Calf Pasture.

In Swett street, from its intersection with Massachusetts avenue to its intersection with Dorchester avenue, thence on Dorchester avenue northerly to its intersection with Dorchester street, thence on Dorchester street to the holders or plant of the South Boston Gas Light Company on said street.

In Dorchester avenue, from its intersection with Columbia road to its intersection with Freeport street, thence in Freeport street to its intersection with Union street, thence in Union street to the holders or

plant of the Boston Gaslight Company at Commercial Point.

In Columbus avenue, from its intersection with Massachusetts avenue to its intersection with Washington street, thence in Washington street to its intersection with Keyes street, thence on Keyes street to the holders or plant of the Jamaica Plain Gaslight Company on said street.

In Cambridge street, in the Brighton District, from its intersection with the line of the City of Cambridge in a westerly direction to the plant of the Brookline Gaslight Company on said street.

The work of laying said pipes shall be done at such times and in such manner and places of opening as the Superintendent of Streets shall issue permits for, and in conformity to the statutes and ordinances.

The following were approved October 27, 1898:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated August 4, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Rosedale street, three poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Corwin street, three poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Ocean street, three poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898; the work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the West End Street Railway Company, to lay, maintain and use a twenty-four-inch iron pipe under and across Albany street, at a point opposite its central power station, as shown on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, C.E., dated September 28, 1898, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The following was approved October 29, 1898:

Order authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue a permit to Eugene Tompkins to place, maintain and use a coal-hole, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of the Boston Theatre on Mason street, Ward 7.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for

the passage of an act authorizing the City of Boston to pay to Ellen A. Murphy, widow of Stephen D. Murphy, late First Quartermaster's Sergeant of Company I, Ninth Regiment, M.V.M., and late an employee of the Printing Department of said city, the salary to which said Stephen D. Murphy would have been entitled as such employee of the city from the time he entered the United States service until the end of the year 1898.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested to petition the General Court at its next session for the passage of an act to enable the City of Boston to pay to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, late a police officer of the city, the balance of salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his position until the close of the financial year.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to provide this Board with an estimate of the cost of asphaltting Tremont street, between Boylston and Winter streets, and paving with wooden blocks between Winter street and Scollay square.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested to inform this Board at what period the fire-boat contracted for in January, 1897, will be put in commission.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following order was presented to the Mayor, October 15, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to allow the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, to James E. Finnigan, on the evening of October 26 and the morning of October 27, 1898.

The following orders were presented to the Mayor, October 18, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to allow the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, to James Long, for Division 29, A.O.H., on the evening of November 22 and the morning of November 23, 1898.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to allow for payment, and the City Treasurer to pay, in part compensation for services rendered, the salaries and wages of city employees, during leave of absence, while serving in the army or navy during the war with Spain.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following orders were presented to the Mayor, October 18, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain

a suitable number of lights in the passage-way in the rear of Huntington avenue and St. Botolph street, between West Newton and Cumberland streets; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove trees standing in front of premises corner of Gay and Roxbury streets; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of premises 89 Evans street, Dorchester; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause the removal of three trees now standing on Howland street, at the corner of Elm Hill avenue, Ward 21; the same being dangerous to public travel and in the way of contemplated street improvements; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of estate No. 51 Sherman street, Ward 21; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following examinations:

An examination will be held in any city in the United States where it has a local Board of Examiners, beginning at 9 o'clock A.M., November 22, 1898, for the purpose of establishing eligible registers from which selections may be made to fill vacancies in the position of teacher, with a knowledge of music, at the Puyallup Indian School, Washington, the Chilcoco Indian School, Oklahoma, and the Flandreau Indian School, South Dakota, the two latter at a salary of \$600 per annum each.

Two days of six hours each will be allowed for the examination.

An examination will be held on November 22, 1898, for the purpose of establishing an eligible register from which certification may be made to fill a vacancy in the position of Ethnologic Translator (Spanish), in the Bureau of Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum.

One day of eight hours will be allowed for this examination.

On November 22, 1898, examination will be held for the position of Statistical Field Agent, United States Fish Commission.

Eight hours will be allowed for this examination. The minimum age for entrance is twenty years; no maximum.

On December 6, 1898, examination may be taken at any city in the United States

where the Commission has a Board of Examiners, for the position of Chief of Bureau of Statistics, Treasury Department, at a salary of \$3,000 per annum.

Two days of eight hours each will be allowed for this examination.

It is desired to establish an eligible register from which a selection may be made to fill a vacancy in the position of laundress, at the Eastern Cherokee School (Indian Service, Department of the Interior), at Cherokee, N.C., at a salary of \$480 per annum.

No educational test will be given, but applicants will be graded upon their age, character as workwomen, experience, and physical qualifications.

On December 3, 1898, commencing at 9 A.M., examination will be held at any city in the United States where it has a local Board of Examiners, for the grade of electrical engineer.

There are at present two vacancies in this grade, one at Fort Caswell, Wilmington, N.C., and one at New York City, in the Engineer Department at large, at salaries of \$95 and \$150 per month, respectively.

Two days will be allowed for the examination.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements, without regard to race or to political or religious affiliations. All such citizens are invited to apply. They shall be examined, graded and certified, with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save their ability as shown by the grade they attain in the examination.

Persons who desire to compete should at once write to E. E. Stebbins, Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Post Office Building, Boston, Mass., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders were promulgated by the Board of Police on October 29:

October 29, 1898.

General Order No. 542.

The Superintendent of Police is hereby directed to make the following details:

I. Four patrolmen to report to the Board of Election Commissioners for duty in and about its office from 6.30 o'clock P.M., November 7, to 6 o'clock A.M., November 8.

II. A sergeant and eight patrolmen for duty in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners and in Court square from 4 o'clock A.M. to 6 o'clock A.M., November 8.

III. Two patrolmen for duty in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners from 4 o'clock A.M. to 6 o'clock P.M., or until relieved, November 8.

IV. The necessary number of patrolmen from the several police divisions to attend the several polling-places in this city on election day to preserve order and protect voters in the full exercise of their right.

V. One hundred and ninety-one patrolmen to convey the ballot-boxes, ballots, voting-lists, etc., from the Election Commissioners' office, Old Court House, Court square, to the polling-places; they will report promptly as follows: Patrolmen from the First, Second, Third and Fourth Divisions at Room 8, Old Court House, at 5 o'clock A.M.; patrolmen from the Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Divisions will report at their respective station-houses at 4 o'clock A.M., and those of the Fifth, Sixth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Divisions at 4.30 o'clock A.M., and proceed thence to the Old Court House in carriages provided by the Election Commissioners. Patrolmen going to the Old Court House in carriages will enter Court square by the east side and leave by the west side.

VI. On arriving at the polling-places to which they are assigned, officers will deliver to the Warden or Clerk of the precinct the ballot-boxes, ballots, voting-lists and such documents as may be received from the Election Commissioners, and will not permit any person to take or examine them before such delivery. They will take a receipt for the ballots, which receipt will be returned to the Board of Election Commissioners. They will remain on duty at the polling-places during such hours as their superior officers may designate, acting under the direction of the Warden, who is responsible for the preservation of order in and about the polling-places and for the freedom of voters from molestation or obstruction. Commanding officers will exercise their judgment in relieving officers during the day but will see that one or more officers are always on duty at the polls.

VII. When the polls close and the ballots are sorted and counted, the officers detailed for the purpose will receive the sealed boxes and check-lists from the election officers, together with the "defectives" and "cancelled" stamps, convey them to the Old Court House and deliver them to some member of the Board of Election Commissioners in person.

VIII. While the polls remain open an officer of rank will visit the polling-places in each division at stated intervals, to be designated by the captain, and in case of any disturbance will report the fact to the commanding officer at the station-house without delay. If additional men are needed beyond the number available in that division, the officer in charge will communicate immediately with headquarters.

IX. Special attention is called to the circular issued by the Board of Election Commissioners entitled, "Instructions to police officers detailed for duty at the polling-places on election days."

General Order No. 543.

I. A department medal is hereby awarded to Patrolman William H. Allen, of Division 1, for having performed hazardous and dangerous service by stopping a runaway horse on the twenty-eighth of May, 1898.

II. A department medal is hereby awarded

to Patrolman Charles B. Kelly, of Division 3, for having performed hazardous and dangerous service in assisting to rescue several persons from a burning building on the twenty-sixth of May, 1898.

VOTING LIST.

The following table, prepared by the Board of Election Commissioners, shows the number of names of persons (men) entitled to vote at the State election, by wards and precincts:

Precincts.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Tot'ls
Ward 1 ..	328	406	548	479	518	474	596	571	238	4,188
Ward 2 ..	521	425	491	446	371	472	535	619	...	3,880
Ward 3 ..	432	546	469	602	577	449	...	...	...	3,075
Ward 4 ..	484	369	481	504	515	371	...	...	...	2,724
Ward 5 ..	453	556	484	356	550	434	...	...	...	2,833
Ward 6 ..	475	512	597	615	613	329	524	456	...	4,121
Ward 7 ..	365	347	429	359	494	...	...	...	...	2,492
Ward 8 ..	559	631	443	673	669	670	...	...	...	3,645
Ward 9 ..	569	632	528	575	489	375	545	...	...	3,713
Ward 10 ..	405	403	338	405	335	442	630	610	384	3,952
Ward 11 ..	443	522	518	518	398	323	442	367	394	3,925
Ward 12 ..	512	485	390	519	486	599	446	...	...	3,437
Ward 13 ..	505	543	491	507	504	421	484	465	...	3,920
Ward 14 ..	771	654	460	450	533	487	585	551	...	4,491
Ward 15 ..	329	529	500	459	471	446	507	492	...	3,733
Ward 16 ..	472	583	653	587	500	473	677	...	...	3,945
Ward 17 ..	457	442	409	522	422	427	466	631	441	4,217
Ward 18 ..	544	604	573	721	681	695	...	...	...	3,818
Ward 19 ..	523	520	667	540	451	542	680	559	...	4,482
Ward 20 ..	707	674	570	580	770	664	702	670	...	5,337
Ward 21 ..	469	504	337	474	496	452	581	582	523	4,418
Ward 22 ..	761	578	480	602	582	437	502	550	...	4,492
Ward 23 ..	335	453	468	471	661	553	417	455	300	4,113
Ward 24 ..	466	434	604	466	450	459	613	740	513	4,745
Ward 25 ..	562	498	445	477	497	521	542	...	...	3,542
										97,238

The following shows the number of persons registered to vote at the State and municipal elections since* 1890:

	STATE ELECTION.	CITY ELECTION.	
	Men.	Men.	* Women.
1890.....	65,534	68,100	7,925
1891.....	71,980	73,373	5,428
1892.....	87,227	87,154	9,992
1893.....	87,352	88,947	10,296
1894.....	87,279	88,214	11,091
1895.....	87,553	91,483	12,073
1896†.....	96,746	96,206	10,340
1897 ...	94,934	102,473	9,262

* In City elections, women are allowed to vote for School Committee only.

† In 1896, there was no vote for Mayor, his term of office, beginning in 1895, being for two years.

Awards of Contracts.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for building draw foundation and draw-fender piers of the bridge on Summer-street extension were opened at the office of the City Engineer, on October 27, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
William J. Lawler	\$33,460
William L. Miller & W. H. Ellis ..	38,896
W. H. Keyes & Co.	44,980
John Cavanagh & Co.	46,400
Ross & Fowler	51,000
J. N. Hayes & Co.	52,000

The contract was awarded to William J. Lawler.

JOHN E. CHENEY,
Acting City Engineer.

Street Department.

Proposals for drains and sewer work have been opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as follows:

Drains in Amory street, Roxbury; bids opened October 19, 1898:

Bidders.	Bids.
P. McCarthy	\$609 50
J. P. O'Connell	654 00
D. E. Lynch	740 85

The contract was awarded to P. McCarthy.

Sewer in Shirley street, Roxbury; bids opened October 19, 1898:

Quimby & Ferguson	\$1,188 64
P. McCarthy	1,212 30
John Broderick	1,367 55
J. P. O'Connell	1,369 95
William Cashman	1,706 80
D. E. Lynch	1,705 17

The contract was awarded to Quimby & Ferguson.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

FIRE NOTICE.

The following notice has been issued by the Fire Commissioner:

Inasmuch as the efficiency of the Fire Department depends in a great degree on its receiving the first alarm as promptly as possible, all good citizens are hereby urged to make themselves acquainted with the location and working of the fire-alarm box nearest their property.

HENRY S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

The Board of Education asks for \$24,000,-000 for school purposes in Greater New York next year. This includes the cost of new school-buildings, sites, etc.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

Boston, October 26, 1898.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held on October 26, at 5 o'clock, at the Hospital.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Burnham, Keany and Rueter.

Mr. Shuman submitted communications from Mr. Hayes and Dr. Bradford, of the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association, requesting that a portion of the soldiers of the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment returning to Boston on Thursday, October 27, be taken temporarily, until other arrangements could be made for their removal elsewhere.

It was voted that the hospital accommodate as many of the soldiers of the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment as it reasonably could, and that the President be requested to reply to the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association in accordance with this vote.

A communication was received from the Superintendent enclosing a communication from Dr. Bradford, concerning the admission of soldiers. This matter was disposed of by the vote herein before given.

Mr. Burnham reported on matters affecting the Electrical Department, as follows:

Concerning an equalizer—that he recommended the purchase of the same, and it was voted that the spare equalizer as recommended and specified by Mr. Burnham, be purchased at an expense of \$400.

It was voted that there be allowed and paid to Edgar K. Ray the sum of \$1,697.95, for milk furnished, and that the President sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted, in accordance with a communication from the Consulting Architect, that there be added to the contract of E. Hodge & Co. the sum of \$174, for furnishing and setting three sets Mahoney grate bars, seventy-eight inches by sixty-six inches, under boilers at boiler-house, the same having been accepted by E. Hodge & Co.

It was voted, in accordance with a communication from the Consulting Architect, that there be added to the contract of Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$87, for building concrete bed under and around pump well, boiler-house, the same having been accepted by Kerrens Driscoll.

It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with Dr. Cheever, President of the Visiting Staff, requesting him to appoint a committee of the staff to confer, as soon as they conveniently can, with Mr. Shuman and Mr. Sprague of the Board of Trustees, about the opening of the new Surgical Department.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees held their quarterly meeting at Austin Farm, October 27.

Present: Mrs. Howard, Mr. Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The bills for the Boston insane in State Hospitals, amounting to \$35,546.19, were presented and referred to the Committee on Insane in Other Hospitals, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

It was voted that the Committee on Buildings be authorized to spend \$300 on the plans of the grounds, if necessary.

The Chair reported that Mr. Shaw and Captain Damrell had inspected the institutions and that they would send requisitions for fire-escapes and estimates of the cost.

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, October 21, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln, Prince and the Librarian.

Communication received: Librarian's report.

A bill of Messrs. Jenney & Fox, chargeable to the Library Building Appropriation, was allowed and ordered paid, and the President authorized to sign a special draft for the sum of \$711.45 in payment of the same.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to pay to Mrs. Rossiter, widow of John Rossiter, late employee at the West End Branch Library, the balance of salary standing to his credit on the Library Department pay-rolls.

The resignation was received of Belle B. Bolcom, custodian, Station "S," to take effect October 21.

Increases in salary and grade: Catalogue department, Luella K. Leavitt, \$13 to \$14 per week, beginning November 1; John Murdoch, \$25.50 to \$27.50 per week, beginning November 16; shelf department, John Eberhart, D special to C special, \$10 to \$12 per week, beginning November 1; Bates Hall, Albert J. Plunkett, \$7 to \$8 per week, beginning November 1; Pierce E. Buckley, Grade C to B, \$10.50 to \$11 per week, beginning November 1; special libraries, Charlotte E. Kelly, Grade D to D special, \$7 to \$8 per week, beginning November 1; Joseph W. Ward, D special to C special, \$10 to \$12 per week, beginning November 1; periodical department, Frederika Wendt, \$9.50 to \$10.50 per week, beginning November 1; issue department, M. Florence Cuffin, Grade D special to C special, \$10 to \$12 per week, beginning November 1; Gertrude E. Forrest, \$15.50 to \$17.50 per week, beginning November 13; Louise L. Desmond, Grade C, \$9.50 to \$10.50 per week, beginning November 1; Nellie L. Cuniff, D special, \$8 to \$9 per week, beginning November 13; Annie G. Murphy, D special, \$9 to \$10 per week, beginning November 13; Mary A. Reynolds, D special, \$8 to \$9 per week, beginning November 13; M. Agnes McSweeney, D runner, \$5 to \$5.50 per week, beginning November 3; Margaret M. Barry, D runner, \$5 to \$5.50 per week, beginning November 10; Grace E. Cole, D runner, \$5 to \$5.50 per week, beginning November 10; Mary E. Hagerty, D runner, \$5 to \$5.50 per week, beginning November 18; Charles D Campbell, Grade E to D runner, \$3.50 to \$5.50 per week, beginning November 2;

registration department, Richard B. Shelton, D special, \$9 to \$10 per week, beginning November 11; bindery, William P. Hemstedt, \$16 to \$18 per week, beginning November 1; Sarah Nolen, \$7 to \$8 per week, beginning November 1; Ellen E. Soule, \$8 to \$8.50 per week, beginning November 1; South Boston Branch, Alice F. Sumner, \$5 to \$6 per week, beginning November 4; West Roxbury Branch, Carrie L. Morse, custodian, \$9 to \$10 per week, beginning October 1.

Employed: Special libraries, Lucius P. Lane, Grade B, \$11 per week, beginning October 15; Margaret D. Whitney, Grade B, \$11 per week, beginning October 24; Brighton Branch, Edward A. Warren, janitor, \$9.75 per week, beginning October 21; Station "S," E. Christine Yeaton, custodian, on probation, \$8 per week, beginning October 21; Station "P," Cora L. Stewart, custodian, on probation, \$9 per week, beginning October 28.

The Librarian was authorized to employ in the janitor department, Central Library, John A. Lawrence, at a salary not exceeding \$16 per week, beginning October 31.

The Librarian was authorized to open the Branch Libraries at Charlestown, East Boston and South Boston on Sundays, from November 1 to April 30, at a cost of not exceeding \$30 per Sunday for the three.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$366.19; to trust funds, \$152.04; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$18.71; miscellaneous articles, \$2,939.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

Jamaica Park, October 17, 1898.

At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held October 17, the following votes were taken:

Voted, That the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association be authorized to engage an additional instructor for evening classes at Charlesbank, at a cost of \$30 per month.

Voted, That the Superintendent be instructed to arrange for the lighting of the driveway in Franklin Park, between Forest Hills bridge and the valley gate.

A communication from Messrs. Hartwell, Richardson & Driver, with accompanying plan for high school building, Dorchester, with a request for approval of building above seventy feet in height, in accordance with Chapter 379 of the Acts of 1897, was received, and it was

Voted, That the elevations above seventy feet, as shown on said plan and described in the accompanying communication for high school building, Dorchester, submitted by Messrs. Hartwell, Richardson & Driver, be approved.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, October 28, 1898.

The thirty-ninth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held on Monday, October 17, 1898, the full Board being present.

A letter from Dr. Wentworth was read requesting instructions as to the charges, if any, to be made to the Trustees for Children for inmates cared for at Long Island, but belonging to the Children's Department. The letter was referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter concerning a bequest to the Long Island Hospital, from a former inmate, was referred to the Committee on Hospital.

The bids for water-pipe for use at Long Island were opened. The contract has since been awarded to the Warren Foundry and Machine Company of New York. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 619.)

A letter from Dr. Lowell F. Wentworth, Superintendent of Long Island, was read, tendering his resignation to the Board.

Voted, That the resignation of Dr. Lowell F. Wentworth be accepted, to take effect January 15, 1899, and that the Superintendent be granted leave of absence, with pay, for four weeks, beginning December 15, 1898.

The following were confirmed:

George E. Foss, nurse, salary increased from \$20 to \$30 per month; James McGrath, ward master, \$20 per month; Mary A. Sweeney, probationer, \$10 per month; Mary McAulley, housemaid, \$15 per month; Annie Budd, assistant-laundress, \$16 per month; Isabella Smith, nurse, \$25 per month; Margaret Elworthy, nurse, \$25 per month; Bessie G. McLaren, housemaid, \$15 per month; Margaret Harrington, housemaid, \$15 per month; Hannah Ronan, probationer, \$10 per month; Matilda Crane, probationer, \$10 per month; Kate Campbell, cook, \$25 per month; Maria Fairlong, laundress, \$20 per month; Gerald E. Budd, assistant-farmer, \$25 per month; Alicia Barker, probationer, \$10 per month; Ellen Sheehan, housemaid, \$15 per month; Pierre Eckart, assistant-engineer, \$35 per month; William H. Hunt, nurse, \$20 per month; Miriam G. Church, matron, \$20 per month.

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, October 10.

It was voted to pay Ellen E. Willard \$2,231 for land taken from her estate for the improvement of Tenean creek; and \$1,328 for land taken for the widening of Adams street—her agreements to accept said sums having been approved by the Mayor. On the advice of the Law Department, it was voted to pay Lillie L. Greenwood \$156.04 for damages occasioned her estate by the widening of Huntington avenue.

It was ordered that a catch-basin be built in Trinity place.

It was voted to give the second hearing on Board of Survey plans Z 18, 23, 24, 25, 36, 37, 38, 43, 44, 45, 56, 57, 58, 65, West Roxbury, Friday, October 21, 1898.

Petitions were received for catch-basins to be built in Washington street and Colum-

bus avenue; that Stony-brook place may be laid out at Roxbury, and Intervale street.

It was voted to authorize the opening of a private way known as Oak-square avenue, Brighton.

Orders were passed laying out public alleys Nos. 401 to 404; 405, 414 to 421; relocating Charlestown street; to build a catch-basin in Mt. Vernon street; giving notice of the Board's intention to construct a sewer in private land from Brookside avenue to Argyle street; and to lay out Rowe street; Sharon street, with the name of Seymour street, both at West Roxbury, and Carlisle street, with the name of Wainwright street, at Dorchester.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Fenton street; and for changes in locations, etc., on plan E of the Board of Survey plans, Plat 3.

Thursday, October 14.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Chestnut, Newark, Franklin, Bowdoin, Menlo, King and East Ninth streets; and a sewer was ordered to be built in Cherokee street.

Orkney road was ordered laid out and constructed.

It was voted to authorize the opening of Myles and Wadsworth streets, at Brighton.

Petitions were received for the widening of Walnut avenue, at Roxbury; and for a sewer to be built in Centre street, at Dorchester.

It was voted to issue an order of notice of the Board's intention to lay out and construct Woodcliff street.

Monday, October 17.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Andrews street, Allbright street and Waldeck street.

Sewers were ordered to be built in Adams and Centre streets.

It was voted to pay Samuel R. Fields \$600 for damages occasioned his estate on Boston street by the laying out of Columbia road—his agreement to accept said sum having been approved by the Mayor.

Petitions were received that an outlet may be built for a sewer in Lauriat avenue; that catch-basins may be built in Maverick and Topliff streets; and that a part of Williams street may be laid out.

An order was received from the Common Council, through his Honor the Mayor, requesting the Board to lay out Harrison street, Ward 24.

Tuesday, October 18.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out River-street place, with the name of Public alley No. 301, in District No. 4, and constructing the same; and in the matter of a construction of an outlet for a sewer in Rosemary street.

An order was passed constructing an outlet for the sewer in Rosemary street; and an order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Rosemont street.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Page street.

Wednesday, October 19.

A meeting of the Boards of Railroad Commissioners and Street Commissioners was held at the office of the former Commission, at 10 o'clock, to consider the matter of procedure in beginning work on the

extension of Atlantic avenue (formerly Cove street).

It was voted to make changes on plans W 49, 50, Plat 3 and Plat 5; on plan X 17, Plat 5, and X 24, Plat 5.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to extend Atlantic avenue by a bridge over the tracks of the Terminal Company and over Fort Point channel to Dorchester avenue, at West First street, South Boston.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Sparhawk street; and that Bellevue avenue, at West Roxbury, may be laid out.

Thursday, October 20.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Blandford and Cummington streets; and to extend Lauriat avenue from Tucker street to Norfolk street.

An order was received from the Common Council requesting a report on real estate taken by the Terminal Company and paid for by the city; and a report was made on said order to the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Neponset avenue.

Friday, October 24.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out the passageway known as Chair alley, as a public alley No. 101, in District No. 2, and constructing the same; of locating anew Tenean creek, from Ashmont street to Shelton street, and of widening Adams street.

Orders were passed widening Adams street, relocating Tenean creek, relocating Boston street, and laying out Ashley avenue.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to construct a sewer in Harvard avenue and Faxon street, and in private land.

It was voted, on the advice of the Law Department, to pay Alfred Zeigler and the Trustees of the Roxbury Grammar School \$250 for damages occasioned their estate by the Board's action in improving the channel of Stony brook—their agreement to accept said sum having been approved by the Mayor.

A petition was received that Hamlet street may be laid out.

A hearing was given on plans Z 18, 23, 24, 25, 36, 37, 38, 43, 44, 45, 56, 57, 58, 65, Board of Survey Plans, West Roxbury.

Saturday, October 22.

It was voted to pay L. Hinman Lane \$7,000 for damages occasioned his estate and that of E. L. Coleman, by the laying out of Columbia road.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Adams street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

The recommendation by the United States Post Office Department of penny postage with England is warmly welcomed in that country. An English advocate of the proposed lower postage rate declares that there are more British-born subjects in the United States than in Canada, Australia and Africa together; and that last year 11,500,000 letters went to the United States and less than 11,000,000 to the colonies.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, October 18, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending October 15, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	8	
2...	-	5	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	9	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
4...	-	2	-	2	-	-	1	1	3	7	
5...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	7	
6...	2	3	-	-	2	-	2	1	4	39	
7...	-	6	-	2	-	-	6	3	9	61	
8...	2	1	-	-	2	-	2	1	4	15	
9...	-	3	-	-	1	-	3	1	2	28	
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	24	
11...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	9	61	
12...	1	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	27	
13...	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	2	
14...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	6	6	
15...	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	3	
16...	-	4	-	-	-	1	1	1	4	5	
17...	-	1	5	-	-	-	2	-	10	7	
18...	4	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	3	9	
19...	10	3	7	-	-	4	3	-	2	17	
20...	14	6	-	-	4	3	5	8	5	56	
21...	-	1	-	-	-	2	3	2	2	13	
22...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	7	22	
23...	2	3	-	-	-	-	2	12	2	12	
24...	2	1	1	-	-	-	3	3	18	15	
25...	-	4	1	-	-	1	1	-	4	11	
T'ls..	42	51	14	6	10	13	51	44	109	459	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, October 24, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending October 22, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	101
Number of discharges of mortgages	15
Number of bills of sale	10
Number of assignments of mortgages	9
Number of assignments of wages	30
Number of married women's certificates	11
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2

An accident notice was filed September 20, by Hilmon P. Masters,—personal injuries received from alleged defect in Harvard street, between Standish street and Warren avenue, on October 18, 1898.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, October 31, 1898.

The following official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the three weeks ending October 29, 1898:

James E. Reiley, of Engine 26-35, and T. H. Deechan, driver for Chief of District 5, have been dishonorably discharged for being under the influence of liquor.

Edgar Abbott, District Chief's driver, has been transferred from District 11 to District 5, and C. E. Colvin, of the Fire Alarm Branch, from the permanent to the special force.

The following permanent substitutes have been appointed permanent members:

H. W. L. G. Faul, V. P. McGuire, M. A. Riley, C. I. Antonia, J. P. Brogie, W. F. Thompson and J. F. Boyle.

There has been deposited with the City Collector \$101.86, received from the sale of old material.

L. F. Griffin has been appointed as a boy to drive and assist the Chief of District 11.

Orders have been drawn as follows:

On W. H. Josselyn, for sixty-six hanging bits; on the American Cereal Company, for Schumacher's stock feed for Districts 1 to 9 inclusive for November, December and January; on New Jersey Car Spring and Rubber Company, for 1,000 feet of 2½-inch "American Chief" hose, at \$1 per foot; on American Fire Hose Manufacturing Company, for 1,000 feet 2½-inch cotton-jacket hose at seventy-five cents per foot; on Samuel Gannett, for "H-O" feed, also for hay and straw for District 10 for November, December and January; on W. P. Whittemore, for provender, also for hay and straw for District 12 for November, December and January; on Scott & Bridge, for hay and straw, Districts 1 to 9, November, December and January, and on J. Loring & Co., for "H-O" feed, also for hay and straw, District 11, November, December and January.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, October 22, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

John C. O'Callahan, 49 Olney street, Ward 20, four horses; hearing October 27, at 11 o'clock. Konrad Young, Beech street, near Kittredge street, Ward 23, for one horse; hearing November 3, at 11 o'clock. Edward N. Burt, 62 Hamilton street, Ward 23, two horses; hearing November 3, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

T. H. Hurd, Lee street, Ward 23, four horses; E. N. Whitcomb, 44 Maple street, Ward 21, two horses; Walter Welsh, Wordsworth street, Ward 1, two horses; Patrick Welch, Columbia road, Ward 20, two horses; C. E. Mugford, 4 Havey street, Ward 23, one horse.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for week ending October 21:

Steers	146
New England cows	37
New England bulls	8
Sheep	246
Calves	393

Total 830

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending October 22, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	15	20	35
Negative	33	23	56
No growth	2	3	5
Totals	50	46	96

Remarks: Typhoid diagnoses, eleven cases; one case positive, nine cases negative, and one case unsatisfactory.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, October 24, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending October 22:

Cases pending	7	
Number of applications	141	148
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	55	
Long Island Almshouse	42	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	8	
Boston Insane Hospital,	8	
Foxboro' Asylum	8	
Westboro' Insane Hos-		
pital	9	
Worcester Lunatic Asy-		
lum	1	
Massachusetts Hospital		
for Epileptics	1	132
Number of applications refused,		3
Number of applications with-		
drawn	10	
Cases pending	3	
Legal settlements investigated,		145

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, October 24, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department, for the two weeks ending October 22, 1898:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.	
Inspections made	793
Defects reported	152
Defects corrected	58
Wire removed (feet)	14,400
Fixtures removed	25
Notices of new work received	15
Poles located	93
Poles inspected	9

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company has set the following poles:

King street	6
Mt. Vernon street	35
Blue Hill avenue, near River street	1

By the Boston Electric Light Company:
Minot street 5

Poles have been removed as follows:

By New England Telephone and Telegraph Company:

Rockland street	5
Charles street	24
Joy street	8
Beverly street	5

By Western Union Telegraph Company:

Causeway street	7
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Investigation has been made of tree-fire caused by live Boston Electric Light Company wires coming in contact with limbs at corner of Bowdoin and Quincy streets, Dorchester, 9.30 P.M., October 11. Engine No. 17 responded on a still-alarm.

Investigation has been made of electrical accident which caused fire at No. 124 Fremont street.

Investigation has also been made of electrical accident to Henry Joscelyn, an employee of the Commercial Cable Company, on Randolph street, Dorchester, at 6.15 P.M., October 11. It was found that said accident was not due to electrical causes.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	453
Notices of new work received	293

Inspections have been made of temporary wiring at the various theatres.

Investigation has been made of electric fire at 33 Greenbrier street, October 10, caused by escaping gas being ignited by a spark from gas-lighting wires.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	2
Building connections	30
Post connections	1
Pole connections	1
Repairs	6

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	20
Building connections	30
Repairs	6
Cable drawings	52
Lamp connections	3
Pole connections	3

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	2,402
Feet of duct laid	22,619
Manholes built	17
Service connections made	53
Feet of cable drawn in	39,316

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending October 29, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	20.0
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897, 18.3	

Number of deaths:

Males	111
Females	93
Total	204
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	182
Increase	22

Of the 204 decedents, 199 were white and 5 colored; 136 were born in the United States, 67 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 43 were of American parentage, 145 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 16 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	35	0
Scarlatina	39	2
Typhoid fever	20	8
Measles	30	0
Totals	124	10

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	19
Pneumonia	22
Whooping cough	3
Heart disease	11
Bronchitis	8
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	17

Total from principal causes	86
Total from infectious diseases	10
Total from other causes	108

Total from all causes	204
Deaths of children under 1 year	49
Deaths of children under 5 years	72
Deaths of persons over 60 years	32
Deaths in public institutions	42

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CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 31, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,800 linear feet of sewer work in private land and Endleigh street, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, November 7, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 27, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Astor street, between Massachusetts avenue and Parker street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, November 4, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, October 28, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city.

A plan of locations granted is filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Foster street, Brighton, between our pole line and No. 289 Foster street, Ward 25.

Albion place, Charlestown, Ward 4.

Lincoln street, from Cambridge street to Franklin street, Ward 25.

Franklin street, from Lincoln street to North Harvard street.

North Harvard street, from Franklin street to Cambridge bridge.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER,
General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 31, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the fourteenth day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 27, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Harold street, between Munroe street and Walnut avenue, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, November 4, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 26, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for repairs on pumping engines at the Pumping Station, Calf Pasture, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass. (Contract F), according to the plans and specifications to be seen at the office of E. D. Leavitt, mechanical engineer, 2 Central square, Cambridgeport, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets for faithfully doing the work, and leave at the office of said Superintendent, 47 City Hall, Boston, Mass., on or before 12 M., of Monday, November 14, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

STATE ELECTION.

October 26, 1898.

In accordance with the provisions of the Election Act of 1893 and amendments thereof, notice is hereby given that meetings of the citizens of this city, qualified to vote for State officers, will be held in the several polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the eighth day of November next, and all such citizens will, on said date, in the several precincts in which they are entitled to vote, give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor, Attorney-General, Councillors, Representatives in Congress, District Attorney, Register of Probate and Insolvency, Sheriff, Senators and Representatives in the General Court.

The polls at said meetings will be opened at 6 o'clock A.M., and closed at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 26, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Dorchester avenue, corner Wrentham Park, Ward 24, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over Dorchester avenue. Dimensions: Twenty-two feet high, thirteen feet wide, and three feet over line of street.

ANDREW F. McDERMOTT,
21 Clifford street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 31, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the fourteenth day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 27, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the private way, at Dorchester, known as Shawmut Park, be laid out as a highway, from King street to Templeton street, with the name of Florida street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the tenth day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 27, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Draper street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Robinson street to Bowdoin street, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the tenth day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 28, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a sewer be constructed in private land at Roxbury, from Lamont street to land of John J. Williams, and that land be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said land deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the eleventh day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 27, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the passageway, at East Boston, from Webster street to Marginal street, southeast of Cottage street, be laid out as a public alley designated as No. 2001, in District No. 21, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said public alley in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the tenth day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 31, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Warner avenue, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Harvard street to Park street, with the name of Warner street, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel, or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fifteenth day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 27, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Francis street, between Huntington avenue and Brookline avenue, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, November 4, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR AND LAND COMMISSIONERS.

State House, Boston, October 28, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Boston, by the Superintendent of Streets, has made application to this Board for license to dump snow and ice into tide-waters, as per plans filed with said application; and Wednesday, the ninth day of November, 1898, at 11 o'clock A.M., and this office, have been assigned as the time and place for hearing all parties interested therein.

For the Board,

WOODWARD EMERY, Chairman.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 28, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that B street, at South Boston, be relocated as a highway between West First street and the approximate line of original low water, and that an extension of said B street be laid out as a highway from said line to Congress street, and that said relocation and extension of B street be constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the eleventh day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 27, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Edwin street, as laid out as a highway, from Dorchester avenue, at Dorchester, by order of this Board of May 7 1896, be constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the tenth day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, October 28, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 of the Old Court House, on Friday, November 4, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., as to the locations, directions, width and grades for the highways in a territory now shown on plans numbered Z 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, made by them; said territory is in that part of Boston formerly West Roxbury, and is bounded, approximately, by Baker street, the boundary line between the cities of Boston and Newton, and Arnold, Gould, Dunbar, Walker, Weld, Maple, Garden, Corey, Vermont, La Grange, Glenham and Perham streets.

JOHN P. DORE,

JOHN H. DUANE,

GEORGE H. INNIS,

Board of Street Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the Webster-avenue Primary School, Brighton, according to the office copy of the plans and specifications, which may be seen and proposals obtained at the office of Whitman & Hood, 62 Devonshire street, Boston, Mass.; a satisfactory bond in the sum of \$1,000 will be required. The bidder must fill out and leave the proposal so obtained and a certified check for \$300, payable to the City of Boston, at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of November 7, 1898. This check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. If the contractor desires to furnish a hot-air plant in place of the steam-heating plant described in the specifications, he may make proposals to that effect, furnishing full plans and specifications of the plant. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems for the best interest of the city.

WILLIAM T. EATON,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of the City of Boston.



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MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments was issued by His Honor the Mayor on November 3, 1898:

Circular No. 49.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby directed to allow all men in the employ of the city, half-holidays on Election Days, November 8, 1898, and December 13, 1898, without loss of pay, as part compensation for their services.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DISPOSITION OF FRANKLIN FUND.

At a meeting of the Common Council, held on Thursday evening, November 3, 1898, a message to the City Council was received from His Honor the Mayor, transmitting a copy of the following com-

munication regarding the disposition of the Franklin Fund: (For message, see page 640.)

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 2, 1898.

TO THE MANAGERS OF THE DONATION TO
THE INHABITANTS OF BOSTON UNDER
THE WILL OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

GENTLEMEN: The decision given by the Supreme Judicial Court on August 30 last, recognizing the City of Boston as the Trustee of the donation left to the inhabitants of Boston under the will of Benjamin Franklin, and declaring the action of the Probate Court last year in appointing certain gentlemen as trustees of this fund, upon the theory that a vacancy existed in the trusteeship, to be null and void, now makes it possible to take some practical action toward the application and use of the unique bequest of this great man. I feel that all who have studied his interesting will, and are anxious to see his far-sighted plans for the benefit of future generations carried into effect in accordance not only with the spirit of his intentions, but with the letter of the specific instructions which he left, may well find cause for congratulation in the fact that it is now finally settled by the highest court of this Commonwealth, that the custody of this fund belongs to the municipal corporation of Boston, acting through its proper officials, and not to any private citizens appointed for the purpose by a court, and that the disposition of the fund is to be made by managers of whom four-fifths are elected by the people of Boston.

Waiving the question whether the Mayor is entitled to sit as a member of the Board of Managers of this fund as chief executive of the city, through his succession to many of the powers formerly exercised by the selectmen of the Town of Boston, whom the will names as managers, I now address this communication to your body as the head of the municipal corporation which has been decided to be the trustee, and as the chief official elected by the votes of the people whom Franklin desired to benefit a century after his death. In such capacity, I deem it proper to make certain recommendations for your consideration and action.

On December 28, 1893, the following vote was passed by the then managers of the Franklin Fund:

"Ordered, That the sum set apart from the general Franklin Fund as due to the City of Boston on July 1, 1893, viz., \$322,490.20 with its accumulations, be paid by the Treasurer of the fund in January next to the City

Treasurer, to constitute a special fund for the purchase of land and for the erection thereon of the Franklin Trades School and the equipment of the same; said expenditures to be made under the direction of such department as may for the time being be charged by the statutes and ordinances with the duty of erecting and furnishing public buildings in the City of Boston; the location of and plans for said school to be approved by the managers of said fund."

While some further votes have, I believe, been passed at various times, no money has yet been paid from the City Treasury or liability incurred under this order, and I am advised by the Corporation Counsel that it is therefore entirely competent for the present managers of the fund to rescind such order and to pass such other order for the disposition of the fund, in accordance with the directions of Franklin, as they may deem proper. Since July 1, 1895, when Chapter 449 of the Acts of that year went into effect, there has been no "department of the city for the time being charged by the statutes and ordinances with the duty of erecting and furnishing public buildings in the City of Boston," the office of the City Architect having been abolished by Section 22 of said act, and it would therefore in any case require some modification of said order to enable any practical action to be taken. I now desire to recommend, in the first place, the rescinding of this order for the reason that the purpose named does not seem to me either to come within the proper scope and intent of the language of Franklin's will, or to embody the best use which can be made of the considerable sum of money available (now amounting to \$360,962.73), with the view of accomplishing the greatest amount of good for the masses of the people whom Franklin desired to make his beneficiaries.

No one can deny that it is the bounden duty of those who are entrusted with the power of determining the application of this fund to follow just as closely as possible the directions contained in the will. Certainly no sufficient excuse for departing from them can be found in the fact that the managers of the fund, if left entirely free, might have other ideas than those expressed by the testator as to what would be its best disposition. If conditions had so far changed in a century that it would be manifestly improper or undesirable to apply the fund as Franklin intended, some justification might be found for departing from his wishes, but the comprehensive and far-seeing mind of this great practical philosopher left no such door open for ignoring his wishes or changing his intentions. His eminently practical turn of mind led him to designate objects of expenditure

which would be as useful to the people at the end of the nineteenth century as at the end of the eighteenth. These objects are distinctly stated in his will, printed in City Document 95 of 1897, as follows:

"I would have the managers of the donation to the Town of Boston then lay out at their discretion 100,000 pounds in public works which may be judged of most general utility to the inhabitants, such as fortifications, bridges, aqueducts, public buildings, baths, pavements, or whatever may make living in the town more convenient to its people and render it more agreeable to strangers, resorting thither for health or a temporary residence."

The general class of objects which Franklin contemplated is therefore described under the name of "public works," and it seems clear to me that there is no intention in the last clause of this sentence to enlarge the purposes of expenditure beyond the scope covered by this general designation; the word "whatever" should be construed with the words "public works," and not as enlarging to an indefinite extent the purposes for which the fund was to be laid out; certainly public works of the character specially instanced by Franklin "make living" in Boston "more convenient to its people." In view of the fact that Franklin saw fit to designate specifically certain classes of public works, it seems to me almost too clear for argument that the first effort of the managers of the fund should be to find some object of expenditure which comes under the exact terms used, and which would be of such "general utility to the inhabitants" of Boston as to fulfil the beneficent intentions of the testator.

If the managers lay out the fund for "fortifications, bridges, aqueducts, public buildings, baths or pavements," they are sure of complying in letter as well as in spirit with the wishes of Franklin; if they pass over the objects specially mentioned, and endeavor to find some other that may be claimed to fall within the language of the last clause of the extract of the will above cited, they certainly run the risk of using the fund in a manner which Franklin would not have approved. Of the six special classes of public works he mentioned, it cannot be claimed that the changes of conditions which have taken place in a century have materially affected more than two of them. No one would now propose to spend the money of the city upon fortifications, and aqueducts for the water supply of the city are now under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Water Board; but bridges, public buildings, baths and pavements, are certainly of as much "general utility to the inhabitants" of Boston as they would have been in the last century.

These considerations seem to me to make inadmissible the idea of devoting this fund to the establishment of any kind of an institution, educational or otherwise. The term "public buildings" is indeed a broad one, and might be construed to include a building for the use of a school; but we should always keep in mind Franklin's desire to make his benefaction "of most general utility to the inhabitants" of Boston. A building for a trades school does not seem to me to come within this description; such an institution might possibly be of great special benefit to a very small fraction of the people, but it

certainly would embody no such general utility to all as Franklin contemplated. It certainly would not "make living" in Boston "more convenient to its people and render it more agreeable to strangers resorting thither for health or a temporary residence;" on the contrary, the very idea of such an educational institution excludes its use by strangers.

If it is suggested that mere "utility" and "convenience" are not the highest objects to which the fund can be applied, and that the far-reaching influence of an educational institution might better commemorate the name of Franklin in this city, it seems to me that we should remember that this money belonged to him, and not to us, and that he had the right to define for himself, in leaving it in trust, the objects to which it should be applied. If he merely desired that something should be done with this fund a century after his death which would make it useful in an every-day way to the people of his birthplace, and promote their convenience, we surely ought not to thwart his intention or to take the ground that we can make a wiser application of the money than that which was intended by the great man who left it. If Franklin had intended to establish an institution of any sort for the special benefit of a class in the community, he certainly would have expressed such intention in plain language; the terms which he did in fact use in making the bequest indicate such different objects and purposes that it seems to me that a rescinding of the former vote of the managers is clearly required, as the first step toward the fulfilment of Franklin's beneficent, even if somewhat practical and prosaic, intentions.

While the rescinding of the order passed in 1893 will not at all involve any present agreement on the part of the managers as to some other disposition of the fund, and while I therefore do not believe that this question should be treated on the basis of an alternative between the application of the fund embodied in this order and any other specific application which may now be suggested, I think it proper at the present time to state my own views as to the best objects to which it can be devoted. I do not believe, in the first place, that it should be expended for any purpose which is ordinarily provided for out of the city treasury, or for any work which will not be of reasonable permanency.

Pavements, for instance, are an object of usual city expenditure, but they unfortunately lack the quality of permanence. Bridges also are a regular charge upon the city; and under the changed conditions of today no great and important bridge could be built within the amount of the fund, and it certainly should not be applied to a bridge of merely local utility. It therefore seems to me that the choice of the managers of the fund as to objects of expenditure should be practically limited to the other two classes of public works mentioned by Franklin—after excluding, for the reasons given, fortifications, bridges, aqueducts and pavements—namely, public buildings and baths.

I cannot but regard it as a fortunate coincidence that this fund becomes available for disposition at just the time when the people of Boston have sufficiently experienced the benefits of public bathing facilities to desire their considerable extension.

I need not repeat, or elaborate upon, the views which I have at different times expressed to the City Council as to the great desirability of establishing local baths for all-the-year-round use. The extensive and excellent facilities for summer bathing which have now been provided by the city make sufficient provision for that season of the year; the patronage which the single permanent bath-house now owned by the municipality has already received, and the appreciation of its utility which representatives of all classes of the community have expressed, makes the time fully ripe for the establishment of local baths of a somewhat similar character, though of less expensive construction, for the various sections of the city.

If this one bath-house, within a few weeks of its opening, already has a record of an average daily attendance of between 500 and 600 bathers, running nearly up to 1,000 on certain days, surely this fund could in no way more effectually be of "general utility" to the people of Boston, or better serve their "convenience," than by its application to the building of local baths which would similarly serve the various districts into which our city is naturally divided. In applying the larger part of the fund to the erection of permanent bath-houses, of dignified architectural character and proper appointments, the managers could be sure, not only of a literal compliance with the wishes of Franklin, because of his specific designation of baths but of carrying out to the fullest extent the spirit of his purpose,—to confer, a century after his death, some practical and general benefits upon the people of his native town.

In my opinion, no other disposition of this money could be made which would cause the name of Franklin to be remembered with more gratitude, and for a longer period of time, by the masses of the people of this city. Each of these baths should bear his name, coupled with that of the section of the city in which it is located, and bronze tablets should be conspicuously placed, to remind the many thousands who would daily enjoy, without price, the bathing facilities thus furnished of their obligation to the practical philosopher and revolutionary patriot. Five or six of such baths should be provided to serve the convenience of all of the sections of the city, and Charlestown, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester and Roxbury, at least, should each be thus provided. In some of these districts, if not in all, I believe that public gymnasia could be advantageously combined with the baths. The large use already made of the gymnasium now conducted by the city in East Boston—the only municipal in-door gymnasium, so far as I am aware, in this country—and the value of the work which it is doing, sufficiently demonstrate the demand for, and the usefulness of, public facilities for in-door exercise and physical development, and the combination of the public gymnasium and the public bath is one which can easily be made, both in respect to construction and administration. I believe that the application of \$200,000 to \$250,000 of the amount available would be sufficient to provide five such buildings with their equipment. This would leave a sum amounting

to \$110,000 to \$160,000 available for other uses. I would recommend the application of this balance to the erection of a fine municipal building upon the lot on Washington street, near the corner of Dover street, upon which the old Franklin School-house now stands. This seems to be a very central and admirable location for such a building, and the size of the lot would make it possible to erect one of somewhat monumental character architecturally, and of commodious size.

Such a building should include, in my opinion, a large hall, for use as a ward-room and also for public meetings, concerts, lectures, exhibitions and entertainments; a smaller hall for society meetings; rooms for the Grand Army posts and Naval Veterans now quartered in the building; offices for the use of the Central Labor organizations; and possibly offices for some municipal departments. The hall which would be contained in such a building could be used to great advantage for courses of practical lectures, such as are successfully given in some other cities, for the various classes of wage-earners, and thus the mechanics and artisans whom Franklin intended to assist by the provision in his will regarding the use to be made of the fund during its period of accumulation would be benefited by this final disposition of a portion of it. I trust that the considerations which I have urged will receive your careful thought as managers of the fund, and that you will assume the execution of the important trust which devolves upon you with an earnest desire to carry out conscientiously the exact intentions of Franklin, and to confer the greatest and the most general benefits upon all of the inhabitants of this great city.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN OCTOBER, 1898.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of October, 1898, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board.

Total number of transfers, 665; total number of mortgages, 673; total amount of mortgages, \$3,235,964.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	122
South Boston	53
East Boston	58
Roxbury	99
Dorchester	192
West Roxbury	69
Brighton	45
Charlestown	27
Total	665

PRODUCTION OF COAL.

According to the report entitled "The Production of Coal in 1897," prepared by the United States Geological Survey, Division of Mineral Resources, Department of the Interior, the output of coal in this

country for that year, amounting to 200,-221,665 short tons (2,000 pounds), reached the highest figure ever recorded. The aggregate value at the mines of this product amounted to \$198,869,178.

The increase over the year 1896 in the total production was 8,235,308 short tons, all in the output of bituminous coal, which showed an increase of 10,149,626 short tons. The production of anthracite coal decreased in that period 1,914,318 short tons.

In value, the total production did not rise in proportion to its increase, for while the output in 1897 was 8,235,308 short tons more than in 1896, the value increased only \$2,229,012, and the general average price declined from \$1.02 per short ton in 1896 to ninety-nine cents in 1897. This decline in price was confined to the production of bituminous coal, caused, in a large measure, by the introduction of mining machines which enabled operators to produce their coal with less men.

The amount of coal thus mined by machines in 1897 was 22,649,220 short tons, an increase of nearly 16,500,000 short tons produced in this way in 1891. Sixty per cent. of the increase in the production of bituminous coal in 1897 was mined by machines.

Including the Territory of Alaska, there were thirty-one States and Territories producing coal in this country in 1897. Pennsylvania's output, as usual, exceeded that of any other State, amounting to 107,029,654 short tons, or 53 per cent. of the total production of the United States. The State of Illinois ranked next, with an output equal to 10 per cent. of the aggregate.

In the world's production of coal the United States stands second, furnishing 29 per cent. of the total, with Great Britain first, furnishing 33 per cent.

A review of the coal trade of Boston, compiled by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is included in the report. It shows the receipts of coal to have been 3,688,273 long tons (2,240 pounds), the largest in the history of the port.

Of the total receipts, bituminous and anthracite were nearly equally divided, the greater part being received by water, only 98,510 tons (largely bituminous), coming by rail.

In domestic coal received, 1,152,712 tons, substantially one-third, were forwarded to interior New England points, the balance, 2,535,561 tons, making the net receipts of the City of Boston, and representing its consumption.

The City of Buffalo, N.Y., through its Aldermanic Committee on Lamps, is investigating the subject of erecting a municipal gas-plant.

BRANCHES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE OPEN ON SUNDAYS.

It is announced that the Charlestown, East Boston and South Boston Branches of the Boston Public Library are to be open this season on Sunday from 2 to 10 P.M., beginning November 6, for the issue of books as well as for reference and reading. This means that the branches may be used on Sunday for all purposes during the hours mentioned, the same as on week days. Last year there was no issue of books on Sunday, and this extension of activity is in the nature of an experiment. It remains to be seen if the full opening meets a public demand as is believed. The Central Library, the West End Branch and the stations on Broadway extension and Tremont street are used largely on Sunday, and it seems that the people of the other metropolitan districts must value the freedom of the local branch on their day of rest and leisure. It is hoped that the news of this opening will be widely circulated in Charlestown, East Boston and South Boston.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

City Treasurer Turner has received from City Collector Taylor the following amounts, which have been received by him principally for taxes 1898, viz.:

October 31	\$917,437 06
November 1	3,570,570 83
November 2	1,743,210 99
November 3	813,769 87
November 4	661,849 16
Total	\$7,706,837 91

The City Treasurer has paid the following amounts from said receipts, from November 1 to 4, 1898, inclusive:

On Mayor's General Draft:	
General expenses,	\$359,534 83
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	3,500,000 00
City debt requirements	1,844,230 00
	\$5,703,764 83
Special drafts	\$84,246 63
County of Suffolk:	
General expenses,	\$71,156 35
County debt requirements	49,287 00
	120,443 35
Total payments	\$5,908,454 81

In St. Paul, Minn., the Health Commissioner furnishes to the Librarian of the Public Library a list of houses where there are infectious diseases, with the names of the occupants. Books returned from such houses are fumigated, and no more books are allowed to be drawn by the occupants of the houses until danger of infection is passed.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, November 3, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Veto of Ordinance.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 28, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my approval an amendment to Section 34 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relating to wooden buildings outside of the building limits, and I transmit herewith for your information a communication from the Fire Commissioner, and another from the Secretary of the Board of Fire Underwriters, which indicate some of the grounds on which I feel obliged to withhold my approval.

I believe that the extent to which wooden construction is used in the erection of dwellings in this city is a great mistake economically, as well as from the standpoint of danger from fire, and I think that there is great need of further legislation by statute or ordinance restricting such use of wooden construction. I believe that the limits within which new wooden buildings are not allowed to be built should be enlarged, and that the erection of wooden buildings to be occupied by more than one family should not be longer allowed anywhere within the city limits. I doubt if there is a city in the country of the size of Boston in which wooden construction is used to the same extent, and, looking at the matter merely from the standpoint of true economy, I think that it can be demonstrated that the saving in the first cost which is effected by building of wood is more than offset by the greater durability of a brick building and the smaller repairs which it requires. Holding these views, I do not feel it proper to assent to any general amendment of the ordinances which encourages more wooden buildings.

It may be, however, that special conditions in some parts of the city are such that it would be something of a hardship to apply the ordinance as it now stands, and I am therefore willing to consider giving my approval to some special amendment of the ordinance in question, of a less comprehensive nature.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER.

Bristol Street, October 25, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Referring to the report of the Committee on Ordinances amending Section 34 of Chapter 45 of Revised Ordinances of 1898, relating to wooden buildings outside the building limits, I beg to urge as strongly as I am able the importance of leaving the distance between such wooden buildings as it is at present—six feet—which is little enough if the efficiency of the Fire Department is to be considered; in addition to other vicious regulations and the want of enforcement of common sense in our building laws, from a fireman's point of view, I beg that this small margin of six feet may be left for us to fight in, with the hope that we may have a fair chance to prevent conflagrations in the wooden camps scattered through the rural districts of this city.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

BOSTON BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS.

October 21, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: You have before you for approval or veto the report of the Committee on Ordinances amending Section 34 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relating to wooden buildings outside of the building limits. The proposed amendment of the ordinances is to do away with the salutary change that was made a short time ago, making the distance between wooden buildings, when a brick wall did not separate them, six feet instead of three feet.

This change was obviously made because it was believed that with this intervening space there would not only be more air and light for the tenants of the buildings, but also, if one of them were to take fire, it could not only be put out quicker and easier, but there would be less danger of the fire communicating with adjoining buildings.

Those who have doubtless opposed this change and who now seek by amendment to have the old order of things restored, are those who are real estate speculators and endeavor to get the most they can from the smallest amount of land space. If three feet additional width has to be given to a building plot in order to procure six feet separation from adjoining buildings, this amount of land to the real estate speculator is so much wasted, utterly regardless of the fact that the six feet space may be needed on principles of hygiene and for safety in case of fire, as after the building has been sold the speculative owner cares little or nothing on these points. The fire underwriters of Boston have considered that the present condition of the building laws, so far as frame buildings go in the liberty accorded to erect them in great masses, constitutes a great danger to our city, and that we may at any time have a fire which will sweep over acres, if not square miles, of this form of combustible construction. If we cannot have brick buildings built, we should at least have the frame buildings put up in a manner to afford some little chance to the firemen of putting out a fire in them if one should occur, and where frame buildings are but three feet apart it is evident that there is not space be-

tween them for the firemen to work, either with their ladders or their hose. Trusting that you will take these points under consideration,

I remain,

Yours truly,

OSBORNE HOWES, Secretary.

Assigned to the next meeting.

Disposition of Franklin Fund.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 3, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith for your information, in view of the importance of and the public interest in the question of the disposition of the Franklin Fund and of the interest of the city therein, a copy of a communication addressed by me to the Managers of said fund with a copy of an opinion of the Corporation Counsel accompanying the same, and as it is desired that this communication may be available in print for the information of said Managers and of the public, I suggest that the same be ordered printed as a city document.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(The communication above referred to by His Honor the Mayor may be found on page 637).

LAW DEPARTMENT.

November 3, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor:

DEAR SIR: In reply to your inquiry as to the power of the present managers of the Franklin Fund to rescind the order passed by the said managers on December 28, 1893, making disposition of said fund, and devoting a portion thereof to the purchase of land and the erection of a building thereon for a trades school, I have to say that, in my opinion, no action having been taken under said order, it can legally be rescinded at any time by said managers.

Yours respectfully,

A. J. BAILEY, Corporation Counsel.

Ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting.

Use of Webb School-house.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 3, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have been informed by the master of the Lyman School, East Boston, that over sixty pupils have been refused admission to the schools of the Lyman District on account of lack of room, and that the number of applicants is daily increasing, and he earnestly requests that the Webb School-house, which was surrendered by the School Committee some years ago as being no longer needed

for school purposes, be again placed under the charge of the School Committee in order that these children may be given school accommodations. An order requesting me to transfer the said school-house from the custody of the Street Commissioners to that of the School Committee was passed by the City Council some weeks ago, but inasmuch as the power to make this transfer is vested in the City Council, it was impossible for me to comply with the request contained in the order. I therefore recommend the passage by your body of the accompanying order, transferring this school-house from the custody of the Street Commissioners to the care and control of the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Webb School-house, East Boston, be transferred from the custody of the Street Commissioners to the care and control of the School Committee, the said building being needed for school purposes.

The order was passed, and the message and order sent up.

Dartmouth-Street Engine-house.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 31, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In view of certain statements made during the debate in the Board of Aldermen at its last meeting, in regard to the pending order authorizing settlement of the claim of the city against the Boston and Providence Railroad Company for damages on account of the taking of engine-house and land on Dartmouth street, and authorizing the Fire Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, to purchase land and erect a new fire engine-house to take the place of the one so taken, I desire, without undertaking at the present time to argue the question of the desirability of the proposed new site on Yarmouth street, to clear up certain misapprehensions which seem to exist.

In the first place, the suggestion that under this order the city would make a trade by which the railroad company would be relieved from paying the full value of the engine-house taken, through an exchange of less valuable land elsewhere, is absolutely unfounded. I declined to make any arrangement with the railroad company on the basis of an exchange of property, and insisted upon having a value placed on the Dartmouth-street engine-house estate. As I could not agree upon this value with the railroad company, it was mutually agreed to submit the question to referees, and accordingly, on March 24 last, Messrs. John C. Cobb, representing the city, and Augustus P. Loring, representing the

railroad company, joined in the following report:

"The undersigned having been appointed by you to appraise the lot of land and engine-house adjoining the railroad on Dartmouth street, in the City of Boston, which has lately been taken by the railroad company for the new Dartmouth-street station, find that the building thereon is useful and well adapted for the purpose for which it is used, viz., that of an engine-house, and is in good condition; and they have appraised said building, together with the land on which it stands, at \$55,000, and award to the city to be paid by said railroad company the sum of \$55,000 for a full and complete release of said property."

I may add, as an indication that this award was not unduly favorable to the railroad company, that its President has several times expressed to me his dissatisfaction with it, and his feeling that the city had come out altogether too well under the reference. The suggestion that this engine-house lot, with the building on it, should be worth \$100,000, is so absurdly wide of the mark, that it may safely be left to refute itself.

So far as the price of the Yarmouth-street lot was concerned, this was to be given to the city, as a deduction from the settlement on the basis above-mentioned, at its exact cost. I am unable to see how the city could be in any way prejudiced by having a suitable lot purchased by the railroad company and turned over at cost in connection with the settlement, instead of buying the lot itself. As to the suitability of this location, I have acted entirely upon the recommendation of the Fire Commissioner, made by him after careful consideration of the subject, and still adhered to. The lot in question was only purchased by the railroad company for the purpose of the settlement, after it had been approved by the Fire Commissioner, and it was purchased by the company only for convenience in effecting the settlement.

In respect to the question whether this order calls for the transfer to the executive of powers properly belonging to the legislative branch of the government, opinions may of course differ. So far as the right to settle the damage suffered by the city is concerned, it only requires the bringing of a suit by the railroad company to enable the Law Department to settle the case, with the approval of the Mayor, and it therefore does not appear to me that any attempt to grasp the legislative power was embodied in the request that the executive should be allowed to settle the question of damages without suit, particularly in view of the fact that the settlement was to be on the basis of a reference as above stated. I believe that the duty of selecting a proper site for a new engine-house is properly an executive one, and that

it should be exercised by the Fire Commissioner, who is charged with the responsibility of protecting the property of all our citizens from destruction by fire. But the City Council, of course, has the power to say that it will not make the appropriation in such a form as to leave the selection of a site to the Fire Commissioner and the Mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sent up.

Care of Hydrants.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 3, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in reply to your order requesting a report as to the advisability of transferring the care of fire hydrants from the Fire Department to the Water Department.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER.

Bristol Street, October 29, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the request of the honorable Common Council for my opinion as to the advisability of transferring the care of fire hydrants from this to the Water Department, I beg leave to respectfully report that, in my opinion, such a transfer is inadvisable in the extreme and would threaten disaster to our efficiency, which depends very largely on the hydrants being in a proper condition for immediate use, and I beg that such a division of responsibility may not be enforced.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Release of Land.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 31, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Water Commissioner in relation to a release to Mr. William G. Wilson, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order which has been prepared by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, October 29, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Law Department has reported to me as follows: "That in 1847 the city became the owner of a certain parcel of land, and there is of record no deed from the city conveying said land, but in 1854 one William G. Wilson mortgaged this

same land to the City of Boston; so it would appear that the city must have conveyed by a deed which was never recorded and is now said to be lost. To perfect the title in the present owner it is necessary that a release be obtained from the City of Boston, and it seems right and proper that such a release should be given." The Law Department recommends that, if it meets with my approval, the enclosed order be presented to the City Council; and as I can see no objection, I approve the order, and would respectfully request its presentation, with your approval, to the City Council.

Yours very truly,

JOHN R. MURPHY,

Water Commissioner.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and is hereby authorized in the name and behalf of the city, and for a nominal consideration, to release unto William G. Wilson, and all persons claiming title under him, according to their respective interests, all the right, title and interest of the City of Boston, if any it has, in and to the land in Framingham described in a mortgage deed from said Wilson to said city, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 677, page 345; the object of this release being to perfect the title to said land in the present owners, and to take the place of a former deed given by said city, and said to have been lost or destroyed before record.

The order was passed, and the message and order sent up.

Public Convenience Stations.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 3, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Bath Trustees in reply to the order referred to me at your last meeting, requesting certain information in regard to the public convenience stations which they would erect, if granted the loan appropriation of \$20,000 now pending before your body.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Boston, October 31, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In response to the order of the Common Council requesting information as to "the number of public convenience stations, the location of each, and the estimated cost of each," which the Baths Department would provide if granted the loan appropriation of \$20,000, for this purpose, now pending before the City Council, I am instructed to state that the subject has not yet received such detailed consideration at the hands of the Bath Commission as to permit of specific replies to these inquiries, as no funds have as yet been available for such a purpose. The Commission has had plans prepared for one underground public convenience station adjacent to the subway station at the corner of Park and Tremont streets, believing that there was an urgent need of some facilities of this sort at this

point, but no definite vote has been passed in regard to such a station. The Board believes that the needs of the public in this direction are so numerous and so urgent that its only difficulty in using this proposed loan, if passed, will be to determine what should first be done. The Commission will endeavor to distribute such money as may be given it in such a manner as to meet the public needs at as many points as possible.

Yours respectfully,

THOMAS J. LANE,

Chairman Bath Trustees.

Placed on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders were promulgated by the Board of Police on November 2, 3 and 4, respectively:

General Order No. 544.

In the matter of the complaint made against Reserveman Roderick W. McNeil, of Division 7, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit, intoxication, the Board finds and adjudges the said Reserveman McNeil guilty, and sentences him to be dismissed from the police force.

General Order No. 545.

Deputy Superintendents William H. Pierce and Orinton M. Hanscom and Captain Edward F. Gaskin are hereby appointed a Board of Examiners to examine and inspect reserve police officers named in this order, who have served the probationary term of six months or more, as to their qualifications for appointment as patrolmen on the police force. The said Board will report the result of its examination to the Superintendent as soon as it is completed.

The Board will meet in the "Hearing Room," 29 Pemberton square, at 9 o'clock A.M., Monday, November 7, and the following-named reservemen will then and there attend for examination:

Division 1—Henry J. Boutilier, Edward J. Eustace, Daniel J. Hart.

Division 2—Patrick V. Kenney, Michael J. Christopher.

Division 3—Frank L. Merritt, Michael J. McDonough, Hugh P. McGuire, Peter J. Sheehan.

Division 4—Patrick J. Chambers, George A. Whitney, Michael J. Kelly.

Division 5—John A. Stewart, Norman F. Garland.

Division 6—Alpheus W. Parker.

Division 9—George L. Shattuck.

Division 10—Daniel Thompson, Edward T. Norton.

Division 13—Charles H. Bertsch.

Division 14—John W. Lothrop.

Division 15—James J. Hoy, Daniel H. Gould.

Division 16—William Scott, Bernard J. McNally, Nathan W. Nutting.

General Order No. 546.

I. In the matter of the complaint made by Nathan Barnett against Patrolman George E. Kelly, of Division 5, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit, neglect

of duty, the Board finds the said Patrolman Kelly not guilty and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

II. In the matter of the complaint made by Charles Conly against Patrolman James Fox, of Division 6, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit, conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board orders the complaint to be dismissed, the complainant having failed to appear.

III. In the matter of the complaint against Patrolman Robert A. F. Morse, of Division 10, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit, neglect of duty in failing to pull in his "on duty" calls, the Board finds the said Patrolman Morse guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of five days' pay.

IV. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Cornelius J. Coakley, of Division 14, for violation of Rule XXI. of the Police Manual, to wit, in that he failed to report the fact that he did not find the officer whom he was sent to relieve at his relieving post, the Board finds the said Patrolman Coakley guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of five days' pay.

V. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman John S. McCarthy, of Division 14, for violation of Rule XXI. of the Police Manual, to wit, in not appearing at his relieving post at relieving time, and failing to report at the station house at the end of his tour of duty, the Board finds the said Patrolman McCarthy guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of five days' pay.

NOTICE TO UNDERTAKERS.

At a meeting of the Board of Health, held October 11, the following regulation respecting the use of wall draperies at funerals, was adopted:

"The Board of Health hereby adjudges that the use of 'Wall Draperies' at funerals is a source of filth and cause of sickness, and hereby orders: That the use of such draperies in any room or place used for a funeral or for the preparation or retention of any human body before or in connection with such funeral, be and hereby is, forbidden."

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

BOSTON'S DRY-DOCK.

Bids for the construction of the proposed dry-dock at the Boston Navy Yard will be publicly invited in a few weeks.

The dock will be located parallel with the present granite dry-dock, and distant about 300 feet. It will be constructed of granite or concrete faced with granite. Its dimensions will be: Length, 750 feet; width on the floor, 80 feet; width at top, 114 feet; width at entrance, 95 feet; depth at floor, 40 feet; draught of water on the sill, 30 feet.

The contract for the dock will be let in one sum for the entire work, complete, and the materials entering into its construction must be of the best quality.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1898.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	231	31	262	123	115	24	134	40	39	262	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	31	1	32	4	24	4	7	8	23	32	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	192	51	243	100	133	10	87	75	58	240	3
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	20	3	23	7	4	12	4	—	15	23	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	10	—	10	4	6	—	1	3	—	10	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	11	9	20	11	9	—	15	1	1	20	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	37	57	94	18	73	3	32	20	9	94	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,730	307	3,037	164	2,839	34	1,527	1,254	303	2,787	250
Totals	3,262	459	3,721	431	3,203	87	1,807	1,401	448	3,468	253

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	1	—	9	1	27	—	46	3	59	8	32	6	21	5	19	3	9	3	4	1	4	—	—	1
No. 2.	1	—	12	—	8	—	6	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3.	—	—	30	1	24	1	23	12	30	10	27	6	27	9	16	2	4	2	5	7	3	—	3	1
No. 4.	—	—	7	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	2	1	2	1	4	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—
No. 7.	—	—	2	—	2	3	7	29	6	8	10	9	5	2	1	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
No. 8.	9	6	91	3	136	10	343	53	476	49	421	48	411	50	254	37	234	21	164	17	98	2	93	11
Totals	17	6	151	5	198	14	429	101	581	76	490	71	474	74	292	43	251	26	177	26	106	4	96	13

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	32	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	11	Males	16
Missing persons reported	30	Females	2
Missing persons found	17	Americans	12
Lost children restored	98	Foreigners	6
Sick and injured persons assisted	312	Non-residents	18

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,914	12	<i>Brought forward</i>	3,702	18
British Provinces	335	4	Finland	4	—
Ireland	874	2	Denmark	2	—
England	146	—	Holland	2	—
France	5	—	Wales	2	—
Germany	41	—	East Indies	—	—
Italy	87	—	West Indies	7	—
Russia	79	—	Turkey	—	—
China	33	—	South America	—	—
Greece	53	—	Switzerland	1	—
Sweden	50	—	Belgium	—	—
Scotland	60	—	Africa	—	—
Spain	—	—	Hungary	—	—
Norway	12	—	Asia	—	—
Poland	7	—	Arabia	—	—
Austria	2	—	Mexico	—	—
Portugal	4	—	Cuba	1	—
<i>Carried forward</i>	3,702	18	<i>Totals</i>	3,721	18

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved October 31, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to grant the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, to Park Union, No. 7,064, American Federation of Labor, for the evening of December 2 and morning of December 3, 1898, for an entertainment, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to charitable purposes.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to grant the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, to Division 51, A.O.H., on the evening of November 3 and morning of November 4, 1898, for a ball, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to charitable purposes.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to grant the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, to Division 15, A.O.H., on the evening of November 9 and morning of November 10, 1898.

The following was approved November 3, 1898:

Ordered, That the unexpended balance of \$100.82 now remaining to the credit of the appropriation for Health Department, bathhouse, South Bay, Roxbury side, be transferred to the Baths Department, for the construction of a convenience station at the intersection of Massachusetts avenue and Swett street.

The following were approved November 4, 1898:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to Louis A. Ginsberg to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on 92 Webster street, Ward 2, in excess of range allowed, and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for dwelling purposes.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Franklin Brewing Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on corner of Germania and Baker streets, Ward 22, in excess of range allowed, and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for storage of wagons.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to P. J. Grady, to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on St. Marks street, near South street, Ward 23, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for storage purposes.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to George H. Gibby, et al., to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Condor street, Ward 1, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for mechanical purposes.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to William H. Breen to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on rear 31 Eden street, Ward 4, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for storage purposes; main building occupied for stable purposes.

Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved November 2, 1898:

The Constables' bonds of John J. Sullivan and George J. Ryan.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Charlie Sing, sign, at 58 Grove street, Ward 11.

Hong Wah, sign, at 107 Salem street, Ward 6.

Smith, Sherman & Co., corner sign at 87 Summer street, corner Kingston street, Ward 7.

Martin Olsen, illuminated sign, at 7 Clark street, Ward 7.

William J. Donovan, transparency, at each of the following locations, viz.:

No. 19 Lewis street, Ward 2.

No. 20 Meridian street, Ward 2.

No. 110 Porter street, Ward 2.

No. 244 Summer street, Ward 2.

Permit to Albion S. Whitmore to project three bay windows at 305 Shawmut avenue.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits, the work to be completed on or before December 3, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Horace W. Baxter, jr., trustee, to lay, maintain and use a one and one-fourth inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 593 Washington street, Ward 20.

John C. Brooks, to lay, maintain and use a one and one-fourth inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached thereto, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 15-17 Myrtle street, Ward 11.

Cullen Brothers, to stretch, maintain and use a guy rope over and across Walk Hill street, in front of the new high school building now being erected, Ward 23.

George A. Fuller Company, to erect, maintain and use one guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over Atlantic avenue, opposite Essex street, inside the curb line, Ward 7.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following estates; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestone, the owners of the

said estates to furnish the said materials, viz.:

To Ann T. Connolly, 66-72 Hunneman street, Ward 17, of artificial stone.

To I. Goldinger, corner Brooks and Morris streets, Ward 1, of brick.

To J. F. Tehan, 35 Howard street, Ward 6, of artificial stone.

To estate of George Holden, 120-124 Dartmouth street, Ward 10, of artificial stone.

To John Mahan, southerly side Dewey street, corner Howard avenue, Ward 16, of artificial stone.

To Margaret Curless, 3144 Washington street, Ward 22, of artificial stone.

To Shawmut Real Estate Association, corner Norfolk street and Milton avenue, Ward 24; of artificial stone.

To Julia A. Sheehan, 51 Jeffries street, Ward 2; of brick.

To C. Russ & Co., 261-265 Northampton street, Ward 17; of brick.

To T. F. Maguire, both corners of Huntington avenue and Wait street, and 6-16 Wait street, Ward 17; of brick.

To Thomas F. Green, 5 New Heath street, Ward 19; of brick.

To Rebecca T. Holman, 29 Thornley street, Ward 20; of brick.

To Louis J. Walters, 27 Thornley street, Ward 20; of brick.

To S. M. Shapleigh, 176-182 Ruthven street, Ward 21; of brick.

To N. Freiman, 41 East Cottage street, Ward 16; of brick.

To James Kenney, 29 East Cottage street, Ward 16; of brick.

To Ella M. Fox, 47-49 East Cottage street, Ward 16; of brick.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the corner of Burrell and Batchelder streets, Ward 17, in front of the estate of True W. Townsend; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of gravel with granite edgestone, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost thereof.

Ordered, That the Register of Probate is hereby authorized to expend an additional sum, not exceeding \$5,000, for the recording, indexing and preserving of the early wills, bonds, decrees and other unrecorded papers, from the year 1636 to the year 1841, now on file in his office; the amount so expended to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

The following were approved November 3, 1898:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Harrison avenue between Northampton street and Warren street with necessary curves, cross-overs and connections with existing tracks, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated July 25, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said

tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk, within thirty days from the passage of this order, otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Canal street, from Haymarket square to Causeway street with necessary curves and cross-overs, and connections with existing tracks at either end and into Market street, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated September 3, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that the said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen, approved March 16, 1898, levying an edgestone assessment of \$35 against the estate of John W. Small, 130 O street, Ward 14, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded, and the same amount is hereby assessed against said estate, Henry J. D. Small, owner.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be hereby authorized to close the roadway on Francis street, Ward 19, to all public travel, during the time necessary for street construction on said street.

The following were approved November 4, 1898:

Permit to Charles A. Springer to project an illuminated sign at 1½ A Corning street, Ward 7.

Order authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue a permit to Mary A. Corliss to construct an area under the sidewalk in front of estate 326-328 West Broadway, Ward 13.

The following was approved November 5, 1898:

Ordered, That so much of the order passed by this Board October 24 as relates to the issuing of permits for the use of ward-rooms on the evening before the state election be rescinded so far as it shall apply to the ward-room in Ward 13.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to make a wooden sidewalk on the south side of Story street, Ward 15, on that part not already planked.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to construct a temporary plank-walk on Columbia road, near the Bird street station, for the accommodation of the citizens in the vicinity.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following order was presented to the Mayor October 25, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to remove a tree from in front of estate of Mary M. Keeler, 21 Copeland street, Ward 21; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Awards of Contracts.

Park Department.

The following bids for building a stable in Franklin Park were received by the Board of Park Commissioners on October 31:

Bidders.	Bid.
M. D. Mealey & Co.	\$5,100
Hersee Brothers	4,975
Wilbur J. Hatch	4,865
Gifford & Lawrence	4,625
C. A. Dodge & Co.	4,621
John McNamara & Sons	4,617
W. A. & H. A. Root	4,590
T. F. Broderick	4,475

The contract was awarded to W. A. & H. A. Root.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for work have been opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets as follows:

Sewer, Belvidere street; bids opened November 1:

Bidders.	Bids.
McDowell & Sons	\$670 55
J. P. O'Connell	820 05
P. McCarthy	822 37
D. E. Lynch	831 38
D. Scanlon & Son	957 60

The contract was awarded to McDowell & Sons.

The contract for furnishing two safety valves for new double screw ferry-boat No. 3, proposals for which were opened October 25, has been awarded to the Crosby Steam Gage and Valve Company, on its bid of \$67.50 for each safety valve.

Macadam road in Wensley street; bids opened November 2:

Collins & Ham	\$2,193 41
J. Doherty & Co	2,280 30
P. McGovern	2,298 45
D. E. Lynch	2,576 00

The contract was awarded to Collins & Ham.

Macadam road in Angell street; bids opened November 2:

J. Doherty & Co	\$1,497 60
Collins & Ham	1,542 61
James McGovern	1,570 50
P. McGovern	1,827 00
D. E. Lynch	2,431 00

The contract was awarded to J. Doherty & Co.

Macadam road in Fowler street; bids opened November 2:

Collins & Ham	\$1,345 41
Philip Doherty	1,376 00
John Connors	1,422 90
James McGovern	1,576 20
P. McGovern	1,607 60
D. E. Lynch	2,165 00

The contract was awarded to Collins & Ham.

Conduit in Callender street; bids opened November 3:

R. J. Malone	\$16,394 50
H. P. Nawn	20,038 75
D. F. O'Connell	20,134 00
J. P. O'Connell	20,159 05
J. C. Coleman & Son	20,850 75
T. H. & G. M. Byrne	21,299 00
C. E. Trumbell & Co.	21,442 00
George W. Judd	24,639 25
M. Russo & Co.	25,311 00
Jones & Meehan	25,617 50
H. A. Hanscom & Co.	35,169 50

The contract was awarded to R. J. Malone.

Macadam road in Francis street; bids opened November 4:

J. Doherty & Co	\$3,432 40
P. McGovern	3,441 21
Collins & Ham	3,487 31

The contract was awarded to J. Doherty & Co.

Macadam road in Astor street; bids opened November 4:

P. McGovern	\$1,723 31
J. Doherty & Co.	1,835 60
Collins & Ham	2,122 21

The contract was awarded to P. McGovern.

Macadam road in Harold street; bids opened November 4:

P. McGovern	\$1,408 41
Phillip Doherty	1,582 10
Collins & Ham	1,727 41

The contract was awarded to P. McGovern.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Board Meetings.

Children's Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, November 3, 1898.

At a meeting of the Trustees for Children, held September 26, the following action was taken:

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to arrange to have the laundry work of the House of Reformation done at the Parental School, instead of at the House of Correction, and after this has been arranged to notify the Penal Institutions Commissioner of the proposed change.

Voted, That the teachers of the Parental School shall be paid at the same rate as teachers of the Boston public schools of the same standing.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to write to the School Committee to ask it if it will give the same rights and privileges to teachers at the Parental School for length of service, etc., as are now offered to the teachers of the Boston public schools, inasmuch as the teachers at the Parental School will in the future receive the same salaries as the public school-teachers.

Voted, That Horatio A. Lamb be chosen Chairman, and Charles P. Putnam be chosen Secretary, for the current year.

Voted, That Miss Cheever take Miss Balch's place on any existing committee.

Voted, To authorize the Superintendent of the Parental School to appoint Mrs. E. B. Rice as matron.

Voted, That Miss Donahue be engaged as organist at Rainsford Island.

The Secretary reported that the drains at Rainsford Island had been rearranged in accordance with the suggestions of the Board of Health.

On recommendation of the Committee on Releases, it was

Voted, That it is desirable to investigate the homes and friends of boys at the Parental School before the date of probable release, in order to induce the boys, if necessary, to go to good friends when they had not good homes.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Park Department.

The following is an extract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners, held on October 31 and November 2, respectively:

It was voted, by virtue of and in the exercise of the power conferred upon this Board by Chapter 452 of the Acts of the year 1898, that the sculptured ornaments erected on the building situated at the corner of St. James avenue and Trinity place, known as the Westminster Chambers, above the height of ninety feet, as shown in the plans thereof submitted to the Board and in the building as now erected, be and the same are hereby approved.

Bids for building a stable in Franklin Park were received and taken under advisement.

November 2, 1898.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the ability of W. A. & H. A. Root.

Voted, That the bid of Thomas F. Broderick, for building a stable at Franklin Park, received October 31 under the advertisement of the contract, be rejected, and that the contract be awarded to W. A. & H. A. Root.

The names of J. A. Kohl and William Smith were accepted as bondsmen, and it was

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Tuesday, October 25.

Voted, To purchase for the City of Boston, for school purposes, on request of the School Committee, a parcel of land situated on Quincy street, at Dorchester, for \$16,-841.76.

Wednesday, October 26.

Public hearings were given in the matters of laying out Sharon street, at West Roxbury, from Canterbury street to Brown avenue, with the name of Seymour street, and of constructing the same; of laying out Carlisle street, at Dorchester, from Centre street to Welles avenue, with the name of Wainwright street, and of constructing the same; of the laying out of Rowe street, at West Roxbury, from Ashland street to Sharon street, and of constructing a sewer in private lands at West Roxbury, from Brookside avenue to Argyle street.

An order was received from the School Committee requesting the Commissioners to take land for an addition to the Girls' High School.

On the advice of the Law Department, it was voted to pay the Boston and Providence Railroad Company \$13,785, and interest, for damages occasioned its estate by the extension of Columbus avenue.

Petitions were received for the widening of Spring street, at West Roxbury; and the laying out of Colberg avenue, at West Roxbury; for a sewer in Walk Hill street, and for catch-basins in Morris street, at the corner of Florence and Sherwood streets, and in Farquhar street.

Thursday, October 27.

An order was passed laying out Public alley No. 301; and orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to construct Edwin street, to extend Draper street, to lay out and construct Public alley No. 2,001, and to lay out Shawmut park with the name of Florida street.

It was voted to give the second hearing required by Chapter 418 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1892, upon plans Z 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, in Plat eleven, in room 25 of the Old Court House, at 12 o'clock noon, Friday, November 4, 1898.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Glenbrook street; and for catch-basins in Pond, Nottingham, and Dennis streets.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, November 1, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending October 29, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	1	4	3	-	-	1	2	-	12	2
2...	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	10	6
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
4...	1	2	-	-	-	-	4	1	4	8
5...	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	1	11	9
6...	-	15	-	1	2	-	11	2	24	73
7...	1	14	-	2	2	-	10	2	11	127
8...	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	2	9	27
9...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	11	30
10...	-	3	-	-	1	-	3	3	5	44
11...	-	4	-	-	1	-	3	5	15	63
12...	1	3	-	1	1	-	5	2	16	70
13...	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	5
14...	3	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	13
15...	-	3	1	2	-	4	3	-	8	19
16...	-	3	1	-	-	3	3	2	7	27
17...	8	3	6	-	-	5	2	-	5	15
18...	9	2	-	1	12	1	1	2	3	7
19...	20	2	1	-	16	5	2	1	8	19
20...	22	5	3	-	1	34	6	5	22	75
21...	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	6	31
22...	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	9	18
23...	11	5	5	-	-	9	4	1	10	24
24...	2	3	2	-	1	4	2	3	11	43
25...	6	3	3	1	1	4	6	2	8	29
T'ls..	88	94	29	10	38	68	72	37	237	785

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, October 31, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending October 29, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	82
Number of discharges of mortgages	16
Number of bills of sale	6
Number of assignments of mortgages	9
Number of assignments of wages	29
Number of married women's certificates	9
Number of ship liens	2
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2

The following accident notices were filed, viz.:

October 24 — Jacob Novogrod, damage to team by a runaway team belonging to Sewer Department, on October 17, 1898.

October 25—Samuel P. French, personal injuries—uncovered coal-hole on Pearl street, near Milk street, on October 6, 1898. John C. Noble and Mary Sullivan have entered suits against the city, both being actions of tort, the damages being \$4,000 and \$1,500 respectively.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, October 29, 1898.

The following applications for stables have been filed at this office:

Joseph Arancio, 3 Mechanic street, Ward 6, twenty horses; hearing November 10, at 11 o'clock. John Cody, Willow court, Ward 16, one cow; hearing November 10, at 11 o'clock. A. C. Chisholm, 8 Schuyler street, Ward 21, two horses; hearing November 10, at 11 o'clock.

The petition of Augustus Hallstrom, for the occupancy of a stable for one horse, on Whitford street, Ward 23, was granted.

The petition of Frank Vose for a stable on Kilton street, Ward 20, for sixty-six horses, was rejected.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for week ending October 28:

Steers	233
New England cows	32
New England bulls	23
Sheep	308
Calves	475

Total 1,071

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending October 29:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	15	24	39
Negative	35	26	61
No growth	1	0	1
Totals	51	50	101

Remarks: Typhoid diagnoses: three cases positive; thirteen cases negative; three cases unsatisfactory.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, October 31, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending October 29:

Cases pending	4	
Number of applications	112	
Number of admissions:		116
To State Almshouse	50	
Long Island Almshouse	17	
Charlestown Almshouse	2	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	3	
Boston Insane Hospital,	9	
Foxboro' Asylum	5	
Westboro' Insane Hos-	5	
pital		91
Number of applications refused,	7	
Number of applications with-		
drawn	15	
Cases pending	3	
Legal settlements investigated,		116
		123

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, October 24, 1898.

Statistics for week ending October 15:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	178	22
Females	29	4
Totals	207	26
Offences:		
Against the person	10	5
Against property	19	10
Against public order and		
decency	181	11
Totals	*210	26
Discharges:		
Males	123	7
Females	21	5
Totals	144	12
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	84	11
Permit of Commissioner,	34	0
Payment of fine	24	0
Died	2	1
Totals	144	12
Population:		
October 10, 1898	1,452	526
Committed since Octo-		
ber 10	207	26
Totals	1,659	552
Discharged since Octo-		
ber 10	144	12
October 15, 1898	1,515	540

* Three committed on two offences each.

Statistics for week ending October 22:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	187	6
Females	28	2
Totals	215	8
Offences:		
Against the person	7	2
Against property	19	5
Against public order and		
decency	190	1
Totals	*216	8
Discharges:		
Males	171	17
Females	28	4
Totals	199	21
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	137	20
Permit of Commissioner,	38	0
Payment of fine	26	1
Totals	199	21
Population:		
October 17, 1898	1,515	540
Committed since Octo-		
ber 17, 1898	215	8
Totals	1,730	548
Discharged since Octo-		
ber 17, 1898	199	21
October 22, 1898	1,531	527

* One man committed on two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, October 31, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department, for the week ending October 29, 1898:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	380
Defects reported	80
Defects corrected	58
Dead wire removed (feet)	11,400
Poles and locations inspected	76
Notices of new work received	25
Fixtures removed	12

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company has set thirteen poles on Rockland street. The Western Union Telegraph Company has removed all poles on Beverly and Causeway streets.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	237
Notices of new work received	147

Inspection of temporary wiring at various theatres has been made.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	1
Building connections	10
Pole connections	3
Lamp connections	2
Repairs	3

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	14
Building connections	24
Lamp connections	3
Pole connections	6
Repairs	10
Cable drawings	14

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Baths Department.

Following is a summary statement showing the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of October, together with the amount received for use of towels and soap, at one cent each:

DATE.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount Received
Oct. 15..	300	25	102	0	427	\$3 87
Oct. 16..	210	36	40	0	286	3 30
Oct. 17..	226	20	16	0	262	2 72
Oct. 18..	210	18	28	0	256	2 88
Oct. 19..	100	22	20	4	146	1 62
Oct. 20..	312	48	125	10	495	4 69
Oct. 21..	156	22	38	6	222	3 48
Oct. 22..	400	45	155	107	707	8 91
Oct. 23..	402	41	122	18	583	9 62
Oct. 24..	132	33	27	10	202	3 75
Oct. 25..	190	57	47	52	346	5 00
Oct. 26..	100	30	25	20	175	2 38
Oct. 27..	160	67	42	43	312	2 99
Oct. 28..	225	55	40	20	340	4 85
Oct. 29..	400	50	400	138	988	8 10
Oct. 30..	500	47	190	100	837	12 60
Oct. 31..	133	53	43	53	282	3 38
Totals.	4,156	669	1,460	581	6,866	\$84 09

NOTE.—Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending November 5, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.8
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	19.3
Number of deaths:	
Males	105
Females	97
Total	202
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	192
Increase	10

Of the 202 decedents, 201 were white and 1 colored; 112 were born in the United States, 87 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 36 were of American parentage, 149 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 17 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	48	7
Scarlatina	18	0
Typhoid fever	10	8
Measles	56	0
Totals	132	15

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	20
Pneumonia	30
Heart disease	19
Bronchitis	6
Marasmus	7
Violent causes	11
Total from principal causes	93
Total from infectious diseases	15
Total from other causes	94
Total from all causes	202

Deaths of children under 1 year	31
Deaths of children under 5 years	49
Deaths of persons over 60 years	57
Deaths in public institutions	49

The Board of Aldermen voted, at its last meeting, on Monday, October 31, to adjourn to meet on Monday, November 14, 1898, at 3 P.M., and that all hearings on all orders of notice for a previous time be postponed accordingly.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, November 8, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam roadway in Middleton street, from Norfolk street, about 600 feet northerly, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$500 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, November 14, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

FRANKLIN FUND.

A public hearing will be given by the Board of Managers of the Franklin Fund on Monday, November 14, 1898, at 8 o'clock P.M., in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on the question of rescinding the vote of December 28, 1893, whereby the managers of the Franklin Fund appropriated that portion of said fund available to the City of Boston for the establishment of a "Franklin Trades School"—and for the discussion of the future disposition of said fund.

Per order,

WILLIAM H. LOTT, Chairman.
J. M. GALVIN, Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, November 8, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 285 linear feet of sewer work in Wachusett street between Walk Hill street and Varney street, West Roxbury, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Monday, November 14, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, November 3, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that no permits to make excavations in the city streets for building sewers or laying pipes, wires, &c., will be issued from the office of the Superintendent of Streets after November 15, 1898, except under an emergency or in case of extreme necessity. All persons or parties having any rights in the city streets are requested to forthwith apply for permits to make all necessary repairs to sewer or water connections, or any other pipes or structures needing attention, as all such applications will be refused after the above date.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, November 4, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 of the Old Court House, on Friday, November 11, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., as to the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in a territory now shown on plans numbered F—92, 93, 94; O—8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 28, 29, 30; P—21, made by them; said territory is in that part of Boston, formerly Brighton, and is bounded, approximately, by Brooks, Fairbanks, Washington and Nantum streets, the boundary line between the cities of Boston and Newton, and the Charles River.

JOHN P. DORE,

JOHN H. DUANE,

GEORGE H. INNIS,

Board of Street Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited to leave at the office of the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital before 12 o'clock noon of November 16, 1898, proposals for furnishing and installing a Plumbing system for the Ann White Vose building of said Hospital.

A bond of two thousand (2,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work will be required.

The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the office of Wheelwright & Haven, architects, Tremont Building, in said city, fill out and sign the proposal and leave with it at said office a certified check for \$500, payable to the City of Boston, the check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

All proposals so filled out and left, and no other, will at said time and place be publicly opened and read; and the Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all proposals.

A. SHUMAN,

President of the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDINANCES OF 1898—CHAPTER 1—[Second Series]

CONCERNING

DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 42 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relating to the Water Department, is hereby amended in Section 1 by inserting after the word "city," in the twelfth line thereof, the words "including the placing of drinking fountains and supplying the same with cold water."

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, October 31, 1898.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

PERLIE A. DYAR, Chairman.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, November 3, 1898.

Concurred.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, President.

Approved November 7, 1898.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

A true copy. Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 4, 1898.

The undersigned hereby request permission to erect and use a boiler and engine in a building on 462-472 Atlantic avenue, Ward 7.

JONES & MEEHAN,

1 Beacon street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That ten days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, when any parties, who object thereto, may file with the Commissioner their objections in writing. Said notice is to be given by publication of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD.

Per order of the Commissioner,

CHARLES S. DAMRELL, Clerk of Department.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for erecting a primary school-building in Roxbury; also for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating apparatus in said building; also for furnishing and installing a plumbing system in said building, according to the office copy of the contracts and plans, which may be seen and proposals obtained at the office of James Mulcahy, 60 State street, Boston, Mass.; a satisfactory bond in the sum of \$10,000 for faithfully doing the work under the first contract, \$1,000 for the second contract, and \$1,500 for the third contract will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal for each contract, to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of November 14, 1898, with a certified check accompanying the proposal for \$1,000 under the first contract, \$300 under the second contract, and \$300 under the third contract, payable to the City of Boston. These checks are to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. If the contractor desires to furnish a hot-air plant in place of the steam-heating plant described in the specifications, he may make proposals to that effect, furnishing full plans and specifications of the plant.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems for the best interest of the city.

WILLIAM T. EATON,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of the City of Boston.



THE CITY RECORD.



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BOSTON, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1898.

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EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

At a meeting held Monday, November 14, 1898, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the following appointment, made by His Honor the Mayor:

Frank Yennaco, to be a Constable of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following call for a special meeting of the Common Council on Friday evening, November 18, has been issued by His Honor the Mayor:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 14, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Friday, November 18, at 8 P.M., for the purpose of acting upon the report of the Committee on Finance recommending the passage of a loan order for the sum of \$62,500, to provide

for municipal improvements, and of acting upon such other business as may come before you.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

INSTITUTIONS REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

The following letter has been sent by His Honor the Mayor to the Penal Institutions Commissioner and to the Chairmen of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, the Children's Trustees, the Insane Hospital Trustees, the Overseers of the Poor, and the Board of Statistics:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 10, 1898.

DEAR SIR: In the light of the discussion of the proper scope of the Institutions Registration Department at the meeting of the members of the different Institutions Boards recently held at my office, and after further conference on the subject with the Board of Statistics, I have come to the conclusion that the first step which should be taken as to the Registration Department is that of securing an amendment of the law to place it under the charge of a Board representing the different departments connected with its work, instead of under that of a single Registrar. I believe that the best manner to organize such a Board would be to have it consist of the Chairmen of the three Institutions Boards, of the Board of Overseers of the Poor and of the Board of Statistics, and of the Penal Institutions Commissioner, ex-officio. This would bring the direction of the Registration Department entirely under the joint control of the five departments directly interested in its work, and the representation also given to the Statistical Department would tend to insure the proper performance of the strictly statistical functions of the Department. A Board thus made up wholly on an ex-officio basis would, it seems to me, insure the continuity in the work of the Department, and the stability in its personnel, which is so requisite for its full success.

At a meeting held this day in my office, at which these five Boards were represented, four by their Chairmen and one, in the absence of the Chairman, by its Secretary, and at which the Penal Institutions Commissioner, who has been serving as Acting-Institutions Registrar, was also present, unanimous approval was expressed of the proposed organization of the Registration

Department. At the suggestion of the Acting-Registrar, it was also arranged that the officials above designated should be formed at once into an Advisory Board, to meet with the Acting-Registrar pending an amendment in the law, and to prepare for organizing the work of the Department, and particularly its statistical work, upon a new basis. I desire, therefore, to ask the Chairmen of the above-named Boards to act ex-officio upon such an advisory committee, to meet from time to time with the Acting-Registrar, to study and supervise the operations of the Registration Department, and to prepare for the collection, tabulation and use of the statistics of the various institutions according to the most approved methods. The first meeting of this Advisory Board will be held at the office of the Penal Institutions Department on Friday, November 18, at 4 P.M.

Under these conditions, of course, no permanent appointment to the position of Institutions Registrar will be made by me, as the selection of the officials of the Department would naturally devolve upon the new Board. The question whether the expert statistical part of the work could best be done by an official of the Registration Department, or by the Department of Statistics, would remain open, to be settled by the new Board; it would be possible, if it were deemed advisable, to divide the work of the Registration Department under the new organization into two co-ordinate divisions, one of administration, including settlements and commitments, and one of statistics, without putting a single official in charge of both these branches of work.

If this suggested reorganization of the Registration Department is approved by your Board, I desire to ask the passage by it of a vote authorizing its Chairman to join with the other officials above named in a petition to the Legislature for the passage of an amendment to the present law to effect this end.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

RANDIDGE FUND EXCURSIONS.

Commissioner Marshall, director-in-charge of the picnic excursions given by the city to the children of Boston during the summer months, at the expense of the income derived from the fund left by George L. Randidge, has presented a report on the matter to His Honor the Mayor, by whom it has been transmitted to the City Council. (See page 653.)

The picnic grounds were located on Long Island, and the excursions began on July 5 and ended on September 5, a period of fifty-four secular days, on every one of which an excursion was given, except on three days when the weather was unfavorable. The total number of organizations assigned dates was ninety-two. The total number of children carried was 13,531, besides 560 attendants, an increase of 9,000 over last year, and there would have been a still larger demand for excursions had there been accommodations for them. The transportation of this large number was accomplished without accident.

A balance of \$603.54 was left from the income from last year, which, with the income for this year, \$2,000, made a total of \$2,603.54 available for use. The total cost of the excursions, outside of permanent equipment, was \$2,008.81, representing a per capita expense of a trifle over fourteen cents.

A feature of this year's excursions which was much appreciated was the gratuitous supply of car-tickets to those who were transported on account of this fund by the Boston Elevated Railroad, amounting to 17,800. Another feature was the excursions for mothers and babies on the launches of the Boston Park Service Steamboat Company.

The number of trips made by these launches was twelve, and fourteen organizations were accommodated. The parties consisted of from seventy-five to one hundred mothers and little children, who were carried down the harbor and through the islands, and were landed at Squantum Head. Facilities for these excursions should be further increased next year, for a number of organizations which desired to secure dates could not be accommodated.

The recommendations contained in Mr. Marshall's report are, in brief, as follows:

1. That a pier be constructed adjacent to the picnic grounds, in order that the children and supplies may be conducted to a point nearer than it is now possible to land. That a road over the island be constructed, and a telephone line, connecting with the Long Island Hospital, be established.
2. That the number of shelters at the picnic grounds should be increased.
3. That forestry be adopted at Long Island, in order that the grounds may have decoration and shade protection.
4. That Squantum Head be improved by cutting away some of the underbrush; that a number of summer-houses be built, and a landing-place constructed more accessible for the steamers.

Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel M. Mansfield, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, recently stationed in this district, has been appointed by the President a member of the California Debris Commission.

HEARING ON DISPOSITION OF THE FRANKLIN FUND.

A public hearing was given by the Board of Managers of the Franklin Fund on Monday evening, November 14, on the question of rescinding the vote of December 28, 1893, whereby the managers of the fund appropriated that portion of it available to the City of Boston for the establishment of a "Franklin Trades School" — and for the discussion of the future disposition of the fund.

The terms of the will of Benjamin Franklin, under which was donated to the city the sum of one thousand pounds sterling, were reviewed in THE CITY RECORD on page 525, and a copy of the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court as to the rightful successor to the Town of Boston as Trustee of the fund was printed. The matter was further reviewed by His Honor the Mayor in a communication to the City Council, dated November 2, which may be found printed on page 637.

A number of persons, representing various organizations of the city, spoke at the hearing as to the disposition of the fund, and discussed the various purposes for which the money might be used. The hearing adjourned to Friday, November 25, at 8 P.M.

THE TREASURERS OF THE FRANKLIN FUND.

According to Mr. Samuel F. McCleary, who was City Clerk of Boston during the years 1852 to 1882, inclusive, and is at present Treasurer of the Franklin Fund, the treasurers of that fund and the dates of their appointment by the Trustees have been as follows: 1791, Thomas Edwards; 1799, Russell Sturgis; 1801, John Tileston; 1807, Peter Thacher; 1811, William Minot; 1866, Frederic U. Tracy; 1876, Samuel F. McCleary.

The amount of the bequest received in 1791 was £1,000 — fifty years later, in 1841, it amounted to \$29,787.96. In 1891, at the end of one hundred years, the fund amounted to \$398,841.51.

On January 17, 1894, the one hundred and eighty-eighth anniversary of Franklin's birth, the Treasurer of the fund paid \$329,300.48 into the city treasury of Boston, which amount had been set aside by the managers of the fund to be devoted to the erection of the Franklin Trades School. There remained a balance of \$102,455.70, with which to begin operations for a second hundred years.

At the beginning of the present fiscal year, the total value of the two divisions of the Franklin Fund, in round numbers, amounted to \$475,000.

STATE DOCKS.

The recent taking by the State Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners, under the authority conferred upon it by Chapter 486 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, of certain land and flats on the easterly side of East Boston, recalls the agitation, which began a few years ago, for the establishment of public docks, and which has finally resulted in the present policy of development of State ownership and control of a portion of Boston's water-front.

The initiative in a scheme for public docks in Boston was taken by the Surveying Department, which, in its report for the year 1893, submitted a somewhat elaborate plan for the construction by the city of a system of docks and wharves upon the area of flats off East Boston. In 1894 this report was supplemented by a further report on the matter by a joint special committee of the City Council, recommending the passage of an order requesting the Mayor to petition the General Court "for such legislation as may be necessary for the establishment of a modern dock system under public ownership in Boston Harbor."

In 1895, under legislative enactment, a bill providing for the appointment of three persons to conduct an investigation of the Wants of the Port of Boston for an Improved System of Docks and Wharves, and Terminal Facilities in connection therewith, became a law.

The State Board on Docks and Terminal Facilities occupied nearly two years in its investigation of the general questions involved in the establishment of public ownership and control of docks and wharves, and in January, 1897, made a detailed report covering the entire subject. The conclusions reached by the special commission, among others, were: That a portion of the fore-shore in East Boston and South Boston should be forever preserved in the ownership of the people, and that the policy of public ownership of docks and wharves, under the control of the State, should be at once inaugurated by the construction of a model dock and pier upon the land owned by the Commonwealth at South Boston.

Under Chapter 513 of the Acts of 1897, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Commission, an appropriation of \$400,000 was granted by the Legislature for the construction of a pier, under direction of the Harbor and Land Commissioners, at South Boston. Its length will be 1,200 feet, its width 400 feet, and it will accommodate steamships drawing thirty feet of water at any stage of tide. When completed, the pier will be one of the largest and finest in the country.

The recommendations of the Board with regard to the taking of land and flats in various portions of the harbor, however, were somewhat modified by the Legislature. Instead of authorizing the taking of land in both South Boston and East Boston, the authority was confined to a certain area off the latter point.

The area included in the taking by the Harbor Commissioners off East Boston amounts to about 100 acres, a portion being already owned by the Commonwealth, and lies to the northeast of Jeffries Point and to the southeast of Wood Island Park, the Harbor Commissioners' line forming the boundary on the east.

Thus, public ownership has been secured on the south and east sides of the harbor, both points lying within three miles from the centre of the city, and from each other less than that distance in a direct line.

Already the question of providing adequate accommodation for the proper handling of the very large steamships, with their cargoes, which now come to this port, has become a serious problem to some of the railroad companies. The docks and piers of the Fitchburg Railroad at Charlestown are taxed to their utmost capacity, and cannot well be extended in their present situation on account of the Charles-river bridge closing in on one side and the Navy Yard on the other. It would seem, therefore, that when the time comes for an extension of the facilities of this road, that the natural course to pursue would be the utilization of a portion of the land included in the taking of the Harbor and Land Commissioners off East Boston.

ELECTION OF TREASURER, BOARD OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

At a meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, held on November 2, Mr. Richard C. Humphreys was unanimously elected Treasurer, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Treasurer, Hon. Frederic W. Lincoln. Mr. Humphreys' term of service will begin on November 21.

DEATH OF CHARLES G. FORRISTALL.

Charles G. Forristall, Foreman of the Sanitary Division of the Street Department, died on Friday, November 11, 1898, at his home on Pinckney street.

Mr. Forristall was born sixty-three years ago in the West End, and for a number of years was a foreman in the Health Department, from which he was transferred some years since to the Street Department.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7.30 P.M., on Tuesday, November 8, 1898, all the members being present except Mrs. Fifield.

The appointments, confirmations, and transfers presented by the Superintendent of Schools at the last meeting were approved.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were passed:

(1.) That there be paid to Patrick W. Tighe, janitor of the English High School, the sum of \$100 for acting as doorkeeper of the Evening High School, during the term 1898-99; said sum to be paid at the rate of \$20 per month from October 1, 1898, to March 1, 1899.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute additional contracts in connection with the Paul Revere School-house, as follows:

Iron fence between school-house and playground:

John S. Jacobs & Son, granite curbing and foundation	\$775
P. J. Dinn & Co., fence	185
Rosenberger & Gilman, painting fence	24
	\$984

Wooden fence on rear line of lot, including all materials, labor and painting:

Francis C. Creber	\$293
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Covering seventeen basement windows with wire netting and alteration of present window-guards:

Morss & Whyte	\$200
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The said firms being the lowest bidders.

(3.) That the Mather School, in the Lawrence District, South Boston, be hereafter known as the Parkman School.

(4.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an addition to the contract of F. G. Coburn & Co., for building the Webster-avenue Primary School-house, in the sum of \$2,301.68, for substituting a flat roof for a pitched roof, thickening inside pier, fire-proofing one staircase and increasing depth of foundation walls of said building.

(5.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Paul Revere School-house, Prince street, additional, \$5,000.

(6.) That of the \$72,000 appropriated April 26, 1898, for Quincy-street School-house, addition, the following transfer be made:

New grammar school-house, site, Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, \$16,841.76.

It was ordered (1) that there be paid to H. M. Cunningham the sum of \$16,841.76 as payment for a lot of land on Quincy street, Dorchester, containing about 32,388 square feet, upon the said Cunningham giving to the City of Boston a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department.

(2.) That the Committee on School-houses be authorized to execute a contract with J. Otis McFadden in the sum of three hundred thirty (330) dollars for furnishing window shades for the Paul Revere School, said McFadden being the lowest bidder.

The Chair read the following communications, which were placed on file:

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 28, 1898.

MR. THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary
School Committee.

DEAR SIR: I acknowledge receipt of your request to grade Sharon street in front of the Stephen M. Weld School, or to provide plank walk. I would say in reply that Sharon street is a private way, and if the School Committee desire a plank walk, they can arrange with the owners to lay the same. Sharon street being a private way, this department has, of course, no right therein.

Yours very truly,

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Department of School Administration of the National Educational Association for School Boards.

Milwaukee, Wis., November 5, 1898.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, Boston, Mass.

GENTLEMEN: At the next meeting of the Department of School Administration of the National Educational Association, to be held next July, it is intended to discuss questions of vital importance in school government, and more particularly such topics as may seem to the school board members most expedient and timely.

The Executive Committee of the association has decided to address the leading school boards of the United States and request them to suggest such topics as may seem to them of greatest importance. The benefits arising from these conventions will be placed within the reach of all Boards of Education.

A number of boards have appointed special committees whose duty it shall be to consider the matter and suggest at least three topics, or name at least the problems which give the board the greatest amount of annoyance, and present the greatest difficulties.

It is suggested that you appoint a similar committee from the members of your board to report its recommendations at a later meeting.

We trust that your honorable body will avail itself of the privilege extended and lend your co-operation to the extent solicited in this communication.

Kindly communicate the results of your committee to the undersigned, and oblige

Yours very truly,
WM. GEO. BRUCE, Secretary.

The resignation of one teacher was accepted. The Superintendent of Schools presented the appointments of three special assistants, and two kindergarten teachers, which were laid over under the rule; the appointments of three temporary teachers, which were placed on file; the reappointments of ten temporary teachers, which were approved under suspension of the rules; the appointments of eight teachers on probation, and of fourteen teachers for confirmation, which were laid over under the rules, as were the appointments of four teachers in evening schools and the transfer of one teacher. Leave of absence was granted to five teachers. The Superintendent presented certain appointments, with his reasons in writing for requesting the suspension of the regulations relating thereto, viz., the appointments of ten teachers, which were laid over under the rules, while the appointments of eighteen teachers in the evening drawing schools, and of four teachers on probation were confirmed under suspension of the rules.

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on School-houses, reported for the approval of the Board, the following appointment:

Janitor, Old Gibson School Annex, Thomas Kinsley, from October 10, 1898.

Accepted, and the appointment approved.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, presented the report requested at the previous meeting. (See page 624.) Following is a brief abstract:

The following statement shows the various amounts granted to the School Committee by the Legislature for the building and furnishing of school-houses, and the taking of lands therefor:

Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897: 1895, \$500,000; 1896, \$500,000; 1897, \$650,000; 1898, \$650,000.

Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898: 1899, \$300,000; 1900, \$300,000; 1901, \$250,000; total, \$3,150,000.

Total amount allowed under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, and Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, \$2,300,000.

Total amount appropriated, \$2,292,911.05.

Balance unappropriated, \$7,088.95.

Total, \$2,300,000.

Laid on the table.

The report was ordered printed in the minutes.

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on School-houses, presented the report asked for at the previous meeting on legislation requisite for the more economical heating, lighting, cleaning and ventilating of school-houses.

Laid over.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, prepared by A. Warren Gould, architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said A. Warren Gould is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications, and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and

erect the same substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

It was ordered (1) that an additional assistant be allowed in the Roxbury High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

(2.) That the order passed by the Board, September 27, that a special teacher of phonography and typewriting be allowed in the Roxbury High School, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

(3.) That the Superintendent be requested to consider and report upon the possibility of a more harmonious connection between the work of the kindergartens and the primary schools.

(4.) That the Superintendent be requested to consider and report upon a more general extension in the grammar and primary schools of provisions enabling the brighter children to complete the course in less than the regular number of years.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was recommended, October 25, an order that the Rules be amended so as to provide that the Committee on School-houses shall not make or authorize any contract, except as provided in paragraph 3 of Section 37, for a sum exceeding \$300 until it has been approved by the Board, reported that your committee have carefully considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

Section 37, paragraph 2. Strike out the amount "\$50" in the third line, and insert in place thereof the amount "\$500," so that the paragraph will read as follows:

2. Shall not make or authorize any contract, except as provided in the following paragraph, for a sum exceeding \$500 until it has been approved by the Board.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred, October 25, an order that the Board of Supervisors be authorized to admit to the High School, Class A examinations, members of senior classes in colleges who would be eligible for such examination on the completion of their college course, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Section 126. Add the following to the section as a separate paragraph:

The Board of Supervisors may admit to the High School, Class A examinations, members of senior classes in colleges who are otherwise eligible, either by having had a year's experience in teaching, or by being a graduate of a State Normal School, or by having substantially completed a satisfactory course in pedagogy, provided that no certificate of qualification shall be actually issued to such person until he or she shall have received the degree required under this section.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred, October 25, a communication from His Honor the Mayor relating to the Dover-street and other public baths (see THE CITY RECORD, page 623), reported that they have given the matter consideration,

and in their judgment it is advisable that the children of the public schools in the vicinity of these accommodations should be informed of the existence of such facilities, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Superintendent be requested to cause the principals of schools in the vicinity of the Dover-street bath-house, and the public gymnasium on Paris street, East Boston, to give notice to their pupils of the existence of these public bathing facilities, in order that full advantage thereof may be enjoyed by the children in such schools.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was recommended, April 26, Chapter X. of the Revised Rules, relating to the proposed School Faculty, reported that they have given the matter attention, and now recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

Section 112. There shall be a School Faculty consisting of the Superintendent as President; of the Supervisors; of the Directors; of the Principal of the Normal School; of two members chosen by the principals of the Latin and high schools from among their own number; of two members chosen by the subordinate teachers in the Latin and high schools from among their own number; of nine members chosen by the principals of grammar schools from among their own number; and of nine members chosen by the subordinate teachers in the school districts from among their own number. The elected members shall serve for one calendar year, and shall be chosen at a meeting held in December of the previous year. The method and time of election for the year 1898 shall be determined by the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and thereafter by the Faculty itself, which shall also have the power to decide contested elections. The Faculty shall be organized by the election from among its members of a Vice-President, who shall preside in the absence of the President, and of a Secretary, who shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Faculty, and who shall be paid for this service by the Board.

Section 113. All changes in the courses of instruction and in methods of discipline shall be submitted to and reported upon by the Faculty before being acted upon by the Board unless the Board otherwise orders.

Section 114. The Faculty shall consider and report upon all matters referred to it by the Board, may discuss all questions relating to the welfare of the schools, and shall have the right to make recommendations, or present petitions or remonstrances to the Board.

Section 115. The Faculty shall meet once a month, at such regular time and place out of school hours as it may determine. It shall also meet at any other time at the call of the Superintendent, or on the written request of any seven of its members. Meetings of the Faculty shall not be open to the public, but any member of the Board may attend and shall have the right to be heard on any questions referred to the Faculty by the School Board.

Laid upon the table.

The Chair appointed, to have charge of work to be exhibited at the Paris Exposition of 1900, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Allen and Mrs. Ames.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the salary of the substitute instructor in military drill was fixed at \$10 per day of actual service; G. A. Murphy, janitor, was put on the second year of service; and the salary of the special teacher of phonography in East Boston was fixed at the rate of \$1,200 per annum, to date from September 28, 1898.

It was ordered that a special class be formed and carried on, under the direction of the Superintendent, the class to be assigned a vacant room in the Franklin School Building or other suitable room.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, a specially assigned order, rescinding the order to discontinue the Normal School, was taken up, Mr. Courtney calling for the yeas and nays.

Mr. Lowell moved that it be laid on the table, Mr. Strange asking the yeas and nays on the vote to table.

The order was tabled by a vote of thirteen yeas to ten nays.

At 9.30 the Board went into executive session.

When the doors were opened, Mr. Strange moved that no successor to the late H. E. Holt, teacher of music, be appointed.

Carried.

The Board then adjourned.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1898.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of October, 1898, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	528,912
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	20.33
Death rate for corresponding month, in 1897	20.24
Number of deaths:	
Males	452
Females	444
	896
Condition:	
Married	277
Single	503
Widows	76
Widowers	30
Unknown	10
Color:	
White	876
Colored	20
Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	223
Under 2 years	261
Under 5 years	302
Deaths from diarrhoeal diseases:	
Under 1 year	23
Under 2 years	25
Under 5 years	25
All ages	31
Nativity:	
United States	601
Ireland	161
England	18
Scotland	7
Germany	12
British America	52
Italy	6
Russia	7
Other countries	23
Unknown	9

Parentage:	
United States	203
Irish	314
English	24
Scotch	6
German	18
British American	50
Italian	25
Russian	19
Other countries	82
Mixed	76
Unknown	79
Still-births during the month	49

Causes of Death.

I. ZYMOTICS.	
Alcoholism	6
Croup	1
Cholera morbus	1
Cholera infantum	20
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	3
Diarrhoea	6
Dysentery	4
Diphtheria	9
Erysipelas	1
Intermittent fever	1
Measles	1
Purpura	1
Rheumatism	1
Scarlatina	7
Syphilis (congenital)	2
Septicæmia	4
Typhoid fever	33
Whooping cough	7
Other Zymotic diseases	3
	111
II. CONSTITUTIONAL.	
Cancer	32
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	11
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	43
Phthisis pulmonalis	102
Other Constitutional diseases	35
	223
III. LOCAL.	
Apoplexy	29
Bright's disease	2
Bronchitis	20
Heart disease	66
Meningitis	24
Nephritis	23
Pleurisy	3
Pneumonia	104
Other Local diseases	158
	429
IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.	
Inanition	23
Old age	21
Premature births	16
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	1
Other Developmental diseases	19
	80
V. VIOLENT.	
Accidental	37
Suicidal	6
Other Violent causes	6
	49
Unknown causes	4
Total from all causes	896

New York's budget for 1899, as passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at a meeting held October 31, amounts to \$93,520,082.03. From this amount, there is to be deducted about \$7,000,000 in unexpended balances of the city's general fund, leaving \$86,500,000 to be raised by taxation next year.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, November 14, 1898, at 3 o'clock, Chairman Dyar presiding, and all the members present.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation on the part of the Board:

(1.) George E. Harrington, to be a Constable of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1899, to serve at the East Boston District Court, in place of Moses P. Brown, deceased.

(2.) Franklin J. Burnham, William A. Campbell, John W. Edson, Benjamin A. Gardner, John B. Nickels, Horace L. Porter, Hugh H. Ralph, Henry F. Thomas, Ernest A. Worth, to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the law.

The following messages were received:

Randidge Picnic Excursions.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 10, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith the report of Mr. E. C. Marshall, who was designated by me to act as the director of the Randidge Picnic Excursions, given out of the income of the fund left to the city by Mr. George L. Randidge for this purpose, upon the conduct of these excursions during the last summer season.

This record of 13,551 children given a day's outing at Long Island, including a luncheon and bathing facilities, and without an accident, at an average expense of fourteen cents each, is certainly a most gratifying one, and I take pleasure in expressing my appreciation of the zealous and intelligent services of Mr. Marshall, rendered in addition to the regular duties of his office and without extra compensation, and of his assistants. The success which has been achieved arises largely from the sympathetic spirit which they have put into the work. The action of the Boston Elevated Railway in contributing a much larger number of free tickets than in past seasons and in furnishing special cars for the excursions, should also be mentioned as a considerable contribution toward the success of the work.

I regarded the bequest of Mr. Randidge as such an interesting and significant one that I have taken a deep interest in demonstrating what could be accomplished in this

line of practical philanthropic work, with a comparatively small amount of money, by making use of the organization and facilities of the city. I think that it cannot be denied that the record of the past season could not be duplicated, or even approached, by any private charitable organization, and the wisdom of the donor in placing this fund in the hands of the City of Boston therefore seems to be fully vindicated.

The giving of these excursions has merely involved, outside of the expenditures made from the income of the fund, the fuller use, without additional cost, of facilities, in the way of wharves, steamers, grounds, beaches, etc., which were already in the possession of the city. This record may well inculcate the lesson that a fuller utilization can be made, to the great benefit of the people, of facilities already owned by the city, and I trust that this example of the widespread beneficence of the bequest of Mr. Randidge, through the instrumentality of the city, may lead other public-spirited citizens to follow his example by gifts of a similar character. The very large number of children who were thus given a day's outing down the harbor under the most wholesome possible conditions, affords a striking illustration of the large scale upon which philanthropic work of this character can be successfully carried out through municipal agency.

I suggest that this report be printed as a document.

Yours respectfully,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(An abstract of Mr. Marshall's report may be found on page 649.)

The message and enclosure were ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting.

Widening of Chelsea-Bridge Draw.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 14, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Acting-City Engineer in reply to your order requesting "an estimate of the cost of widening Chelsea-bridge draw opening at north draw from its present width of forty-five feet to seventy-five feet."

Yours respectfully,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, October 24, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the order of the Board of Aldermen, passed October 10, 1898, "That the City Engineer be hereby requested to report to this Board, at its next meeting, an estimate of the cost of widening Chelsea-bridge draw opening at

north draw from its present width of forty-five feet to seventy-five feet," I estimate said cost to be \$70,000.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN E. CHENEY,
Acting-City Engineer.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Repayment to B. F. Keith.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 10, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Subsequent to the receipt of the donation of \$500 made by Mr. B. F. Keith to the Music Department in furtherance of its work, it was arranged between him and myself that this sum should be applied, so far as needed, toward meeting any deficit which might be incurred in giving the Sunday evening concerts which had been arranged by the Commission. As it appeared later that there was no legal authority for the city to give these concerts directly, owing to the fact that an admission fee was charged, this sum cannot now be applied as desired unless it is returned to Mr. Keith for the purpose. While there has only been a deficit at the first of the four concerts which have now been given, it seems proper to provide for this, as well as for the future contingencies, in this manner, and the full amount of the gift will be applied in some manner toward the promotion of public music, under the direction of the Music Commission. I therefore desire to ask for the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to return to Mr. B. F. Keith, the sum of five hundred (500) dollars given by him to the Music Department, in order that he may apply the same toward the expenses of concerts given under the direction of the members of the Music Commission, but not directly by the city; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for Music Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Loan for Extension of Mains, Etc.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 14, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Water Commissioner, which explains itself. I concur in his position, and recommend the passage of the accompanying loan for the purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, November 3, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I would recommend an appropriation of \$200,000 on account of additional supply of water. This recommendation is made necessary because the Water Department has been, and will be, compelled to incur large expenditures of money in connection with the raising of the pressure of the water by the Metropolitan water system, the change of service in Dorchester and Jamaica Plain from low to high, the laying of new mains in Columbia road, and the laying of an additional line of forty-eight-inch pipe from the Chestnut Hill reservoir to the present outlet from the Brookline reservoir. These expenditures are properly chargeable to the construction account of the works. Owing to the importance of the work and the necessity of completing it at once, the appropriation should be made available immediately.

Yours very truly,
JOHN R. MURPHY,
Water Commissioner.

Ordered, That the Water Department be authorized to lay an additional forty-eight-inch main, to connect with the Chestnut Hill reservoir, to take the place of the pipes now connecting Chestnut Hill reservoir with the Brookline reservoir, to lay a new main in Columbia road; and to lay such other pipes as may be rendered necessary by the additional pressure to be furnished by the Metropolitan Water Board; and that to meet the expenses incurred in carrying out the above order, the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the City of Boston to the amount of \$200,000, said bonds to be marked "Extension of Mains, etc."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Removal of Poles on Webster Avenue—Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 2, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature an order passed by your Board on October 24, requesting the Boston Electric Light Company to remove forthwith seven poles of the said company on Webster avenue. I am informed that since the passage of this order certain alterations in the poles referred to have been made, and that the state of affairs which caused the Alderman introducing the order to desire their removal no longer exists.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The order referred to was put upon its passage, and was rejected.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved November 7, 1898:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Joseph H. Metcalf the sum of \$68, being the expense incurred in the defence of a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

An ordinance relating to the Water Department:

Be it ordained, etc.:

Chapter 42 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relating to the Water Department, is hereby amended in Section 1 by inserting after the word "city," in the twelfth line thereof, the words "including the placing of drinking-fountains and supplying the same with cold water."

The following was approved November 10, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to refund to Susanna E. Cary the sum of \$11.25, being the amount of bill paid by mistake for work alleged to have been done by the Paving Division, but which was done at her own expense.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The three following orders were presented to the Mayor, November 1, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two dead trees in front of house No. 46 Union street, Charlestown, the expense of the same to be charged to the Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of premises 587 Seventh street, Ward 14, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree in front of No. 11 Savin Hill avenue, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

IMMIGRATION DURING OCTOBER.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston, from trans-Atlantic ports, during the month ending October 31, 1898:

NATIONALITY.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Austria-Hungary	9	7	2
Denmark	20	7	13
France (including Corsica)	21	12	9
Germany	5	3	2
Italy	1	1	—
Norway	78	27	51
Russia (proper)	27	19	8
Finland	196	106	90
Poland	15	8	7
Spain	2	1	1
Sweden	392	154	238
Switzerland	3	3	—
United Kingdom—			
England	401	175	226
Ireland	624	136	488
Scotland	62	25	37
Wales	17	7	10
Total from Europe	1,873	691	1,182
Quebec and Ontario	11	4	7
Total from British North American possessions	11	4	7
West Indies	2	2	—
Turkey in Asia	4	4	—
Australia	3	2	1
Grand total	1,893	703	1,190
Tourists en route	83	—	—
Debarred passengers	3	—	—
Total immigration for the month of October	1,979	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS.—STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division—			
Maine			18
New Hampshire			37
Vermont			5
Massachusetts			1,224
Rhode Island			85
Connecticut			28
New York			192
New Jersey			10
Pennsylvania			30
Total			1,629
South Atlantic Division—			
Maryland			3
Georgia			8
Total			11
North Central Division—			
Ohio			7
Indiana			5
Illinois			72
Michigan			45
Wisconsin			8
Minnesota			46
Iowa			5
Missouri			7
North Dakota			2
South Dakota			1
Nebraska			4
Kansas			3
Total			205
South Central Division—			
Tennessee			1
Texas			2
Total			3

Western Division—

Montana	4
Wyoming	1
Colorado	5
Idaho	2
Washington	18
Oregon	4
California	11
Total	45

RECAPITULATION.

North Atlantic Division	1,629
South Atlantic Division	11
North Central Division	205
South Central Division	3
Western Division	45
Total	1,893

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an examination will be held on December 6, 1898, commencing at 9 A.M., at Boston and any other city in the United States where it has a Board of Examiners, for the position of seed-testing clerk, Division of Botany, Department of Agriculture.

One day of six hours will be allowed for this examination. Competitors should bring pocket lens and pair of forceps to examination, for use in subject of "identification of impurities in commercial seed."

The Commission also announces that on December 14, 15, 16, 1898, an examination will be held for the position of draftsman of marine engines and machinery.

This examination is to establish a register of eligibles to fill an existing vacancy at Newport News, Va., at \$3 per diem, and one at San Francisco, Cal., at \$3.20 per diem, and other vacancies in similar positions which may occur from time to time.

All persons who desire to compete should at once write to E. E. Stebbins, Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Boston Post Office Building, for applications (Forms 304 and 373) which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C.

One of the most striking features in building up the new portion of the City of Berlin, Germany, is that no permission can be obtained to erect buildings upon any new streets until they are sewered, paved, sidewalked and lighted. The result is, that Berlin is solidly built up as far as it goes, with hardly a vacant lot anywhere. This produces a great saving in lighting, street cleaning, fire and police patrolling, as there are no scattered houses on streets even miles out from the centre of the city.

TABLE SHOWING ASSESSED VALUATION, PRICE PAID, ETC., FOR SCHOOL SITES, SINCE THE PASSAGE OF CHAPTER 408, ACTS OF 1895.

SCHOOL.	Location.	Title obtained by	Assessed Valuation.	Price Paid.	Excess of Cost over Assessed Valuation.	Remarks.
Aberdeen District, Primary.....	Chestnut Hill avenue and Chiswick road.	Taking....	72,600 ft., taxed \$29,000 [40c.]; 25,000 ft. taken on corner....	*\$13,750 00	.....	This site was paid for from an appropriation made by City Council.
Bigelow.....	West Fourth, E and Silver streets.....	" ..	\$15,200	*20,000 00	\$4,800 00	
Washington Allston ..	Cambridge street ...	" ..	12,400	*21,000 00	.....	Includes "Allston Club-house."
Edward Everett.....	Willis and Bakersfield streets.....	Deed of gift.....		1 00		
Roger Clap.....	Harvest street.....	Taking....	26,628 ft., taxed \$8,000 [30c.]; 21,548 ft. taken.....	*9,477 50	.....	This price includes taxes for 1895, amounting to \$58.00.
Cudworth.....	Paris street, East Boston	" ..	10,000 ft. and buildings, taxed \$4,500; 5,000 ft. and buildings taken.....	6,500 00		
William H. Kent.....	Pine and Vine streets.	" ..	B. F. Brown, mortgagee, \$2,000. Jeremiah Minahan..... 2,900. Catherine Field..... 3,000. Person unknown (passageway) ..	Unsettled. 6,800 00 Unsettled. "		
Hancock	Salter place.....	" ..	3,550 ft. and buildings, taxed \$18,400; 379 ft. and one small building taken.....	3,000 00		
Longfellow	South, Walter and Hewlett streets....	" ..	1 parcel, \$3,200..... 1 parcel, 1,800.....	*4,700 00 **3,588 10	1,500 00 1,788 10	** Settlement authorized by Board of Street Commissioners, under advice of Law Department, for \$3,101.35 and interest to March 25, 1898, amounting to \$460.03.
Dorchester High	Centre and Lithgow streets and Talbot avenue	" ..	185,000 ft., taxed for \$26,000 [about 14c.]; 60,000 ft. front land taken.....	*36,000 00		
Paul Revere	18 Bennet avenue... 4-12 Bennet avenue 51-53 Prince street... 2, 3, 4, Murray place 57 Prince street	" .. " " " "	\$1,500 00 23,700 00	Unsettled. 75,017 41	.....	Settlement authorized by Board of Street Commissioners under advice of Law Department. Price paid includes \$17.41 costs.
	59-61 Prince street ... 65 Prince street	" .. "	14,400 00 16,000 00	Unsettled. "		
	67 Prince street	" ..	5,000 00	12,500 00	7,500 00	
Mayhew	11 Allen street	" ..	9,700 00	7,000 00		
	9 Allen street	" ..	9,700 00	5,000 00		
	7 Allen street	" ..	9,600 00	6,500 00		
	5 Allen street	" ..	9,600 00	7,000 00		
	3 Allen street	" ..	9,600 00	7,000 00		
	1 Allen street	" ..	10,900 00	7,800 00		
	88 Chambers street ..	" ..	8,400 00	17,000 00	8,600 00	
	90 Chambers street ..	" ..	5,800 00	12,000 00	6,400 00	
	94-98 Chambers street.	" ..	5,500 00	11,570 95	6,070 95	
	2 Poplar street	" ..	5,100 00	9,850 00	4,750 00	
	8 Poplar street	" ..	4,400 00	7,556 76	3,156 76	
	Passageway, owner unknown	" ..				
	10 Poplar street	" ..	6,400 00	11,447 33	4,847 33	
	12 Poplar street	" ..	6,100 00	10,500 00	4,400 00	
	14 Poplar street.....	" ..	6,000 00	Unsettled.		
	Easement in 14 Poplar street.....	" ..		3,000 00		
Unnamed	Paul Gore street.....	" ..	6,100 00	*11,810 88	5,710 88	
Sharp	Anderson street.....	" ..	1,336 ft., taxed at \$3,800 [\$2.75]; 276 ft. taken.....	1,900 00		
William Wirt Warren.	Mackin street.....	" ..	36,450 ft., taxed \$4,900 [13c.]; 9,137 ft. taken	Unsettled.		
Washington Allston...	Cambridge street....	" ..	12,823 ft., taxed \$3,200 [25c.]; 4,169 ft. taken.....	"		
Forest Hills Primary.	Walk Hill street.....	" ..	498,589 ft., taxed \$29,900 [6c.]; 30,000 ft. taken.....	*9,000 00		
Gilbert Stuart.....	Dorchester avenue...	" ..	12,179 ft., taxed \$4,900 [40c.]; 1,146 ft. taken	Unsettled.		
Unnamed.....	Elm street, Charlestown	Purchase.	23 Elm street, \$4,900.....	10,291 40	.....	Supreme Court decided that city was bound by its agreement to purchase this estate for \$9,500; price paid includes interest and costs.

SCHOOL.	Location.	Title obtained by	Assessed Valuation.	Price Paid.	Excess of Cost over Assessed Valuation.	Remarks.
Dillaway.....	Kenilworth and Washington streets.	Taking....	10,164 ft. and buildings, taxed \$19,500; 1,604 ft. and a small building taken.....	Unsettled.		
Old Gibson.....		" ..	\$2,900 00	\$5,510 08		Settlement authorized by Board of Street Commissioners, under advice of Law Department; price paid includes \$10.08 costs.
East Boston High.....	55-63 Princeton street 1-5 Hunnewell place. 78-80 Saratoga street.	" ..	30,200 00	* 33,392 60	\$3,192 60	Price paid includes taxes for 1897, amounting to \$392.60, and \$1,500 for cancellation of lease of premises No. 80 Saratoga street.
	72-74 " "		5,500 00	* 7,071 50	1,571 50	Price paid includes taxes for 1897, amounting to \$71.50.
	76 " "		2,800 00	* 3,500 00	700 00	
	70 " "		5,000 00	7,165 00	2,165 00	Price paid includes taxes for 1897, amounting to \$65.
	Princeton street and Louisiana place....		10,000 ft. and buildings, taxed \$15,400; 5,000 ft. and buildings taken.....	*12,000 00		
George Putnam.....	School street.....	Taking...	6,500 00	*9,584 50	3,084 50	Price paid includes taxes for 1897, amounting to \$84.50. In this case the settlement agreed to by the Board of Street Commissioners was \$1,415.50 less than the price named to the School Committee.
Unnamed	Quincy and Perth streets and Phipps avenue	Purchase.	8,097 00	*16,841 76	8,744 76	Appropriation to cover cost of this site and payment therefor, recommended by Committee on New Buildings, but not yet finally acted upon by School Committee.
South Boston High...	Thomas Park.....	Taking...	City property; 79,646 ft. taken..	*23,893 86		
Charlestown High....	Monument square...	" ..	3,300 ft. taxed \$4,100; 3,255 ft. taken.....	Unsettled.		
Unnamed	Munroe street.....	" ..	30,018 ft. taxed \$15,000 [50c.]; 5,868 ft. taken.....	"		

On the estates whose names are designated by a * in the table, options were secured from the owners, before the School Committee requested the Street Commissioners to take the land.

COST OF SCHOOL SITES.

The foregoing table is reproduced from the report of the Committee on New Buildings made to the School Board at its last meeting. (See page 651.) With regard to the matters set forth in the table, the committee says:

The foregoing statement shows that, in some cases, the prices paid were largely in excess of the assessed valuations, and your committee are therefore requested to state the reasons why, in their judgment, such excess has been paid.

Inasmuch as the prices paid for estates taken at the request of the School Committee are determined by agreement between the former owners and the Board of Street Commissioners, your committee cannot, of course, give the reasons which governed the action of that Board in agreeing to the prices paid.

Your committee believe, however, that, in a number of instances, the assessments were considerably below the real value of the property taken, and that in other instances due weight was properly given to the fact that certain estates taken in congested sections of the city had returned a surprisingly large income to their former owners.

Taking these facts into consideration, your committee are of the opinion that in those cases where the School Committee had obtained options before requesting the taking of the parcels desired, the prices thereby tacitly established were not unreasonably high, and the settlements were fair to the city as well as to the owners.

It should be stated that in one instance the Board of Street Commissioners were able to arrive at a settlement for an amount considerably less than had been named to the School Committee.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

Boston, October 28, 1898.

A special meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held on October 28, at 1.30 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Burnham and Rueter.

The further accommodation of sick soldiers at the Hospital and the temporary use of the new Laundry Building therefor was discussed, and Mr. Sprague was appointed a committee of one, with full powers in the matter. The Secretary was instructed to address the Mayor upon the matter.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, October 28, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, DeNormandie, Lincoln and the Librarian.

Received: The Librarian's report.

Resignation received: Charles D. Campbell, Grade D, runner division, issue department, to take effect November 1.

Services discontinued: Robert Goode, janitor department, Central Library, from and after October 26.

Salary increased: Arthur C. Thomas, janitor department, Central Library, from \$9 to \$10 per week beginning December 1.

Employed: Henry Frye, janitor department, Central Library, at a salary of \$9 per week from October 31 to November 30, and \$10 per week beginning December 1; Mary L. Patten, temporarily, in special libraries, in Grade B, at a salary of \$11 per week beginning October 24; Nicholas Summers, janitor West End Branch, temporarily, at a salary of \$17.25 per week beginning November 7.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$331.29, to trust funds \$149.11, to Fellowes Athenæum, \$12.67; miscellaneous articles, \$988.55.

The Librarian was authorized to have the roof gutters cleaned out, and certain minor repairs made upon the roof, employing the Repairs Division therefor.

An application for a special privilege card was received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Friday, October 28.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out Woodcliff street, at Dorchester, eastwardly from Howard avenue.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to relocate and extend B street, from West First street to Congress street, and to take land for a sewer from Lamont street. Orders were passed to build catch-basins in Seaver and Hancock streets, and to build a sewer in Linden Park street.

Petitions were received for catch-basins at the corner of School and Washington streets, and in Batchelder street.

Monday, October 31.

Orders were passed laying out public alley No. 101, and for building catch-basins in Washington street, Hayward place, and Columbus avenue; and for building sewers in North Harvard and Empire streets.

It was voted to pay John D. Hopgood \$800 for damages occasioned his estate by the widening of Centre street, the Mayor having approved his agreement to accept said sum.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Walk Hill street, and in Breed street.

Wednesday, November 2.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out Allbright street, from Columbia road to Sumner street, and over Allbright court and Sumner-street place, and of constructing the same; of laying out Andrews street, from East Canton street to East Dedham street, and of constructing the same, and of laying out Waldeck street, from Melville avenue to Tonawanda street.

Orders were passed to build sewers in private land between Brookside avenue and Argyle street; in Fellows street, Magnolia square, Fairweather, Jones, Mendum, Walter and Wachusett streets, and for catch-basins in Norfolk avenue and Park street.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out and construct public alley No. 701.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Morris and Montello streets, and that Guernsey street may be laid out.

Thursday, November 3.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out Rosemont street, from Dorchester avenue to Samoset street, and of constructing the same; of laying out an extension of Atlantic avenue, formerly Cove street, by a bridge over the tracks of the Terminal Company, and over Fort Point Channel to Dorchester avenue, at West First street.

It was voted to give a second hearing on plans F 92, 93, 94, O 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 28, 29, 30, P 21, in Plat eight, in Room 25 of the Old Court House, at 12 o'clock, noon, of Friday, November 11, 1898.

Petitions were received for sewers in Grove street and in Prescott street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.**City Clerk Department.**

City Hall, November 7, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending November 5, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	122
Number of discharges of mortgages	16
Number of bills of sale	7
Number of assignments of mortgages	8
Number of assignments of wages	33
Number of married women's certificates	11
Number of ship liens	1
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	3

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, November 5, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been received:

Thomas O'Leary, 40 Calumet street, Ward 19, one cow; hearing November 10, at 11 o'clock. Wellington-Wild Coal Company, 34 Warren avenue, Ward 5, ten horses, hearing November 17, at 11 o'clock. E. Noyes Whitcomb, Cheney street, Ward 21, three horses; hearing November 17, at 11 o'clock.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

John Cody, Willow court, Ward 16, one cow; Edward N. Burt, 62 Hamilton street, Ward 23, one horse.

On November 1, 1898, M. J. Cosmo was appointed an undertaker.

The following is a summary of work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during October:

Number of samples of milk examined:	
From milk wagons	697
From stores	280
Brought by citizens	41

Total 1,018

Number of samples of vinegar examined,	71
Number of samples of butter examined,	83

Total samples 1,172

Number of complaints entered in Court:	
For milk not of standard quality	21
For milk containing boracic acid	3
For milk containing Formaldehyde	5
For adulterated cider vinegar	1
For serving oleomargarine in a restaurant	1

Total 31

Number of convictions	29
Number of cases pending	2

Total 31

Number of cases taken to Superior Court on appeal	14
Amount paid in fines	\$580

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for week ending November 4:

Steers	257
New England cows	55
New England bulls	7
Sheep	789
Calves	452

Total 1,560

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending November 5, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	26	22	48
Negative	35	22	57
No growth	1	4	5
Totals	62	48	110

Remarks: Typhoid diagnoses, thirteen cases; five cases positive; six cases negative; two cases unsatisfactory.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, October 31, 1898.

Statistics for week ending October 29, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	182	19
Females	38	1
Totals	220	20
Offences:		
Against the person	11	6
Against property	12	11
Against public order and decency	201	3
Totals	* 224	20
Discharges:		
Males	146	12
Females	15	4
Totals	161	16
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	81	15
Permit of Commissioner,	43	0
Payment of fine	37	1
Totals	161	16
Population:		
October 24, 1898	1,531	527
Committed since October 24, 1898	220	20
Totals	1,751	547
Discharged since October 24, 1898	161	16
October 29, 1898	1,590	531

* Four committed with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

The foreign trade of the United States for the nine months ending September 30, 1898, amounted to \$1,329,564,395, of which \$854,203,502 was exports and \$475,360,893 imports. These figures show a decrease in imports of \$113,382,422 over the previous year, and an increase of \$121,694,637 in exports, and are the largest in the history of the country.

For the same period, the foreign trade of Boston amounted to \$38,070,844 in imports and \$89,605,469 in exports, or nearly one-tenth of the total United States.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending November 12, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.7
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897,	18.6
Number of deaths:	
Males	97
Females	103
Total	200
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	185
Increase	15

Of the 200 decedents, 191 were white and 9 colored; 127 were born in the United States, 69 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 44 were of American parentage, 136 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 20 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	59	7
Scarlatina	25	1
Typhoid fever	19	5
Measles	44	1
Totals	147	14

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	17
Pneumonia	25
Heart disease	19
Bronchitis	7
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	10

Total from principal causes	82
Total from infectious diseases	14
Total from other causes	104

Total from all causes 200

Deaths of children under 1 year	31
Deaths of children under 5 years	51
Deaths of persons over 60 years	46
Deaths in public institutions	42

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 15, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of West Walnut Park, at Roxbury, be laid out as a highway to Amory street, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-ninth day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 9, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 50 Ellery street, Ward 15, two bay-windows, of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over Ellery street. Dimensions: Each twenty feet high, ten feet wide, and two feet six inches over line of street.

JOHN O'CONNOR, 66 Boston street.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the South Boston Inquirer and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

Boston, November 12, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Sawyer avenue, Dorchester, near Cushing avenue, Ward 20; Geneva avenue, at Columbia road, Ward 20; Park street, near Shawmut Branch, New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, Ward 20; Thorndike street, second pole east from Washington street, Ward 17; Market street, near Lincoln street, Ward 25.

Also to remove poles from Geneva avenue, at Columbia road, Ward 20; Park street, near Shawmut Branch, New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, Ward 20; Thorndike street, second pole east from Washington street, Ward 17; Market street, near Lincoln street, Ward 25.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, November 21, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited to leave at the office of the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital, before 12 o'clock M., of November 23, 1898, proposals for furnishing the heating and ventilating system for the Ann White Vose Building of said Hospital. A bond of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the office of Wheelwright & Haven, architects, Tremont Building, in said city, fill out and sign the proposal, and leave with it at said office a certified check for \$300, payable to the City of Boston, the check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. All proposals so filed out and left, and no other, will at said time and place be publicly opened and read; and the Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all proposals.

A. SHUMAN,

President of the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, November 14, 1898.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to locate poles for the support of its wires in the following streets:

CITY PROPER.

Harrison avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Northampton street, one pole, forty feet by fourteen inches. Sidewalk ten feet.

Fellows street, between Northampton and East Lenox streets, two poles, forty feet by fourteen inches. Sidewalk seven feet.

Camden street, between Columbus avenue and Watson street, three poles, forty feet by fourteen inches. Sidewalk eight feet.

Boston Electric Light Company,
By SAMUEL S. SIAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 14, 1898.

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Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, November 14, 1898.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to locate poles for the support of its wires in the following streets:

ROXBURY.

Walnut avenue, between Humboldt avenue and Bower street, two poles, thirty-five feet by fourteen inches (round), forty-foot street. Sidewalk seven feet.

Mt. Pleasant avenue, between Dudley street and Vine street, four poles, forty feet by fourteen inches (round), fifty-foot street. Sidewalk eight feet.

Norfolk avenue, between Magazine street and Shirley street, seven poles, forty feet by fourteen inches (round), forty-foot street. Sidewalk seven feet.

Highland street, between Fort avenue and Marcella street, five poles, thirty-five feet by ten inches by ten inches. Sidewalk seven feet.

EAST BOSTON.

Gladstone avenue, between Breed street and Chelsea avenue, two poles, thirty-five feet by fourteen inches (round), forty-foot street. Sidewalk seven feet.

Boston Electric Light Company,
By SAMUEL S. SIAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 14, 1898.

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Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, September 26, 1898.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to erect sixteen insulated electric lamp-posts, to be situated on Beacon street, between the Public Garden and the southerly side of Massachusetts avenue, as per plan filed with the Superintendent of Streets.

Boston Electric Light Company,
By SAMUEL S. SIAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-first day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Herald, Evening Record, and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, November 14, 1898.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to locate poles for the support of its wires in the following streets:

SOUTH BOSTON.

B street, between West Fifth and West First streets, twelve poles, forty feet by fourteen inches. Sidewalk eight feet.

West First street, between Granite and B streets, seven poles, forty feet by fourteen inches. Sidewalk eight feet.

Granite street, between West First street and Mt. Washington avenue, ten poles, forty feet by fourteen inches. Sidewalk eight feet.

Mt. Washington avenue, between Granite street and Fort Point channel, three poles, forty feet by fourteen inches. Sidewalk ten feet.

D street, between West Fifth and West Ninth streets, nine poles, forty feet by fourteen inches. Sidewalk eight feet.

West Sixth street, between B and D streets, nine poles, forty feet by fourteen inches. Sidewalk eight feet.

West Seventh street, between E and F streets, two poles, forty feet by fourteen inches. Sidewalk eight feet.

West Ninth street, between D street and Dorchester street, ten poles, forty feet by fourteen inches. Sidewalk seven feet.

K street, between East Seventh and East Eighth streets, three poles, forty feet by fourteen inches. Sidewalk eight feet.

L street, between East Seventh and East Eighth streets, two poles, forty feet by fourteen inches. Sidewalk eight feet.

Q street, between East Fifth street and East Sixth street, three poles, forty feet by fourteen inches. Sidewalk fifteen feet.

Division street, between Broadway and Foundry street, one pole, forty feet by fourteen inches. Sidewalk eight feet.

Boston Electric Light Company,
By SAMUEL S. SIAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-first day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the South Boston News, Boston Post and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 1, 1898.

The undersigned request permission to project from building No. 7 Central square, Ward 2, one bay-window, of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over Central square. Dimensions: Twenty-two feet high, eight feet wide, and two feet over line of street.

FUOHS & WANGLER,
17 Mansur street, Roxbury.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioners to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the East Boston Free Press and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioners upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioners, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 15, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Miles street, at Roxbury, be laid out as a highway from Bragdon street to West Walnut Park, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-ninth day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 9, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that a new channel for the Oakland Garden fork of Canterbury Branch of Stony Brook be located, at Dorchester, in Kilton street and in private land between Park street and Harvard street, and that land be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said land, deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-third day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 9, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that a sewer be constructed at Brighton, in private lands between Faneuil street and Harriet street, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands, deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-third day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

NOTICE TO VOTERS.

Old Court House, November 12, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that the lists of qualified voters, both men and women, are now being posted in the several precincts, and copies of the same may also be examined at this office. The central office, Old Court House, Court square, is open daily, Sundays excepted, from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M., and evening sessions will be held at the following places every week day from 6 to 10 P.M. for the registration of voters (men and women), from November 12 to November 23, inclusive, for the ensuing municipal election, and the correction of any errors that may appear upon the lists.

The payment of a tax as a prerequisite for voting is not now required, but men not already assessed must present a tax bill for the current year, or a certificate from the assessors before they can be registered.

Ward 1—Chapman School-house, Eutaw street.
Ward 2—Armory Building, Maverick street.
Ward 3—Old Winthrop School-house, Bunker Hill street.

Ward 4—Bunker Hill Grammar School-house, Baldwin street.

Ward 5—City Hall, City square, Charlestown.

Ward 6—Ward-room, North Bennet street.

Ward 7—Pierpont School-house, Hudson street.

Ward 8—Wells School-house, Blossom street.

Ward 9—Old Franklin School-house, Washington street.

Ward 10—Rice School-house, Appleton street.

Ward 11—Prince School-house, Exeter street.

Ward 12—School-house, West Concord street.

Ward 13—Spelman Hall, West Broadway.

Ward 14—700 East Fourth street.

Ward 15—Court Room, Dorchester and West Fourth streets.

Ward 16—Winthrop Hall, Upham's Corner.

Ward 17—Vine Street Chapel, corner Dudley street.

Ward 18—Old Bath-house, Cabot street.

Ward 19—Old Pumping Station, Elmwood street.

Ward 20—Ward-room Building, Meeting House Hill.

Ward 21—Dudley Street Opera House, Dudley street.

Ward 22—Tomfohrde Hall, Boylston Station.

Ward 23—Minton Hall (Ward-room), Hyde Park avenue.

Ward 24—Store, 1875 Dorchester avenue.

Ward 25—Old Town Hall, Washington street, Brighton.

Registration will close on Wednesday, November 23, at 10 o'clock P.M.

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOSEPH J. CORBETT,
Board of Election Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 15, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Ernst street, at Roxbury, be laid out as a highway from Bragdon street to West Walnut Park, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-ninth day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

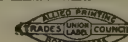
CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 15, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Bancroft street, at Roxbury, be laid out as a highway from Columbus avenue to West Walnut Park, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-ninth day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume I.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1898.

Number 47.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale by the W. B. Clarke Company—Park Street Church stores A and B, Park and Tremont streets.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
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611 WASHINGTON STREET.

The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.
The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

At its meeting on Monday, November 21, 1898, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor:

George E. Harrington, to be a Constable, for the term ending April 30, 1899, to serve at the East Boston District Court, in place of Moses P. Brown, deceased.

Franklin J. Burnham, William A. Campbell, John W. Edson, Benjamin A. Gardner, John B. Nickels, Horace L. Porter, Hugh H. Ralph, Henry F. Thomas and Ernest A. Worth, to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN HEMMENWAY.

Captain Henry C. Hemmenway, recently retired from the Boston Police Department, died on November 17, 1898, at his home in Dorchester.

Mr. Hemmenway was born in Boston, in 1830, and became connected with the Police Department in 1861. He was promoted to a captaincy in 1878, and was retired from the force in 1895.

THE MUNICIPAL CAMP FOR BOYS AT LONG ISLAND.

In a message to the City Council, dated July 11, 1898 (see THE CITY RECORD, page 427), His Honor the Mayor suggested a plan for utilizing a part of Long Island as a summer camp for boys, and stated that, at his request, the Finance Committee had approved the transfer of \$2,500 from the Reserved Fund to the appropriation for the Mayor's office, in furtherance of the experimental establishment of such a camp. Mr. Ernest C. Marshall, Penal Institutions Commissioner, was appointed Director-in-charge, and an Advisory Committee, consisting of William E. Harmon, Chairman; Edith W. Marshall, James F. Wise and William Colvard Parker, Secretary, was constituted.

The report of the Director-in-charge, as to the organization and conduct of the camp, was transmitted by the Mayor to the Board of Aldermen, at its meeting on the twenty-first instant (see page 665). The main features of the report may be summarized as follows:

A high, dry and well-drained site was chosen for the camp on the southeast slope of the westerly promontory of Long Island. The site affords ample space for gymnastics and athletic sports. Thirteen tents, including an administration tent, superintendent's tent and eleven tents, each ten by twelve feet, for the boys, were set up. Each of the boys' tents afforded accommodations for ten persons. A dining-hall and a cook-house, constructed of wood, were also provided.

The camp was organized on a semi-military basis. The schedule of the daily routine of work and recreation was as follows: At 6 A.M., reveille; 6.30 A.M., roll-call and drill; 6.55 A.M., salute to colors; 7.15 A.M., breakfast; 8.15 A.M., police duty; 9 A.M., inspection of quarters; 9.30 A.M., guard mount; 12.15 P.M., dinner; 1.15 P.M., guard mount; until 5.30 P.M., recreation and lectures; 6 P.M., supper; — sunset flag; 8 P.M., campfire talks; 9.30 P.M., taps.

It was planned to accommodate 100 boys, between the ages of twelve and sixteen, at a time, and to keep them in camp for a week. As a rule, fifty boys were received each Monday, and fifty

more each Thursday during the time the camp was in operation, viz.: July 18 to September 3. The average stay of the boys was 4.1 days. The boys admitted were selected on the recommendations of well-known persons, such as clergymen, teachers and superintendents of boys' clubs. The number of applications greatly exceeded the number who could be accommodated. In all, 831 boys enjoyed the privileges of the camp. The rule as to age limits was not rigidly enforced, though 783 boys were from twelve to sixteen years of age. Of these, 251 were classed as twelve years old. For special reasons, twenty-eight boys outside the prescribed age limits were received; of these, twenty-four were under twelve and four were over sixteen.

The medical staff of the Long Island Hospital looked after the health of the boys. No cases of serious illness occurred, and only three boys had to be sent home on account of ailments contracted before their arrival in camp. Though the dietary was simple, it was varied and substantial. Admirable discipline was maintained under the superintendency of Mr. Joseph Dyer.

The entire cost of the camp was as follows:

Amount expended for permanent equipment	\$977 72
Amount expended for subsistence	\$636 77
Amount expended for salaries	427 97
Amount expended for yachts, boats, etc.	239 50
Amount expended for clerical work	125 00
Amount expended for printing, stationery and postage,	66 08
Amount expended for miscellaneous	26 04
	1,521 36
Total amount expended	\$2,499 08
Appropriation	2,500 00
Balance	92
Per capita cost of maintenance	1 83

Expenditures for new buildings for boys' camp, to be charged to loan appropriation for new buildings, etc., Long Island:

Amount expended for pavilion and cook-house	309 30
Amount expended for water supply	30 52
	\$339 82

The principal recommendations contained in the report are: (1) The enlargement and improvement of the camp grounds and the improvement of facilities for transportation of persons and supplies; (2) greater emphasis on military forms in administration and discipline; (3) increased attention to

elementary instruction in natural science, personal hygiene and out-of-door sports; (4) securing co-operation of the School Committee in developing the suggested scheme of instruction; and (5) the constitution of an unpaid advisory and executive Board to take charge of the Municipal Camp for Boys and of its affairs.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

November 8, 1898.

General Order No. 547.

I. Section 3 of Rule 48 of the Police Manual is hereby amended by adding as follows:

"If uniforms are worn by special police officers, samples of the material from which such uniforms are to be made must be submitted to the Board of Police for its approval. A color or buttons resembling that worn by regular police will not be permitted," so that when amended the section will read:

"3. Special police officers will be furnished with a badge, numbered and recorded in the office of the Board of Police, which they shall wear on the left breast when on duty, and they shall surrender said badge at the end of their term of service, or when they resign or are discharged. In case a badge is lost, the holder thereof shall immediately report such loss to the chief clerk, who will furnish a new badge upon payment therefor. If uniforms are worn by special police officers, samples of the material from which such uniforms are to be made must be submitted to the Board of Police for its approval. A color or buttons resembling that worn by regular police will not be permitted."

II. The Inspector of Claims is hereby designated to perform all the duties heretofore required of the sergeant detailed to assist the medical examiners of the County of Suffolk.

November 8, 1898.

General Order No. 548.

The resignation of Patrolman Josiah G. Miller, of Division 16, having been presented, it is hereby accepted, and he is granted an honorable discharge from the police force.

November 9, 1898.

General Order No. 549.

The following-named reserve police officers, having served the probationary term of six months, and having passed a satisfactory examination to make them eligible for appointment in the permanent force, are hereby appointed patrolmen in the police force of the City of Boston and assigned for duty at the several divisions where they now are, viz.:

Division 1—Henry J. Boutlier, Edward J. Eustace, Daniel J. Hart.

Division 2—Michael J. Christopher, Patrick V. Kenney.

Division 3—Patrick J. McDonough, Hugh P. McGuire.

Division 4—Patrick J. Chambers, Michael J. Kelly.

Division 5—Norman F. Garland, John A. Stewart.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ATTENDANCE OF BATHERS AT THE VARIOUS BATH-HOUSES OF THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR THE SEASON OF 1898.

NORTH END PARK.

Season.	Men.	Boys.	Total.	Women.	Girls.	Total.	Grand Total
June	12,791	26,164	38,955	2,895	5,050	7,945	46,900
July	45,420	63,455	108,875	9,690	20,815	30,505	139,380
August	47,461	80,869	128,330	13,875	22,125	36,000	164,330
	105,672	170,488	276,160	26,460	47,990	74,450	350,610

L STREET.*

June	21,874	35,200	57,074	—	—	—	57,074
July	80,951	94,826	175,777	—	—	—	175,777
August	88,300	101,515	189,815	—	—	—	189,815
	191,125	231,541	422,666	—	—	—	422,666

K STREET.†

July	—	—	—	9,684	17,365	27,049	27,049
August	—	—	—	24,665	38,980	63,645	63,645
	—	—	—	34,349	56,345	90,694	90,694

CHARLESTOWN.

July	6,150	16,800	22,950	3,375	8,745	12,120	35,070
August	8,675	30,500	39,175	20,480	30,130	50,610	89,785
	14,825	47,300	62,125	23,855	38,875	62,730	124,855

WOOD ISLAND.

July	2,824	7,646	10,470	1,485	1,896	3,381	13,851
August	6,475	16,370	22,845	4,705	8,210	12,915	35,760
	9,299	24,016	33,315	6,190	10,106	16,296	49,611

DOVER STREET.

June	2,635	6,199	8,834	676	3,620	4,296	13,130
July	5,682	16,146	21,828	3,095	10,426	13,521	35,349
August	5,471	17,517	22,988	3,410	10,732	14,142	37,130
	13,788	39,862	53,650	7,181	24,778	31,959	85,609

ORCHARD PARK.

July	3,735	18,594	22,329	—	2,657	2,657	24,986
August	2,138	18,980	21,118	37	5,415	5,452	26,570
	5,873	37,574	43,447	37	8,072	8,109	51,556

CRAIGIE'S BRIDGE.*

June	10,230	25,425	35,655	—	—	—	35,655
July	28,453	63,605	92,058	—	—	—	92,058
August	19,885	60,855	80,740	—	—	—	80,740
	58,568	149,885	208,453	—	—	—	208,453

SPRING STREET.

July	105	1,064	1,169	—	—	—	1,169
August	1,347	15,061	16,408	550	959	1,509	17,917
	1,452	16,125	17,577	550	959	1,509	19,086

WEST BOSTON BRIDGE.

June	550	1,100	1,650	425	560	985	2,635
July	5,075	18,725	23,800	4,005	15,350	19,355	43,155
August	5,075	8,525	13,600	4,825	7,690	12,515	26,115
	10,700	28,350	39,050	9,255	23,600	32,855	71,905

WARREN BRIDGE.

June	2,873	7,215	10,088	2,290	3,790	6,080	16,168
July	8,919	15,543	24,462	7,210	8,229	15,439	39,901
August	1,318	3,000	4,318	6,591	8,930	15,521	19,839
	13,110	25,758	38,868	16,091	20,949	37,040	75,908

MAVERICK STREET.

June	288	2,686	3,974	79	1,309	1,388	5,362
July	679	7,450	8,129	268	1,887	2,155	10,284
August	648	7,950	8,598	465	2,312	2,777	11,375
	1,615	19,086	20,701	812	5,508	6,320	27,021

EAST BORDER STREET.

Season.	Men.	Boys.	Total.	Women.	Girls.	Total.	Grand Total
June	3,634	7,652	11,286	798	1,325	2,123	13,409
July	6,088	11,554	17,642	4,354	11,516	15,870	33,512
August	5,736	11,200	16,936	3,049	9,159	12,208	29,144
	15,458	30,406	45,864	8,201	22,000	30,201	76,065

CHELSEA BRIDGE.

June	1,304	5,583	6,887	957	3,300	4,257	11,144
July	3,898	13,274	17,172	3,280	8,745	12,025	29,197
August	3,427	11,346	14,773	4,582	8,185	12,767	27,540
	8,629	30,203	38,832	8,819	20,230	29,049	67,881

MALDEN BRIDGE.

June	195	1,476	1,671	1,108	4,264	5,372	7,043
July	2,985	11,358	14,343	567	2,752	3,319	17,662
August	1,506	6,124	7,630	310	2,245	2,555	10,185
	4,686	18,958	23,644	1,985	9,261	11,246	34,890

NEPONSET BRIDGE.

July	85	3,157	3,242	310	2,051	2,361	5,603
August	1,225	9,636	10,861	1,117	10,045	11,162	22,023
	1,310	12,793	14,103	1,427	12,096	13,523	27,626

L-STREET BRIDGE.

(Removed to K street.)

June	395	1,780	2,175	331	2,014	2,345	4,520
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COMMERCIAL POINT.

June	440	2,616	3,056	1,177	2,580	3,757	6,813
July	5,487	21,473	26,960	2,263	10,565	12,828	39,788
August	5,168	24,290	29,458	2,589	19,835	22,424	51,882
	11,095	48,379	59,474	6,029	32,980	39,009	98,483

CABOT STREET.

August	6,953	7,390	14,343	254	3,968	4,222	18,565
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HARVARD BRIDGE.*

September (one week only) . .	2,200	7,050	9,250	—	—	—	9,250
Totals	476,753	946,944	1,423,697	151,826	339,731	491,557	1,915,254

* For men and boys. † For women and girls.

Division 6—Alpheus W. Parker.
 Division 9—George L. Shattuck.
 Division 10—Edward T. Norton, Daniel Thompson.
 Division 13—Charles H. Bertsch.
 Division 14—John W. Lothrop.
 Division 15—Daniel H. Gould, James J. Hoy.
 Division 16—Bernard J. McNally, Nathan W. Nutting, William Scott.
 They will report at the Clerk's office, headquarters, at 9.30 o'clock, A.M., Thursday, tenth instant, to be sworn.
 This order will take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock this afternoon.

November 10, 1898.

General Order No. 550.

I. The following-named persons are hereby appointed reserve police officers of the City of Boston under the provisions of Chapter 177 of the Acts of 1887, and temporarily assigned for duty as follows:

Division 1—Thomas McTigue, John O'Neill, Michael J. Feeley, Jeremiah J. Riordan.

Division 2—Frederick M. Rooney, Vernon F. Stockman, John F. Walsh, John Worsdale.

Division 3—Linwood S. Leavitt, Wilbur

L. Melvin, Bartholomew Merchant, Patrick J. McAuliffe.

Division 4—Allen W. Alger, Malcom D. Blue, James M. Breen, William F. Cassidy.

Division 5—Norman A. Eaton, Daniel J. Gavin, Frederick G. Higgins, Howard P. Kempton.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman John J. Reilly, of Division 6, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit, neglect of duty, in that he failed to appear in court to prosecute a person whom he had arrested, the Board finds the said Patrolman Reilly guilty and sentences him to be reprimanded in General Orders.

III. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Thomas Gallagher, of Division 3, by Henry K. Stone, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit, committing an assault on the complainant, the Board finds the said Patrolman Gallagher not guilty and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

November 15, 1898.

General Order No. 551.

I. Whereas, it appears that Patrolman Edward H. Bowman, of Division 13, has performed faithful service in the Police

Department for thirteen years; that he is an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion; and that he has requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of the year 1898; it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Edward H. Bowman be retired from active service in the Police Department and placed upon the pension roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Reserve Officer Jacob S. Butler, of Division 3, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit, absence from duty without leave, the Board orders that judgment be suspended.

III. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Jeremiah A. O'Neil, of Division 6, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit, neglect of duty, in failing to pull in his "on duty" calls, the Board finds the said Patrolman O'Neil guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of five days' pay.

IV. In the matter of the complaints made against Sergeant William J. Lowery, of Division 3, by George W. Everett and George E. Goodwin, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, the Board finds the said Sergeant William J. Lowery not guilty and orders the complaints to be dismissed.

V. Section I. of this order will take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock P.M., Thursday, the seventeenth instant.

November 18, 1898.

General Order No. 552.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Reserve Officer Edward V. Doe, of Division 16, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit, neglect of duty in failing to pull in his "on duty" calls, the Board finds the said Reserve Officer Doe guilty, and sentences him to a forfeiture of five days' pay.

II. In the matter of the complaint made by Thomas J. Manning against Patrolman Edward C. Maguire, of Division 1, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, the Board orders the complaint to be dismissed without a hearing, the complainant not being ready to proceed, after having had several opportunities to do so.

According to the report of the British Foreign Office, the value of imports into the Hawaiian Islands in 1897 was \$8,871,041, an increase of \$1,679,877 over 1896; and the value of the exports was \$16,081,305, a gain of \$508,428 over the previous year. The increase in imports was noticeable in almost every article, and the increase in exports was due mainly to an increased output of sugar, of which 232,334 tons were exported, all to the United States.

Of the imports, the United States contributed 76.94 per cent., and of the exports 99.62 per cent. went to the United States.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Monday, November 21, 1898, Chairman Dyar presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Weigher of Beef.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 21, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Jacob N. Gray a Weigher of Beef, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

Removal of Constables.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 21, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby notified that William H. Kenney and John J. O'Reagan, who were appointed Constables of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1899, and approved by your Board as such, have this day been removed from the said office.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Interest on Metropolitan Water Fund.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 19, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

There is no provision at present as to the application of the interest received by the City Treasurer upon the sum of \$5,000,000, received early this year from the Metropolitan Water Commission as a payment on account of the taking by it of the water supply system of this city. I now desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying order prepared by the Corporation Counsel, prescribing the proper application of such interest.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer apply the interest, reckoned at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum, upon the money paid by the Commonwealth on account of damages caused by the taking of lands, waters and other property by the Metropolitan Water Board, as income from the water works of the city.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Sale of Brookline Reservoir.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 21, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The Town of Brookline, through the Chairman of its Board of Selectmen, has expressed a desire to open negotiations for the purchase for park purposes of the reservoir, with the land adjacent thereto, owned by this city and situated within the limits of said town, known as the "Brookline Reservoir," the right of this city to continue to use such reservoir as long as needed in connection with its water supply to be reserved in such purchase. The views of the Water Commissioner in regard to such a sale are expressed in the communication transmitted herewith, and after fully considering the matter, I am prepared to recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

In view of the desire of the Town of Brookline to settle at the present time the future use of this water basin and the land adjoining thereto, and in view of the fact that it seems that reasonable comity between adjacent municipalities requires that this city should sell property owned by it within the limits of another municipality to such town, provided that a price which seems reasonable under all the circumstances and conditions of the case is offered, rather than that such property should be divided into parcels and sold upon the market to the detriment of such town, I think that the City Council will readily recognize the equity of the case and grant the requisite authority.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, November 19, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your inquiry in regard to the Brookline Reservoir, I desire to state that this Department will have use for it for water purposes, only for the next few years, as the development of the Metropolitan Water System will, within this period, supersede the necessity of using it. It seems to me that this reservoir and the adjacent land should pass into the possession of the Town of Brookline, and I can see no reason why a sale should not be effected at the present time, if this town is ready to agree to it, subject to a reservation which will secure this city the right to use it for water purposes, as at present, as long as it may be needed.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN R. MURPHY,

Water Commissioner.

Ordered, That the Water Commissioner be authorized, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to sell the reservoir, and the lands surrounding the same, owned by this city in

connection with its water works and lying within the limits of the Town of Brookline, on such terms as said Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, may deem proper; the conveyance of such property to reserve the right to continue the use of such reservoir and lands for water purposes during such period as may be fixed by said Commissioner with the approval of the Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Transfer to Baths Department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 21, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The loan order making appropriations amounting to \$62,500 having been signed by me and gone into effect, I now desire to recommend the speedy passage of the accompanying order, transferring the sum of \$10,000 from "Baths Department, public convenience station at or near Park street," to an appropriation for the Baths Department, to meet the expense of additions to, and improvements upon, the bath-houses and bathing establishments under its charge. I regret to feel obliged to recommend any transfer which takes money from a purpose as meritorious as that of building the proposed public convenience station, which I am heartily in favor of, and have several times in the past recommended, but in view of the fact that this and the other appropriations included in this order, all of pressing importance, fully exhaust the borrowing capacity of the city, making it impossible to pass any loan, as heretofore recommended by me, to reimburse the Baths Department for money expended for permanent improvements upon its plant, thereby replenishing its maintenance appropriation and enabling the expense of maintaining the Dover-street bath-house and East Boston gymnasium to be met, it seems to be necessary to provide for these past expenditures of this Department before enabling it to enter upon any new undertaking.

At the present time, its maintenance appropriation is absolutely exhausted, and the transfer is therefore of pressing necessity. The expenditures which will be charged against this \$10,000 appropriation, if this transfer is made, are only such as can properly be charged to loan account, being for permanent improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the appropriation for "Baths Department, public convenience station at or near Park street," to an appropriation for "Baths Department, additions to, and improvements upon, bath-houses and bathing establishments."

Passed. Message and order sent down.

Summer Camp for Boys at Long Island.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 21, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith the report upon the boys' camp upon Long Island, maintained for seven weeks last summer at the expense of the city, signed by Mr. E. C. Marshall, as Executive Director, and by the members of the Advisory Committee appointed by me to have the general supervision and charge of the camp, consisting of William E. Harmon, Chairman; William C. Parker, Secretary; James F. Wise and Edith W. Marshall.

I desire, in transmitting their report, to express my hearty appreciation of the sympathetic and zealous spirit in which they entered into the novel and delicate work of this new municipal undertaking, and my general agreement with the views presented in their careful and painstaking report. I desire also to express my recognition of the readiness with which the City Council appropriated the money which made it possible to try this interesting experiment in the extension of philanthropic municipal work, and my hope that the results of the camp, as set forth in this report, will be considered by the City Council sufficiently encouraging and beneficial to warrant its continuance another year, on a considerably larger scale, and with a more carefully perfected organization.

I desire to call particular attention to the low cost of maintenance (\$1.83 per capita) at which the camp was conducted. This figure would certainly seem to indicate that, with the facilities at its command, the municipality can carry on a camp of this sort more cheaply than any private charitable organization, and that the expense is so moderate as to make it easily possible to afford a week's outing of this character to every boy of school age in the city who would not otherwise be able to enjoy a vacation outside of the city limits.

Outside of the original cost of establishing the camp, which need not amount to more than a few thousand dollars, as many as 500 boys at a time could be kept in camp for a week each during a season of ten weeks, thus affording an opportunity for this outing to as many as 5,000 boys, if so large a number were found to require it, for the sum of \$10,080. I cannot but believe that such an expenditure would be one of the most profitable which the city could make in the line of social or educational work, and the successful conduct of such an experiment would certainly give Boston a unique distinction.

Without being prepared at the present time to make any definite recommendations as to the establishment of some similar outing opportunities for girls of school age, I am ready to express my full agreement with the suggestion in this line contained in this report. The reason for starting such work for boys rather than for girls, is only that the former can be handled much more easily in camp, and that there are fewer new problems to be worked out and difficulties to be overcome than would be the case in a similar camp for girls; but logically no preference of this character should be given to children of either sex, and I have no doubt that the successful establishment of this work for boys upon a permanent basis would soon lead to the inauguration of some similar project for the young girls who are equally in need of an outing. I trust that some tentative beginning of work for them may be made during the next summer season.

I agree entirely with the emphasis placed in the report upon the educational side of the work of such a camp. It should be regarded merely as an extension of the system of public education of the young, and as affording an opportunity for giving a different kind of instruction and training—but one no less valuable, perhaps—from that which is given in the school-room. An organized course of summer instruction and training, both mental and physical, given to 500 boys at a time, even though each remained in camp for only one week, could, it seems to me, be made both interesting and valuable, and the novelty of the conditions of life and the freshness of many of the ideas which would be suggested would certainly prove stimulating to growing minds. The important place which summer instruction of the right character can occupy in a system of education is now fully recognized in connection with higher studies, and I believe that the time will soon come when the same idea will be applied in the field of elementary education, and when it will be realized that the community cannot afford to allow the effect of instruction and training, given at immense expense and effort during the school term, to be even partially lost through their complete absence during the long summer vacation.

I shall later make some specific recommendation as to an appropriation for this work for the coming summer, and as to the establishment of some permanent authority for its administration.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Accompanying the above was the report referred to. For an abstract of the report, see page 661.)

Ordered printed and sent down.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Friday, November 18, 1898, at 7.45 P.M., President Connolly in the chair.

The meeting was held in pursuance to the following call, which the Clerk read:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 14, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Friday, November 18, at 8 P.M., for the purpose of acting upon the report of the Committee on Finance, recommending the passage of a loan order for the sum of \$62,500, to provide for municipal improvements, and of acting upon such other business as may come before you.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

The following messages were received:

Asphalting of Massachusetts Avenue.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 10, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of asphalting Massachusetts avenue, from Columbus avenue to Harvard bridge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, November 4, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with enclosed request of the Common Council, I beg to report that the estimated cost of paving with asphalt Massachusetts avenue, from Columbus avenue to Harvard bridge, and regulating, is \$107,700.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

NOTE.—This does not include the cost of paying the portion occupied by the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, which should be paid by the company.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

High-water Service — Lower Mills.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 17, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Water Commissioner, in reply to your order requesting him to extend the high pressure water-service to the "Lower Mills" district, Ward 24.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, November 7, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I return the enclosed order offered in Common Council, October 13, requesting the Water Commissioner to extend the high pressure water-service to the Lower Mills district, and would report that if the request contained in my letter to you of November 3 for \$200,000 on account of additional supply of water is granted, the high pressure will be extended to the above locality at once.

Yours very truly,

JOHN R. MURPHY,

Water Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Police-Box, River Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 17, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police, stating that the Board will locate a call-box at the corner of River street and Central avenue, Dorchester, as requested in your order of October 27.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE.

Boston, November 10, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The Board of Police is in receipt of your letter of the twenty-eighth ultimo, forwarding an order of the Common Council requesting that the Police Commissioners locate a police call-box at the corner of River street and Central avenue, Dorchester, Ward 24, and in reply would say that the Board has considered the matter and has decided to locate a patrol-box at that place as requested.

Yours truly,

A. P. MARTIN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Playground Construction.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 17, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying order, accepting the provisions of Chapter 412, of the Acts of 1898, entitled "An Act to provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston," a copy of which is transmitted herewith. The only reason why I have not before called this act to the attention of the City Council, and recommended its acceptance, has been that there was not a sufficient margin within the borrowing capacity of this year to provide for the expenditure authorized by the act, and the acceptance of the act has the effect of appropriating at once any unused borrowing capacity of the city for the present year up to the amount of \$200,000. As the borrowing capacity for

the present year will be substantially exhausted when the loan order which has now passed the Common Council is approved, this reason need no longer stand in the way of the acceptance of this act, and it seems to me very desirable that it should be accepted by the present City Council, in order that work may at once begin under it.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered; That the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of Chapter 412 of the Acts of the year 1898, entitled "An Act to provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston." (See THE CITY RECORD, page 460.)

The order was assigned to the next meeting.

HOUSES ORDERED VACATED.

The following table shows the number of houses ordered vacated by the Board of Health during each month, for a period of twenty-five years:

YEAR.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Totals.
1874.....	-	-	-	-	29	9	8	3	1	1	-	-	51
1875.....	1	-	3	26	12	19	8	12	14	24	6	11	136
1876.....	1	6	7	25	2	5	17	15	4	2	-	-	84
1877.....	-	1	1	7	22	55	26	101	27	30	14	3	287
1878.....	4	-	9	11	3	5	4	35	9	21	10	1	112
1879.....	-	3	5	12	12	24	14	22	11	4	-	2	109
1880.....	1	5	11	13	10	15	15	17	24	6	15	11	143
1881.....	16	17	27	24	16	14	23	12	12	4	28	17	210
1882.....	8	-	11	6	7	18	16	21	17	16	6	4	130
1883.....	3	-	2	5	9	5	9	5	12	6	4	4	64
1884.....	3	2	3	6	5	8	14	32	39	2	6	47	167
1885.....	21	4	22	69	57	24	10	5	15	15	23	11	276
1886.....	11	2	5	24	38	18	26	12	4	9	1	-	150
1887.....	1	-	3	13	4	12	5	15	7	9	8	-	77
1888.....	2	12	3	27	7	11	15	1	7	7	5	8	105
1889.....	8	4	14	10	19	14	14	30	8	12	12	8	153
1890.....	2	18	16	7	13	12	2	8	2	6	5	-	91
1891.....	8	-	6	5	8	4	27	11	1	18	7	3	98
1892.....	2	31	12	9	11	4	1	8	7	9	13	-	107
1893.....	5	4	15	12	21	6	17	10	14	11	1	1	117
1894.....	15	3	1	5	26	17	13	2	-	4	2	2	90
1895.....	5	12	5	8	19	6	8	5	6	20	9	5	108
1896.....	7	2	3	11	4	19	11	29	9	4	14	9	122
1897.....	3	1	11	17	25	27	13	7	7	1	5	2	119
1898.....	12	17	22	10	40	7	11	18	30	-	-	-	167
Totals.	139	144	217	362	419	358	327	436	287	241	194	149	3,273

A law has been passed in Vienna forbidding the washing of windows by servant girls, unless some contrivance insuring perfect safety be used during the work.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved November 16, 1898:

Ordered, That the Webb School-house, East Boston, be transferred from the custody of the Street Commissioners to the care and control of the School Committee; the said building being needed for school purposes.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and is hereby, authorized, in the name and behalf of the city, and for a nominal consideration, to release unto William G. Wilson and all persons claiming title under him, according to their respective interests, all the right, title and interest of the City of Boston, if any it has, in and to the land in Framingham, described in a mortgage deed from said Wilson to said city, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 677, page 345; the object of this release being to perfect the title to said land in the present owners, and to take the place of a former deed given by said city, and said to have been lost or destroyed before record.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to repay to James McCabe the sum of \$1,400, being the amount paid by him for a liquor license granted to Henry A. Kelly & Co., but not issued by the Board of Police.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved November 16, 1898:

Permits to project bay-windows, viz.:

Samuel B. Doggett, one window, 276 Tremont street, Ward 7; B. J. Connolly, one window over the corner of Northampton and Roosevelt streets, Ward 12.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

To A. J. Landry, sign, at 51 Temple place, Ward 7.

To Augustus Green, V-shaped sign, at 11 Bradford street, Ward 9.

To Charles Hilton, transparency, at 37 Howard street, Ward 6.

To James J. Gaffney, sign, at 9 Merchants row, Ward 6.

To Mrs. L. M. Bacon, illuminated sign, at 39 Washington street, Ward 6.

To H. Zarling, lantern, at 52 South Margin street, Ward 8.

To John F. Green, transparency, at 390-396 Hanover street, Ward 6.

To David B. Shaw, transparency, at Medford street, opposite Monument street, Ward 3.

To H. E. Morine, illuminated sign, at 538D Tremont street, Ward 9.

To H. W. Mander, sign, at 975 Boylston street, Ward 11.

To Charles E. Sears, transparency, at 43 Battery street, Ward 6.

To Thomas Hall & Son, drum-sign, at 79 Franklin street, corner Arch street, Ward 7.

To Frank Blake Webster Company, sign, at 144 Friend street, Ward 6.

To P. William Firth, illuminated showcase, at 13 Meridian street, Ward 2.

To C. Frank Cantwell, campaign transparency, at 237 Meridian street, Ward 1.

To Max Schlanger, two signs, at 40 School street, Ward 7.

To Walter F. Pitt, transparency, at 2 Charter street, Ward 6.

To Alexander Klein, sign, at 229 Atlantic avenue, Ward 6.

Order authorizing the City Treasurer to pay allowances of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families residing in Boston, and to continue the payment to the said persons until otherwise ordered by the Board, unless the person named shall become ineligible to receive said aid.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks on certain streets in front of certain named estates; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone with granite edgestone, unless otherwise specified, the owner to furnish said material, viz.:

Calvin M. Nichols, 121 Park street, Ward 20.

C. Everett Clark & Co., Beach street, corner Utica street, Ward 7.

John F. McNamee, 25 Cambridge street, Ward 8.

John Marshall Barry, 2A and 4A Milford street, Ward 9.

William F. Eaton, 191 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 10.

John Luchini, 6 Vale street, Ward 15.

Hugh Duffy, 865-867 Dorchester avenue, Ward 16.

G. L. Davidson, 34 Greenbrier street, Ward 20.

J. Scheffreen, 336-342 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 20.

Christopher J. Spenceley, 1899-1907 Columbus avenue, Ward 23.

M. M. Herbert, 9-11-13 Brookfield street, Ward 23.

Charles J. Belknap, 9-11-13-15 Milton avenue, Ward 24.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Moses W. Merrill and James Monson to lay, maintain and use a one and one-quarter-inch iron pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of estate Nos. 39 and 41 Portland street, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, and done on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Gately to lay, maintain and use a six-inch iron pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of estate on the corner of South and Keyes streets, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, of Massachusetts, to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at

points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated November 11, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Walnut avenue, thirteen poles, thirty-five feet by twelve inches; width of sidewalk, ten feet.

Humboldt avenue, thirty-eight poles; thirty-five feet by twelve inches; width of sidewalk, ten feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, of Massachusetts, to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, dated August 13, 1896; said poles to be located as follows:

Blue Hill avenue, one pole, forty feet by fourteen inches; width of sidewalk, fifteen feet.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, of Massachusetts, to remove one pole from Blue Hill avenue and eight poles from Joy street, said poles being shown by dots marked "remove" on plans made by C. A. Perkins, dated August 13, 1896, and November, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to J. Albert Monroe the sum of \$70.50, in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs, September 9, 1898; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to George W. Robinson the sum of \$4, in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs, August 29, 1898; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to George E. Godfrey the sum of \$11.25, in compensation for the loss of ducks killed by dogs, August 26, 1898; said sums to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

The following were approved November 17, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Solicitor proceed in the courts against Mixer Brothers and all other persons who shall be reported to him, by the Wire Commissioner, as having laid wires above or below ground without authority from this Board, and stop the use and cause the removal of such wires.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Hopkins street, between Evans and Corbet streets, to all team travel during sewer construction on said street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, to close the roadway on Dartmouth street, at the bridge, for a distance of 400 feet, to all public travel, during the time necessary for bridge and street construction in connection with their work of track construction under said bridge.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington, dated October 4, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Parker street, three poles, forty feet high by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

Eustis street, two poles, forty feet high by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

Dearborn street, two poles, forty feet high by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

Westminster street, one pole, forty feet high by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Columbus avenue, two poles, forty-five feet high by fifteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, thirteen feet.

Centre street, eleven poles, forty feet high by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet.

Amory street, one pole, forty feet high by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Green street, one pole, forty feet high by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The next regular meeting of the Common Council will be held on Thursday evening, December 1, 1898, at 7.45 o'clock.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of imports and exports, together with the entrance and clearance of foreign vessels, and the number of passengers arrived at the Port of Boston during the month of October, 1898, as compared with the corresponding month in 1897:

	Imports.		Exports.	
October, 1898 . . .	\$3,379,938		\$10,572,418	
October, 1897 . . .	3,911,371		9,038,501	
	Entered.		Cleared.	
Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
October, 1898 . . .	144	154,049	162	146,507
October, 1897 . . .	192	163,873	176	139,183
Passengers arrived, October, 1898 . . .	2,494			
Passengers arrived, October, 1897 . . .	1,744			

Awards of Contracts.

School Committee.

Proposals for building the Munroe-street School-house received by the Committee on New Buildings on November 14, 1898, are as follows:

BUILDING.

C. A. Dodge & Co.	\$53,760
McNeil Brothers	51,000
Lord Brothers	49,673
Connery & Wentworth	49,300
Edward Lynch & Co.	48,547
L. K. Marston	48,512
George G. Baker	48,182
John McNamara & Sons	44,973

PLUMBING.

William N. McKenna	\$3,170
Pierce & Pierce	2,985
Pierce & Cox	2,797
James Tucker & Sons	2,695
Isaac N. Tucker	2,646
Huey Brothers	2,527

The contract for building was awarded to John McNamara & Sons.

The contract for plumbing was awarded to Huey Brothers.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for work have been opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as follows:

Macadam road in Middleton street; bids opened November 14:

Bidders.	Bids.
Philip Doherty	\$1,175 40
P. McGovern	1,185 01
James McGovern	1,237 30
Collins & Ham	1,522 05
D. E. Lynch	2,084 00

The contract was awarded to Philip Doherty.

Sewer in Wachusett street; bids opened November 14:

J. P. O'Connell	\$827 00
McDowell & Sons	915 00
D. E. Lynch	1,042 85

The contract was awarded to J. P. O'Connell.

Repairs on pumping engines at the Pumping Station, Calf Pasture; bids opened November 14:

Lockwood Manufacturing Com- pany	\$32,486 00
Bertelson & Peterson	39,967 85
George F. Blake Manufacturing Company	40,001 20
Atlantic Works	43,032 00
Builders Iron Foundry	43,209 00
J. P. Morris & Co.	50,990 75

The contract was awarded to the Lockwood Manufacturing Company.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

City Hall, November 15, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Trustees, in City Hall, on Friday, November 11, at 2 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Falton and Hersey.

Bills to the amount of \$622.85 were approved.

A communication was received from the Civil Service Commissioners in reference to the examination of Miss Nellie V. Norton, and in accordance with the result of the examination the Board voted that Miss Norton be registered with the Civil Service Commission as Clerk, under Class 2, and as Assistant Secretary, with a salary to be noted to the Commissioners later.

Voted, That Mr. Albert E. Smith be elected Secretary, with a salary of \$1,000 per annum, in place of Miss Norton, resigned.

NELLIE V. NORTON, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

Boston, November 10, 1898.

A special meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the office of Mr. A. Shuman on November 10, 1898, at 11.30 A.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Keany and Rueter.

A letter from His Honor the Mayor, consenting to the incurring of further expenses on behalf of soldier patients, was read and ordered to be placed on file.

The President reported that he had received for the hospital a check for \$65,000, from A. F. Estabrook and C. H. Watson, executors of the estate of Thomas T. Wyman, being on account of the residuary bequest to the Boston City Hospital under the will of Thomas T. Wyman, late of Boston, deceased. It was voted that the bequest be accepted, and the receipt of said check be acknowledged, and that the fund derived from said bequest be known as the "Wyman Building Fund."

It was voted that the above-mentioned check for \$65,000 be deposited with the Treasurer of the City of Boston, to be taken by him as the "Wyman Building Fund," to be appropriated by the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, under the terms of said will.

It was voted that Mr. A. Shuman, President of the Trustees of the City Hospital, is hereby authorized to endorse, on behalf of the Boston City Hospital, the check for \$65,000 from A. F. Estabrook and C. H. Watson, executors.

A communication was received from Roger T. Atkinson, resigning his position as interne in the pathological service of the hospital. It was voted that the same be accepted.

A communication was received from Dr. D. W. Cheever, announcing that Drs. George W. Gay and M. F. Gavin were appointed a committee on the part of the surgical staff, in the matter of opening the

new surgical department. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from his Honor the Mayor, directing that all men in the employ of the City Hospital be allowed half-holidays on election days, without loss of pay. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

A report was received from the medical registrar, upon the records under his charge. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street, on November 10, 1898.

Present: Mrs. Howard, Messrs. Connelly and Sanderson, Dr. Knapp. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Connelly was elected Chairman-pro tempore.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$3,539.13 for Austin Farm and \$2,128.98 for Pierce Farm, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for the amounts.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$2,230.07 for Austin Farm and \$1,429.59 for Pierce Farm, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for the amounts.

The Superintendent presented his report, which was accepted and placed on file.

A letter was read from the Law Department saying that it had been advised to award Mary Powers, the laundress who injured her hand at Austin Farm, \$500 in settlement of her claim for damages, and that it should be paid from the Reserve Fund.

It was voted to ask the State Board of Insanity to transfer Archibald Mills to the Hospital for Insane Criminals.

The case of William B. Woodman was referred to the medical members of the Board, to confer with the Superintendent with regard to his mental condition and to decide whether he should be removed.

The Visiting Committee recommended additions to the patients' library at the hospital; the establishment of a medical library for the use of the physicians; that a vault should be built to contain the old records, commitment papers, etc., where they might be safe from fire; and that a proper mortuary should be established.

The recommendations were referred to the appropriate committees, with authority to make suitable provision.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds were authorized to make provision for an additional gasoline pump at Pierce Farm and Turkish baths at both institutions.

The Committee on Supplies were authorized to purchase fifty barrels of sugar, two tons of curled hair, five thousand feet of spruce plank, a barrel of alcohol, a barrel of whiskey, a barrel of sherry, a graphophone and a magic lantern for entertainments.

The following changes in employees were reported: Austin Farm, Bertha Worthing, attendant, salary advanced to \$20 a month; Amos E. Goodale appointed special attendant at a salary of \$50 a month; Thomas Howlett and Alfred Wheaton appointed

attendants in place of Thomas W. Rapier and John J. MacKillop; Nellie T. Penney, table girl, has left the service.

Pierce Farm: Charles W. Rafuse, attendant, salary advanced to \$25 a month; Daniel T. Ferguson and Isaac W. Paul appointed attendants in place of E. C. Lawrence and T. W. Edgerly; Thomas White appointed farm attendant in place of Angus McDonnell.

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, November 4, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln and the Librarian.

Communications received: From the Mayor, dated October 29 and November 4, with reference to the old Library Building, also circular No. 48; from Thomas Hills, Esq., dated October 28, with reference to the building occupied by the South Boston Branch; the Auditor's monthly exhibit; the Librarian's report.

Voted, That Mr. Solomon Lincoln, Vice-President of the Trustees, cancel the lease for the old Public Library Building, upon the terms recommended by the Mayor.

Voted, That at the suggestion of the Mayor, Mr. John Drohan, Superintendent of Public Buildings, be appointed the agent of this Board to take the charge, custody and care of the old Public Library Building, with the right, subject to the approval of this Board, by its President or Vice-President, to allow temporary use of the main hall therein for meetings, etc., such agent to serve without pay, and no expense to be incurred by him payable by the Library Department.

Employed: Paul J. Schnabel, in Grade E, of the issue department, at a salary of \$3.50 per week, beginning November 2; William D. Kelly, West End Branch, Grade D, runner division, at a salary of \$5 per week, beginning November 4; Irene E. Henderson, West Roxbury Branch, Grade E, at a salary of \$4 per week, beginning November 4.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$483.96; to trust funds, books and photographs, \$626.10; to Station "F," \$3.26; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$7.18; miscellaneous articles, \$511.83.

The Librarian reported various gifts, among them two of special importance, from the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, for which special acknowledgment was made.

Application for special privilege card was received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Overseeing of Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held November 2, 1898, at 3 o'clock.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Mrs. Wolcott, Mr. Mullen, Miss Rogers, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Sproules, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Kerrigan, Mr. Day, Dr. Campbell and Miss O'Brien.

Certificates of the election of J. Homer Pierce and Thomas Sproules as members of

the Board were received and read, and Messrs. Pierce and Sproules were duly sworn by the Chairman.

The committee to nominate a Treasurer presented the name of Richard C. Humphreys.

On motion of Mr. Sproules, it was

Voted, That the new Treasurer when elected give a bond of \$25,000, and the Chairman was authorized to arrange the details of the bond.

A ballot for Treasurer resulted in the unanimous election of Richard C. Humphreys.

Voted, That the Treasurer-elect begin his term of service on November 21.

A communication was received from the family of the late Treasurer, expressing gratification for the assurance of the respect and affection of the members of the Board for Mr. Lincoln, and their appreciation of his services.

On motion of Mr. Sproules, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Board be tendered to Richard C. Humphreys for his valuable services while a member of the Board.

Voted, To draw on the city treasury for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending October 10.

The following committees were nominated by the Chairman and confirmed by the Board.

Investigation and Relief—Messrs. Fowler and Sproules, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Wolcott, Mrs. Thorndike, Messrs. Mullen and Stuart.

Finance and Accounts—Messrs. Day, Mullen and Pierce.

Employments and Settlements—Mrs. Thorndike, Mr. Day and Miss O'Brien.

Supplies—Messrs. Fowler, Sproules and Kerrigan.

Temporary Home—Miss Rogers, Mrs. Wolcott and Mr. Sproules.

Lodge for Wayfarers and the Woodyard—Mr. Fowler, Miss Rogers and Mr. Kerrigan. Building—Mr. Sproules, Miss Rogers and Dr. Campbell.

Real Estate—Mr. Mullen, Miss O'Brien and Mr. Pierce.

Medical Affairs—Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Thorndike and Dr. Stuart.

Burials—Dr. Stuart, Miss O'Brien and Dr. Campbell.

Boylston Education Fund Beneficiaries—Mrs. Wolcott, Mrs. Thorndike and Mr. Pierce.

Holton Funds—Messrs. Day and Mullen.

Voted, That the list of committees be printed in the usual form for the use of the Board.

A copy of the records of the regular Quarterly Conference of the Institutions Trustees, held September 30, was received and placed on file.

The Committee on Finance reported having examined the securities in the trunk formerly in charge of our late Treasurer, and found them to correspond with the list printed in the Annual Report of the Board. The trunk was placed in charge of the Treasurer pro tempore.

The action was approved.

The same committee reported having examined the accounts for the month of October and found them to be correct.

The Committee on Supplies reported having contracted for fuel for delivery to the poor in the coming winter.

On recommendation of the Committee on Supplies, it was

Voted, That from November 1 the salary of William C. Smith, assistant storekeeper, be at the rate of \$14 per week, and that from January 1, 1899, the salary of Edward F. Kenney be at the rate of \$12 per week, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read by Miss Rogers and ordered placed on file. On recommendation of the committee, it was voted that Mrs. Maria E. Kilduff be employed as night watch.

The report of the Lodge and Woodyard was read by the Chairman and ordered placed on file.

The Committee on Building reported that quite extensive repairs had been found necessary on the roof, which were now nearly completed.

Dr. Stuart reported for the Medical Committee the results of one month's action under the new rules with regard to medical relief in Charlestown, the physician has made twenty-eight visits, and there has been a large decrease in cost of medicines. The question regulating the prices charged for medicines by the Charlestown apothecaries was left to the Medical Committee with full power.

On recommendation of the Committee on Building, it was

Voted, That the Soldiers' Relief Department be charged for expense of heating, lighting and cleaning rooms occupied by it in Charity Building.

Voted, That the Committee on Building be authorized during the serious illness of the engineer, Mr. Connelly, to employ a substitute if found to be necessary.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held November 7, 1898:

Voted, That the City Trust Safe Deposit and Surety Company be accepted as bondsman under the contract with the Boston Bridge Works, and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract.

Executive Circular No. 49, directing that half-holidays be allowed all men in the employ of the city on the days of the State and city elections, without loss of pay, as part compensation for their services, was received, and it was

Voted, That the usual half-holiday be granted to the men in this Department, in accordance with the Mayor's request.

The Superintendent was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for building a wall on Prince and Perkins streets, where foundations are now being built, also for building a wall on the Seaver-street side of Franklin Park.

The Superintendent was authorized to fill the hole on Peter's Hill drive, where Bussey street will cross, to permit of its connection with South street.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, November 8, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending November 8, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	2	
2...	-	3	-	-	-	1	3	-	3	1	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	
4...	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	2	
5...	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	2	
6...	-	9	-	-	-	11	6	6	34		
7...	2	6	-	-	-	9	2	6	46		
8...	-	1	-	1	-	1	4	1	4	9	
9...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	21	
10...	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	31		
11...	-	-	1	-	-	1	4	11	34		
12...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	21	
13...	-	3	-	1	-	3	4	2	-	4	
14...	2	1	1	1	-	2	4	1	4	6	
15...	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	
16...	3	4	2	-	-	4	3	2	3	3	
17...	6	2	-	-	8	3	2	5	9		
18...	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	4		
19...	5	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	6	
20...	3	4	-	-	12	2	5	7	14		
21...	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	10		
22...	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	5		
23...	6	1	2	-	-	4	2	1	11	8	
24...	2	3	3	-	-	1	2	1	7	13	
25...	2	-	1	-	-	3	4	10	8		
T'ls..	44	43	11	4	9	26	64	37	113	298	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, November 14, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending November 12, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	104
Number of discharges of mortgages	17
Number of bills of sale	6
Number of assignments of mortgages	7
Number of assignments of wages	25
Number of married women's certificates	5
Number of ship liens	3
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	4

An accident notice was filed November 9, 1898, by A. Kidder Page, M.D., on account of alleged injury to carriage on Williams street, caused by trench in the street.

A notice was filed November 12 by Elizabeth McIntyre, for personal injuries received from an alleged defect in Broadway, South Boston.

City Hall, November 21, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending November 19, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	95
Number of discharges of mortgages	17
Number of bills of sale	2
Number of assignments of mortgages	10
Number of assignments of wages	48
Number of married women's certificates	5
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3

An accident notice was filed November 16, by Mary T. O'Brien, for personal injuries from alleged defect in Broadway, South Boston.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, November 12, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Fred R. Brown, rear 137 High street, Ward 3, for three additional horses (eighteen in all); hearing November 17, at 11 o'clock.
Ellen E. Murphy, Kilton street, near Wheatland avenue, Ward 20, two additional horses (five in all); hearing November 17, at 11 o'clock.
Adams Express Company, Village street, Ward 9, seventy-five additional horses (250 in all); hearing November 17, at 11 o'clock.
Frederick Ayer, Grosvenor place, Ward 21, 125 horses; hearing November 23, at 11 o'clock.

The petitions of Conrad Young and A. C. Chisholm, for the occupancy of stables on 466 Beech street, Ward 23, and 8 Schuyler street, Ward 21, respectively, were granted.

The petition of Thomas O'Leary, for the occupancy of a stable at 40 Calumet street, Ward 22, for one cow, was rejected.

On November 9, it was unanimously voted that this Board adjudges that the public health requires that the passageway between Newbury and Boylston streets, from Gloucester street to the dead end, be drained and repaved, and that the matter be referred to the Board of Street Commissioners for its action, as authorized by Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898.

On November 11, it was voted that in the opinion of the Board of Health, the building situated at 46 Salem street and 46 Cross street, in this city is, because of age, defects in ventilation, plumbing and drainage, likely to cause sickness among its occupants, and is so unfit for habitation that the evils in, or caused by said building, cannot be remedied by repairs or in any other way except by the destruction thereof, and this Board therefore orders said building to be vacated by all persons.

On November 11, it was voted that the lower floors of premises 1 to 6 Canny place and 1 to 3 Washington place be vacated, by reason of their want of air, light and ventila-

tion, and because of offensive water-closets in the cellar.

It was also voted that, in the opinion of the Board of Health, the buildings situated at numbers 1 to 9 Oliver court, in this city, are, because of age, defects in ventilation, plumbing and drainage, likely to cause sickness among their occupants, and are so unfit for habitation that the evils in, or caused by said buildings, cannot be remedied by repairs or in any other way except by the destruction thereof, and this Board therefore orders said buildings to be vacated by all persons.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending November 11:

Steers	252
New England cows	18
New England bulls	9
Sheep	190
Calves	368
Total	837

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending November 12:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	20	15	35
Negative	48	44	92
No growth	2	1	3
Totals	70	60	130

Remarks—Typhoid diagnoses: five cases, two cases positive, two cases negative and one case unsatisfactory.

Old Court House, November 19, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Ellen L. O'Leary, Darling street, Ward 19, one cow; hearing November 23, at 11 o'clock.
Frederick Ayer, Grosvenor place, Ward 21, 125 horses; hearing November 23, at 11 o'clock.
George B. Boutwell, rear 185 Medford street, Ward 3, three horses; hearing November 23, at 11 o'clock.
David McIntire, 246 Boston street, Ward 16, two horses; hearing December 1, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Fred R. Brown, rear 137 High street, Ward 3, three additional horses (eighteen in all).
E. Noyes Whitcomb, Cheney street, Ward 21, three horses.
Ellen E. Murphy, Kilton street, Ward 20, two additional horses (five in all).

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for week ending November 18:

Steers	228
New England cows	45
New England bulls	11
Sheep	166
Calves	431
Hogs	79
Total	960

During the past week 410 pounds of tuberculous beef have been condemned.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending November 19, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	20	26	46
Negative	55	43	98
No growth	1	2	3
Totals	76	71	147

Remarks: Typhoid diagnoses, ten cases; three cases positive, five cases negative, two cases unsatisfactory.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, November 7, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending November 5, 1898:

Cases pending	3	
Number of applications	98	
Number of admissions:		101
To State Almshouse	41	
Long Island Almshouse	26	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	5	
Boston Insane Hospital,	2	
Foxboro' Asylum	2	
Westboro' Insane Hos-		
pital	5	
Number of applications refused,		81
Number of applications with-		4
drawn	10	
Cases pending	6	
Legal settlements investigated,		101
		107

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont street, November 7, 1898.

Statistics for week ending November 5:

	Deer Island	South Boston	
	House of	House of	
	Correction.	Correction.	
Commitments:			
Males	152		5
Females	34		1
Totals	186		6
Offences:			
Against the person	6		1
Against property	19		4
Against public order and			
decency	165		1
Totals	*190		6
Discharges:			
Males	215		11
Females	33		4
Totals	248		15
How discharged:			
Expiration of sentence	161		13
Permit of Commissioner,	51		0
Payment of fine	36		2
Totals	248		15
Population:			
October 31, 1898	1,590		531
Committed since October			
31	186		6
Totals	1,776		537
Discharged since October			
31	248		15
November 5, 1898	1,528		522

* Four committed, charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending November 19, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.8
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897,	18.9
Number of deaths:	
Males	122
Females	100
Total	222
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	188
Increase	34

Of the 222 decedents, 215 were white and 7 colored; 145 were born in the United States, 74 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 43 were of American parentage, 162 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 17 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	38	3
Scarlatina	34	1
Typhoid fever	11	1
Measles	73	0
Totals	156	5

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	30
Pneumonia	39
Whooping-cough	3
Heart disease	18
Bronchitis	14
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	14
Total from principal causes	122
Total from infectious diseases	5
Total from other causes	95
Total from all causes	222

Deaths of children under 1 year	45
Deaths of children under 5 years	67
Deaths of persons over 60 years	45
Deaths in public institutions	57

MUNICIPAL CONCERT.

The next weekly municipal concert of the series will be given in Curtis Hall, Jamaica Plain, on Tuesday evening, November 29, at 8 o'clock. The Municipal String Quartet and a soloist will be in attendance, and the concert will be free to all. Tickets may be obtained at the office of the Music Department, 64 Pemberton square.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday afternoon, November 28, at 3 o'clock.

The State Department at Washington has received information from the Minister to China that the port of Tsin-Tau (Kiau-Chau) has been opened as a free port.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 16, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Thane street, Dorchester, be laid out as a highway from Athelwold street to the junction of Harvard and School streets, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the thirtieth day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 21, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that the stream or water-course at Dorchester, known as Franklin Park Brook, be located anew from Blue Hill avenue to Talbot avenue, and that any parts of the original channel from which said water-course may be diverted between said points be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the sixth day of December, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

Notice to Contractors—Sealed bids for building Section A of the East Boston tunnel, in Maverick square (the section consisting of about 139 feet of open incline and 233 feet of two-track subway), will be received at the office of the Boston Transit Commission, 20 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., till 12 o'clock M., of Tuesday, December 13, 1898. Plans can be seen and specifications and forms of contract can be obtained at 20 Beacon street, fifth floor.

A bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum of 20 per cent. of the amount. The commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and reserves the right to award the contract as it deems for the best interest of the City of Boston. GEORGE G. CROCKER, Chairman, CHARLES H. DALTON, THOMAS J. GARGAN, GEORGE F. SWAIN, HORACE G. ALLEN, Boston Transit Commission; H. A. CARSON, Chief Engineer; B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, November 19, 1898.

The Fire Commissioner petitions for permission to relocate ten (10) poles for fire-alarm service on Savin Hill avenue, Ward 20, at such points as are indicated by white dots upon a plan drawn by the construction force of the Fire Alarm Branch, dated November 19, 1898, poles to be thirty-five feet high and twelve inches in diameter at the base; sidewalk, six feet wide.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 21, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

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Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited to leave at the office of the Trustees for Children of the City of Boston, 32 Tremont street, before 12 o'clock M., of November 25, 1898, proposals for erecting and completing a wooden school building at the Parental School in West Roxbury.

A bond of \$4,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the same, and leave with it at said office a certified check for \$500, payable to the City of Boston, the check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. All proposals so filled and left with check, and no other, will at said time and place be publicly opened and read. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

H. A. LAMB,

Chairman of the Trustees for Children of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 21, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a part of Atlantic avenue (formerly Cove street) be discontinued from the westerly side thereof, between East street and Kneeland street, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the sixth day of December, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 16, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Athelwold street, Dorchester, be widened, at the corner of School street, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the thirtieth day of November, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Boston, November 19, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

South street, near Fletcher street, Ward 23 (two poles). Also to remove a pole from South street, near Fletcher street, Ward 23.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 21, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Jamaica Plain News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSALS FOR BULKHEAD AND FILLING.

Contractors are invited to leave at the office of the Boston Park Commissioners, Jamaica Park, Boston, before 3 o'clock P.M., of Monday, December 5, 1898, proposals for filling and building a bulkhead at the Fens, between Beacon street and Harbor Commissioners' line. A bond of \$4,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the same, and leave with it at said office a certified check for \$500 payable to the City of Boston, the check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. All proposals so filled out and left with check, and no other, will at said time and place be publicly opened and read. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,

LABAN PRATT,

Park Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSALS FOR WALL.

Contractors are invited to leave at the office of the Boston Park Commissioners, Jamaica Park, Boston, before 3 o'clock P.M., of Monday, December 5, 1898, proposals for building a wall of quarry faced granite or seam faced Roxbury stone, at Jamaica Park. A bond of \$2,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the same, and leave with it at said office a certified check for \$300 payable to the City of Boston, the check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. All proposals so filled out and left with check, and no other, will at said time and place be publicly opened and read. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,

LABAN PRATT,

Park Commissioners.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, November 8, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Columbia road, from Blue Hill avenue to Edward Everett square, together with all necessary turnouts, cross-overs, switches and connections, and with curves connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Blue Hill avenue, Washington, Stoughton, Hancock and Dudley streets; all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated October 17, 1898, and filed with said Board.

Also to construct, maintain and use double tracks from the junction of said Columbia road and Edward Everett square, connecting with the tracks above petitioned for, thence extending through Boston street, to and connecting with the company's tracks on Dorchester avenue with curves connecting with the company's tracks on Dorchester street; all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated November 7, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

Also for leave to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on all said new tracks, and to erect, maintain and lay the poles, wires, appliances and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,

By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,

By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the fifth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, November 8, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company, by its attorney, the Boston Elevated Railway Company, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use temporarily a single track on Howell street, and also on Bellflower street, between Boston street and Dorchester avenue, connecting on Dorchester avenue with the existing tracks of said company, and connecting on Boston street with tracks for which a permanent location has been asked of your said Board; all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated November 8, 1898, and filed herewith. The tracks petitioned for on Boston street being shown by red dotted lines on said plan.

Also that consent and permission be granted to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of the company's cars on said temporary location on Howell and Bellflower streets, to erect, lay and maintain the poles, wires, appliances and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

Said temporary locations are petitioned for to be used by said company during the progress of the work of changing the grade and relocating the tracks of the Old Colony Railroad where the same cross Dorchester avenue.

West End Street Railway Company,

By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,

By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 14, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the fifth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 18, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Trinity place be laid out as a highway from St. James avenue to Stuart street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the second day of December, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, November 18, 1898.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 of the Old Court House, on Friday, November 25, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., as to the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in a territory now shown on plans numbered U 8, 13, 28, 29, 32, 33, made by them; said territory is bounded, approximately, by Dorchester and Vinton streets, the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, Crescent and Dorchester avenues, Columbia road, Boston and Howell streets, and Dorchester avenue.

JOHN P. DORE,

JOHN H. DUANE,

GEORGE H. INNIS,

Street Commissioners.



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Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.
The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

At its meeting held on Monday, November 28, 1898, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the appointment, by His Honor the Mayor, of Jacob N. Gray, to be a Weigher of Beef, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

DEATH OF DANIEL W. JONES.

Mr. Daniel W. Jones, Master of the Lowell School, Roxbury, died at his home in that district on Sunday, November 27, 1898, after a brief illness. His funeral was held on Wednesday, November 30, 1898, at Dr. DeNormandie's church, Eliot square, Roxbury.

Mr. Jones was born in Lee, N.H., in 1829, and was graduated from the Lancaster Normal School. For a time he was a teacher in Portsmouth, N.H.

On September 16, 1859, the School Committee of the City of Roxbury elected Mr. Jones to be Principal of the Comins School. After the annexation of Roxbury by Boston Mr. Jones was continued at the head of the Comins School, until by vote of the School Committee, on June 30, 1874, he was

transferred to the mastership of the then newly organized Lowell School, in which capacity he continued to serve the city till the time of his death.

Mr. Jones was the father of Councilman Jones, of Ward 21.

HEARING ON DISPOSITION OF THE FRANKLIN FUND.

The final public hearing was given by the Board of Managers of the Franklin Fund on Friday, November 25, on the question of rescinding the vote of December 28, 1893, whereby the managers of the fund appropriated that portion of it available to the City of Boston for the establishment of a "Franklin Trades School."

The matter is now under consideration by the Board of Managers.

REPORT OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

The report of the Street Department for the year 1897, recently issued as "Document 34, 1898," consists of two parts. Part I., containing the reports of the Superintendent of Streets and of the Executive Engineer, numbers 86 pages. In Part II., which is entitled "Appendices," and numbers 394 pages, are contained detailed reports from seven deputy superintendents, the report of the City Engineer on Special Work, and the report of the Chief Smoke Inspector. The volume contains a plan showing the avenues under construction in 1896-1898, and thirteen illustrations. The report for 1896 contained 488 pages, eighteen illustrations and two plans.

Following is a summary of the report for 1897:

The gross expenditures of the department for the year ending January 31, 1898, amounted to \$4,877,116.99, an increase of \$187,738.20 over the gross expenditures of 1896. Under gross expenditures are included (1) current expenses and (2) expenditures under special appropriations which amounted in 1897 to (1) \$2,245,816.68 and (2) \$2,631,300.31, respectively—the corresponding figures for 1896 were (1)

\$2,134,944.49 and (2) \$2,554,434.30. Current expenses for 1897 show an increase over like expenses or cost of maintenance in 1896 of \$110,872.19.

For table showing the comparative cost of maintenance, i.e., current expenses of the Street Department, by divisions, for the five years ending January 31, 1898, see page 674.

The total number of persons eligible for employment in the several divisions at the end of the fiscal year 1897-98 was 3,384, of which number 3,089 were on the pay-roll for January, 1898.

Some indication of the extent and variety of the work in charge of the Street Department is afforded by Superintendent Wells' table, showing the number and grade of his subordinates by divisions. The total personnel, numbering 3,089, is distributed under 74 titles, designating occupations.

Of occupation-groups that embrace forty or more individual employees there are thirteen, viz.: Laborers and assistants, 1,328; teamsters, 316; sweepers, 168; ledgemen, 86; inspectors, 84; engineers and assistants, 80; rodmen, 70; sub-foremen, 64; boys, 54; carpenters and assistants, 52; masons, 43; messengers, 41; watchmen, 40; or 2,426 in all. There are left 663 employees belonging to sixty-one groups, which number from one to thirty-five persons each.

The total number of employees in the several divisions of the department, in the years 1896 and 1897, respectively, are shown in the following tabular presentation:

	DIVISIONS.								
	Central Office.	Paving.	Sewer.	Sanitary.	Street Cleaning.	Ferry.	Bridge.	Street Watering.	Total.
1896 . .	8	815	792	486	318	159	127	3	2,708
1897 . .	5	915	1,033	490	365	160	117	1	3,089
Increase or Decrease in 1897.	-3	+100	+241	+4	+47	+1	-10	+1	+381

The total length of public streets on January 31, 1898, was 471.19 miles.

There were laid out and accepted by the Street Commissioners during the year. 11.38 linear miles; 24,874 square feet were discontinued; corrections to previous measurements on account of revision and correction of previous tables from all causes show an increase of 0.69 miles; making a total net increase of 12.07 miles.

Since 1888 the total length of public streets in Boston has increased from 392.72 miles

to 471.19 — being a total increase of 78.47 miles, or 7.84 miles per year on the average. The greatest increase in any year since 1888, was 24.99 in 1892; and the next largest increase was 12.07 miles in the year 1897-1898.

The following table shows the length of public highways and the character of the pavements, February 1, in each of the years 1894-1898:

	Asphalt.	Block.	Brick.	Cobble.	Macadam.	Gravel.	Not graded.	Totals.
February 1, 1894 . . .	6.47	77.68	0.36	3.52	211.73	136.00	11.89	447.65
February 1, 1895 . . .	7.04	78.79	0.42	3.15	219.89	129.10	13.73	452.12
February 1, 1896 . . .	8.91	79.79	0.42	2.43	228.29	125.57	11.55	456.11
February 1, 1897 . . .	10.20	80.72	0.41	1.84	242.58	113.20	10.17	459.12
February 1, 1898:								
City proper . . .	9.17	42.92	0.38	1.28	26.68	0.13	0.37	80.93
Charlestown . . .	0.20	8.94	.....	.....	13.68	.....	0.07	22.89
East Boston . . .	.....	4.95	.....	0.13	16.65	15.46	.....	27.19
So. Boston . . .	0.75	12.85	.....	0.05	21.43	1.27	5.41	41.76
Roxbury . . .	1.38	8.94	.....	0.01	62.13	10.28	2.09	84.83
West Roxbury . . .	.....	0.09	.....	.....	44.33	31.67	0.87	76.96
Dorchester . . .	.....	4.26	.....	.....	64.68	24.05	2.21	95.20
Brighton . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.73	19.57	0.13	41.43
Total . . .	11.50	82.95	0.38	1.47	261.31	102.43	11.15	471.19

The total area of the public streets on February 1, 1898, amounted to 8,807,454 square yards, being an increase of 308,637 square yards for the year. In 1897, there were 14,017 permits granted for excavating in the streets. The total length of openings allowed by the permits amounted to 213.4 miles, a decrease of 26.3 miles as compared with openings permitted in 1896.

The table appended shows the area of pavement in square yards, by kinds of pavement, on February 1, in each of the years 1894-1898, and by districts, in 1898.

The work done by the various divisions of the Department may be summarized in general terms, as follows:

The Bridge Division has overhauled and repaired the following bridges, viz.:

Beacon street (centre span), Blakemore street, Broadway, Chelsea bridge (North), Congress street, Essex street, Leyden street, Meridian street, Shawmut avenue, Warren and Western avenues; and entirely rebuilt a portion of Broadway bridge, 118 feet long by 30 feet wide.

The Ferry Division thoroughly overhauled and painted the machinery and woodwork of six boats, and thoroughly calked and metalled two boats.

Four electric motors have been installed, thus equipping each landing with power to assist teams up the drops; and three new boats have been equipped with electric lights, making five in all thus equipped.

The south pier, North Ferry, East Boston side, has been thoroughly repaired, and the

	Asphalt.	Block.	Brick.	Cobble.	Macadam.	Gravel.	Not Graded.	Totals.	Increase.
February 1, 1894 . . .	111,147	1,677,451	3,638	41,706	3,877,758	2,245,034	219,128	8,175,862	
February 1, 1895 . . .	121,713	1,700,699	5,166	36,966	3,997,799	2,245,034	374,677	8,360,480	184,618
February 1, 1896 . . .	132,702	1,718,050	5,166	28,504	4,182,438	2,062,394	316,517	8,445,871	85,391
February 1, 1897 . . .	182,797	1,740,577	5,082	20,313	4,455,778	1,845,277	245,993	8,498,817	52,946
February 1, 1898 . . .	203,728	1,800,105	5,018	16,576	4,837,473	1,644,330	300,224	8,807,454	308,637

DISTRICTS, FEBRUARY 1, 1898.

City Proper	*150,989	†929,563	5,018	12,509	502,910	1,508	18,463	1,620,960	
Charlestown	3,214	199,532	.....	.....	205,316	.....	4,348	412,410	
East Boston . . . . .	.....	111,012	.....	2,600	138,890	28,4896	.....	537,398	
South Boston	12,910	269,409	.....	1,192	381,387	24,856	128,940	818,694	
Roxbury	36,615	194,476	.....	275	1,146,091	161,410	41,507	1,580,374	
West Roxbury . . . . .	.....	2,067	.....	.....	751,809	482,766	13,164	1,249,806	
Dorchester . . . . .	.....	94,046	.....	.....	1,159,777	383,242	90,927	1,727,992	
Brighton . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	551,293	305,652	2,875	859,820	
Total Square Yards . . .	203,728	1,800,105	5,018	16,576	4,837,473	1,644,330	300,224	8,807,454	

* Of this amount, 12,046 square yards = asphalt blocks.

† Of this amount, 93,813 square yards = granite-block paving on concrete base.

COST OF MAINTENANCE OF STREET DEPARTMENT FOR FIVE YEARS.

DIVISION.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.	Increase or Decrease in 1897, compared with 1896.
Central Office . . .	\$20,805.96	\$20,884.29	\$18,315.79	\$18,781.85	\$17,789.95	*\$991.90
Bridge	133,159.24	130,137.21	119,716.00	119,963.55	126,529.32	†6,565.77
Boston and Cambridge Bridges,	11,493.16	11,986.85	12,537.33	13,835.54	14,403.92	†568.38
Ferry . . . . .	.....	.....	209,911.30	218,353.10	219,983.24	†1,630.14
Paving	745,681.52	715,608.62	683,899.42	628,675.46	690,187.34	†61,511.88
Sanitary	481,300.63	467,459.02	432,778.52	477,241.54	492,670.56	†15,429.02
Sewer	373,517.38	304,133.40	280,596.07	276,615.25	295,522.25	†18,907.00
Street Cleaning . . .	308,707.30	301,477.44	305,998.50	310,266.39	309,993.38	*273.01
Street Watering . . .	99,430.16	87,169.08	76,424.70	71,211.81	78,736.72	†7,524.91
Totals	\$2,174,095.35	\$2,033,855.91	\$2,140,177.63	\$2,134,994.49	\$2,245,816.68	†\$110,872.19

¹ For comparison, deduct Ferry Division, not before shown, making total — \$1,939,266.33. * Decrease. † Increase. ‡ Net increase. ² Not including water bills of \$76,930.72, not previously paid by Street Watering Division.

landing at the South Ferry, East Boston side, has been raised.

The Paving Division has paved and regulated thirty-seven streets with granite blocks; 21,759 square yards on concrete base, and 191,578 square yards on gravel base, or a total of about 213,337 square yards.

The Division has paved 70,273 square yards of gutters; set 66,859 linear feet of new edgestone; and reset 176,508 linear feet; making a total of 243,367 linear feet set and reset.

It has laid and relaid sidewalks as follows, viz.:

Of brick, 89,900 square yards, new; and 47,065, old, relaid; or a total of 136,965 square yards. Of crushed stone, 35,247 square yards. Of artificial stone sidewalks, 127,389 square feet.

It has laid 23,188 square yards asphalt on a concrete base.

Work has progressed on twenty-one streets laid out and ordered constructed under the "323" Act, and thirteen of these streets have been finished.

The Sewer Division has built 30.5 miles of sewers, 412 new catch-basins, flushed 178 miles of sewers, removed 806 cubic yards of sewerage deposit from sewers, and 1,008 cubic yards of sludge from pumping-station, and cleaned 6,655 catch-basins.

There are now about 475 miles of sewers maintained by this division.

The Sanitary Division has collected and removed 353,725 loads, of 54 cubic feet each, of house dirt; and 56,783 loads of offal.

The Street-Cleaning Division has cleaned 13,261 miles of street, removed 121,768 loads of street sweepings, etc., and emptied 29,064 public waste barrels.

The Street-Watering Division has watered 347.86 miles of streets.

The work and finances of the several divisions are set forth with much detail in the reports of the Deputy Superintendents, which are found in Part II.

The principal recommendations made by Superintendent Wells are (1) that an act should be passed by the Legislature allowing the City of Boston to reconstruct the downtown streets, by an appropriation made outside the debt limit, and \$500,000 a year should be allowed for the term, say of three years; (2) that, as a matter of department economy and for the general good of the city, the coming loan bill be passed as one appropriation, and the distribution and expenditure of the money, instead of being allotted to wards for the reconstruction of streets, be placed in the hands of the Superintendent of Streets; (3) that some system be adopted whereby the loss due to deterioration of the streets occupied by railroads and other corporations might be made good to the city by said companies, and that the ordinance requiring a bond to be filed by each company guaranteeing its work for six months be amended by extending the time to twelve months; (4) that the street-cleaning work now done by the Paving Division be transferred to the care of the Street-Cleaning Division, except that done in the semi-annual cleaning of the streets in the spring and fall, when both divisions work together; (5) that an appropriation be made for the purpose of cleaning the Fens and removing the existing deposits of sewage at an estimated cost of \$25,000; (6) the gradual displacement in the Sanitary Division of the old form of wooden carts by new dumping-carts of steel; (7) that a street-cleaning force be established in East Boston, Dorchester and Brighton; (8) that a special appropriation be made for the removal of snow; (9) a more rigid enforcement of the ordinances in relation to the throwing of waste materials into the streets; (10) that for the coming year the watering of all the city streets be placed under the supervision of this department, and advantage be taken of the act passed by the Legislature of 1897, authorizing this work to be done, and the cost assessed on the owners of the abutting estates.

HOUSES ORDERED DEMOLISHED.

The following houses have been ordered demolished by the Board of Health during the week ending November 26:

No. 226 North street; Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 Marion place.

ABANDONMENT OF "A" BUILDING AT AUSTIN FARM.

OFFICE OF INSANE HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

Boston, November 28, 1898.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR:

The Insane Hospital Trustees received on the twentieth instant the following letter:

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, M.D., Secretary of Trustees of Boston Insane Hospital.

DEAR SIR: The State Board of Insanity visited and inspected the Boston Insane Hospital November 9. I am directed to forward to you their findings, which are as follows:

"The commitment papers were examined and found in due form. The general conditions of buildings, both at the Austin and Pierce Farms, were found to be below the standard of modern attainment in similar institutions, and, further, the wooden buildings at Austin Farm are absolutely condemned by this Board as a fire-trap.

The administration of these institutions appear to be excellent, under the limitations referred to, and within the possibilities of annual appropriations as made."

I remain,

Yours very truly,

FRANCIS B. GARDNER, Secretary.

Upon the receipt of this letter a special meeting of the Insane Hospital Trustees was held on the twenty-sixth instant. The building condemned is now known as the "A" building at Austin Farm, and was originally the almshouse for female paupers. It contains at present about one hundred and thirty-four (134) female patients, of the quiet or demented type.

The Trustees have long recognized the danger of housing such patients in a building so unfitted for the purpose, and therefore, in view of this communication from the State Board of Insanity, it was voted that the building be at once vacated, and the patients be transferred to the State hospitals. In pursuance, however, of the system of classification recently adopted whereby Austin Farm is to be a hospital for women, the women now in the condemned building will be kept as far as possible in the "B" building, now occupied by men, and the men transferred to the State hospitals.

In view of the necessary abandonment of this building, it becomes still more important that appropriations be made early in the year 1899 for a new building to provide for these patients as soon as possible, and also that appropriations be made for more land and other buildings which may be fully up to "the standard of modern attainment," in order fitly to provide for the city's insane.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

A curfew ordinance has been adopted by the Council of St. Louis, Mo.

COST OF SUPPORT OF THOSE SENTENCED FOR DRUNKENNESS.

The following is a report to His Honor the Mayor by the Penal Institutions Commissioner on the cost of support of those sentenced for drunkenness in the Houses of Correction in Suffolk County for the year ending January 31, 1898:

OFFICE OF THE PENAL INSTITUTIONS COMMISSIONER.

November 25, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I respectfully enclose the report requested on the cost of the support of those sentenced for drunkenness in the institutions under my control. I would also say that this will not cover the total expense of those maintained at the cost of the county, for I am informed that there are a large number of persons sentenced to the jail for this offence. I have made inquiry as to the number at that institution, but am informed that they cannot tell me how many are so confined without going through their books, but their opinion is that there are about 3,000 persons committed there yearly for this offence. This would add at least 35 per cent. more to the figures that I have submitted in the report.

Cost of the support of those sentenced for drunkenness in the Houses of Correction in Suffolk County for the year ending January 31, 1898:

DEER ISLAND.

There were 8,447 committals to this institution for drunkenness, and the aggregate of the time served by those committed was 459,252 days, equivalent to 1,313,019 + years. With a per capita cost of maintenance of \$64.70, the cost of the maintenance of the above number was 75 per cent. of the total expense or . . . \$111,212 71

SOUTH BOSTON.

There were 107 committals to this institution for drunkenness and the aggregate of the time served by those committed was 13,460 days, equivalent to 36.877 years. With a per capita cost of maintenance of \$124.47, the cost of the maintenance of the above number was 7 per cent. of the total expense or . . . 4,590 08

Total cost of the support of drunkards in the Houses of Correction of Suffolk County . . . \$115,802 79

Yours respectfully,

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

At the Second Annual Meeting of the Maryland Conference of Charities and Correction, held at Baltimore, Maryland, on November 29 and 30, addresses were made by His Honor Mayor Quincy on "Public Baths in their Sociological Relations," and by Mr. Kearns, Secretary of the Baths Department, on "How Boston has solved the problem of Public Baths."

VOTES CAST FOR GOVERNOR IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, STATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 8, 1898.

Precinct 1.				Precinct 2.				Precinct 3.				Precinct 4.				Precinct 5.				Precinct 6.				Precinct 7.				Precinct 8.				Precinct 9.				Totals.				For all Gubernatorial Candidates.	Wards.						
Bruce, D.	Peare, S. L.	Porter, D., S., N. P.	Shapleigh, P.	Wolcott, R.	Bruce, D.	Peare, S. L.	Porter, D., S., N. P.	Shapleigh, P.	Wolcott, R.	Bruce, D.	Peare, S. L.	Porter, D., S., N. P.	Shapleigh, P.	Wolcott, R.	Bruce, D.	Peare, S. L.	Porter, D., S., N. P.	Shapleigh, P.	Wolcott, R.	Bruce, D.	Peare, S. L.	Porter, D., S., N. P.	Shapleigh, P.	Wolcott, R.	Bruce, D.	Peare, S. L.	Porter, D., S., N. P.	Shapleigh, P.	*Wolcott, R.																		
1	50	71	2,205	28	1	5,286	74	4	2	4,336	45	2	5,302	238	4	6	1	83	186	2	1	1,220	205	9	2	5,192	44	5	1	121	970	36	17	26	1,978	3,027	1										
2	261	610	1,87	187	1	1	80	228	4	1	131	237	5	3	1	90	179	2	5	1	77	192	8	2	4	113	285	4	1	2	58	312	11	5	4	100	1,881	37	31	15	736	2,700	2				
3	83	2	1,218	248	6	5	1,117	199	2	5	3,159	350	3	3	73	326	9	1	2	84	273	5	3	52	126	6	3	132	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	703	2,234	8						
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11	70	6	1	5,240	85	1	1	2,260	107	4	1	4,233	73	1	1	270	24	5	5	242	18	5	5	1,221	25	1	1	1,286	13	5	5	2	251	21	1	1	258	436	12	4	15	2,261	2,735	11			
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14	398	8	5	8,145	392	8	1	2	59	206	3	1	1,133	154	3	3	1	186	166	10	4	233	136	1	1	6,221	232	4	5	5,182	204	6	4	189	1,888	42	7	30	1,358	3,325	14						
15	124	5	1	1	82	269	6	1	1	68	218	6	2	110	198	1	1	3,145	203	9	2	2,139	132	13	4	6,174	181	18	3	4	160	194	13	2	150	1,519	71	16	17	1,028	2,651	15					
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21	78	4	4	4,202	129	5	1	4	199	56	2	3	3,151	70	5	1	7,246	100	3	4	231	37	3	1	5,284	125	4	5	2,259	64	2	1	1,333	81	2	5	276	740	30	3	35	2,181	42,992	21			
22	176	38	5	2,307	239	13	6	2,113	228	2	1	1	82	133	18	3	5	251	135	33	6	3,213	41	6	3	6,255	60	2	8	293	188	10	8	1	174	1,200	122	32	28	1,058	53,071	22					
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24	147	4	1	2,143	132	8	1	1	177	115	2	2	2,587	135	2	2	1	211	71	3	2	4	269	122	5	2	1	215	88	4	1	1	338	132	10	2	7	357	1,053	44	16	77	2,198	3,388	24		
25	107	2	1	2,240	53	3	1	8	271	42	1	1	12,262	212	5	1	83	204	3	2	156	118	1	2	1	2,246	221	3	2	1	159	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	957	18	8	25	1,417	2,425	25
Grand Totals																												31,678	1,259	651	33,575	1,697															

* Elected. † Proportion of men registered who voted, 69.62 per cent.

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D. signifies Democratic; S. I. signifies Socialist Labor; D. S. N. P. signifies Democratic Social Nomination Paper; P. signifies Prohibition; R. signifies Republican.

D. signines Democrat, S. L. signines Socialist Labor, D. S. N. I. signines Democ.
Scattering, 2; ²scattering, 7; ³scattering, 1; ⁴scattering, 3; ⁵scattering, 1 -- Total, 14

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOSEPH J. CORBETT,
Board of Election Commissioners

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, at 7.30 P.M., November 22, 1898, with all members present.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments, confirmations and transfer presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

It was ordered, under a suspension of the rules, that the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

The appointments, confirmations and transfer presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting were approved.

The Chair read the following:

(1.) IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Boston, November 21, 1898.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board, it would be against the best interests of the public school system of this city to abolish the Boston Normal School.

Adopted.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Placed on file.

(2.) STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

Boston, November 16, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

In compliance with the request contained in your order of October 11, 1898, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day taken for school purposes an addition to the Girls' High School lot 2,366 square feet, more or less, of land on Pembroke street, and their decree of taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

(3.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

Boston, November 3, 1898.

Ordered, That the Webb School-house, East Boston, be transferred from the custody of the Street Commissioners to the care and control of the School Committee, the said building being needed for school purposes.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, November 14, concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, November 16, 1898.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,

Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

(4.) IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Boston, November 14, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to inform the Board of Alder-

men the names of bidders for the erection of the East Boston High School, with the amount of bids, and the name of the bidder who received the contract.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,

Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

(5.) STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

Boston, November 21, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of June 14, 1898, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day voted to purchase from Mary R. Cleaves, for school purposes a lot of land on Bailey street, at Dorchester, containing about 12,000 square feet, for \$9,250 — Mrs. Cleaves' agreement to accept said sum having been approved by the Mayor.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

(6.) SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Boston, November 10, 1898.

MR. THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary School Committee.

DEAR SIR: The enclosed letter from the Trustees for Children appears to give formal notice of the discontinuance of the schools in the Marcella-street Home. It is perhaps proper that the communication should be laid before the School Board, partly as it relates to a vote of the School Board whereby the schools in the Marcella-street Home were taken charge of by the School Committee about a year ago.

Very respectfully,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Boston, November 9, 1898.

EDWIN P. SEAVER, Esq., Superintendent of Schools, Boston.

DEAR SIR: The Trustees for Children have engaged a house in West Roxbury to take the place of the present Marcella-street Home.

It is possible that we may move early next week. We therefore desire to send you notice that the teachers now in charge at the Marcella-street Home will not be needed after Friday.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES P. PUTNAM.

Placed on file.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was passed:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company for changes in and extension of the present

heating system in the Bowditch School Building, in the sum of \$285, for providing additional heating facilities for the library and master's office.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was passed:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Old Gibson School Annex be fixed at the rate of \$180 per annum from October 10, 1898, until otherwise ordered.

The Superintendent of Schools presented the following appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations: The appointments of eight special assistants, and of two teachers on probation, which were laid over under the rule; the reappointments of two temporary teachers, which were laid over, under the rule; the confirmations of two teachers, which were laid over under the rule; the confirmations of five teachers in evening schools, two teachers in evening drawing schools, and of two teachers on probation, which were approved under suspension of the rules. Leave of absence was given to six teachers. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the employment of a temporary teacher in the Dudley District, to date from September 6, 1898, was approved under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on School-houses, reported the following resignations of janitors:

Horace Mann School, Josephine M. Tirrell, October 31, 1898; Quincy-street School (Mather District), Mary Leary, December 1, 1898, which were accepted, and also the following appointments of janitors:

Horace Mann School, Annie W. Gannon, from October 31, 1898; Noble School Annex, George J. Merritt, from September 6, 1898; Quincy-street School (Mather District), Carrie Sargeant, from December 1, 1898, which were approved.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the public school established October 12, 1897, in the Marcella-street Home, be discontinued from and after November 11, 1898.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred, November 8, a report and order presented by the Committee on Evening Schools, relative to a communication from His Honor the Mayor, with reference to the establishment of free courses of lectures in the evening, in the various school-houses, reported that your committee have given the subject careful consideration, and are of the opinion that the finances of the School Committee do not warrant the undertaking of this work under the supervision of this Board at the present time.

If sufficient funds to start the experiment can be procured from some outside source, this committee have no objection to the use of school buildings for the purpose, where such use will not interfere with the regular work of the public schools.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, to whom was referred, September 27, an order that extra Primary School accommodations be furnished the Gaston District, reported that in their opinion a two-room temporary building should be placed in the yard of the Gaston School, but in view of the fact that

the funds now available for the construction of new buildings will not warrant such an expenditure, they recommend that no further action be taken by the Board at the present time with regard to this matter.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, it was ordered:

(1.) That there be paid to Mary R. Cleaves, the sum of \$9,250 as payment for a lot of land on Bailey street, Dorchester, containing about 12,000 square feet, purchased for school purposes, upon the said Cleaves giving to the City of Boston a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department, the necessary amount for the purchase of said lot having been appropriated by the City Council.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute contracts in connection with the new primary school-house on Munroe street, Roxbury, as follows:

Building: John McNamara & Sons, \$44,173.

Plumbing: Huey Brothers, \$2,527, the said firms being the lowest bidders.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted, October 25, an order relative to the Elm street, Charlestown School-house site, reported that they have carefully considered the matter, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board October 27, 1896, that the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a parcel of land on the south-easterly side of Elm street, bounded and described as follows, viz.: North-west, by Elm street, there measuring 94.62 feet; north-east, by Lincoln Place, 116.30 feet; south-east, by land now or late of Sarah J. White, land of Elias Abbott, and land of other owners, 89.28 feet; and south-west, by Howard place, 114.25 feet; containing about 10,600 square feet be, and the same hereby is, rescinded, and that the lands on Elm street, Charlestown, which have been acquired for said purpose, be surrendered to the City Council, as not being required for school use.

Accepted.

Mr. Paul moved that the order be laid on the table, and asked for the yeas and nays. The motion was lost by a vote of six yeas to seventeen nays.

Mr. Anderson moved that the report be recommitted to the Committee on New Buildings, with instructions to make an estimate of the cost of the proposed Warren lot, and the cost of a retaining wall if one be necessary, and the cost of the required part of the Elm street lot not already paid for.

Recommittal was refused by a vote of eight yeas to fourteen nays.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, to whom were recommitted, October 25, a report and order relative to the selection of a site for a new primary school-house in Charlestown, reported that they have given this matter renewed consideration. They have again visited the various sites to which their attention has been called, and have consulted with citizens of the district who have manifested an interest in the selection of a

site, with the master of the district, and with members of the Committee on the Second Division. Your committee still favor the selection of the lot adjoining the Warren School-house, and unanimously recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for a site for a new primary school-house in Charlestown, a parcel of land adjoining the Warren school-house lot, and bounded and described as follows, viz.: North-westerly by Pearl street about 104.04 feet; north-easterly by Bartlett street about 164.27 feet; south-easterly by School street about 104.33 feet; south-westerly by land of the City of Boston about eight feet; and again south-westerly by land of the City of Boston about 88 feet, to the point of beginning; containing 16,429 square feet, more or less.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan it was ordered:

(1.) That the salary due Kate F. Lyons, deceased, late primary assistant in the Dudley District, be paid to her sister, Annie G. Lyons.

(2.) That the Board of Supervisors be requested to consider and report on the expediency of teaching the Spanish language in the public schools.

Mr. Gallivan moved that the motion to rescind the order to discontinue the Normal School be taken from the table, and asked for the yeas and nays. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yeas—Allen, Ames, Bassett, Bateman, Burrill, Calderwood, Courtney, Eaton, Fifield, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Keller, Lowell, McDonald, Nichols, Strange—17.

Nays—Anderson, Coolidge, Davison, Paul—4.

Mr. Lowell proposed an amendment, instructing the Superintendent to ascertain the possibility of extending the city normal school so as to include some of the surrounding cities and towns.

The amendment was finally accepted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ames, Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Fifield, Hubbard, Lowell, Paul—12.

Nays—Allen, Gallivan, Huggan, Keller, McDonald, Nichols, Strange—7.

Pair—Yea, Eaton; nay, Calderwood.

The order to reconsider the vote, discontinuing the normal school, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—Allen, Ames, Bassett, Courtney, Fifield, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Keller, Lowell, McDonald, Nichols—12.

Nays—Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, Coolidge, Davison, Paul—6.

Pair—Yea, Eaton; nay, Calderwood.

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That the sessions of the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools be suspended on Friday evening, November 25, 1898, and that the salaries of the teachers in these schools be allowed and paid for said evening.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On the recommendation of Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, it was ordered:

(1.) That there be paid to Timothy Johnson the sum of \$42 for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall.

(2.) That there be paid to Thomas J. Gill, janitor of the Hugh O'Brien School-house,

the sum of \$50 for extra services performed during the school year 1897-98.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, it was

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of a temporary instructor of military drill from December 1, 1898 to April 1, 1899.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, it was

Ordered, That Harriet E. Lamper, Eliot District, be granted leave of absence from November 20, 1898, to March 20, 1899.

The Board adjourned at 11.05 P.M.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved November 21, 1898:

Ordered, That the several departments hereinafter named be authorized to expend the sums of money and for the purposes herein specified, and that to meet the appropriations aforesaid, the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount, viz.:

BATHS DEPARTMENT.

Public convenience station, at or near
Park street \$10,000

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

Mt. Hope Cemetery 2,500

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

House of Reformation, Rainsford
Island, improvements 6,500

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Deer Island Hospital, rebuilding and
refurnishing of Ward "A" 7,500

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

School buildings, improvements in . . . 36,000

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to grant the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, to Jamaica Plain Council, Knights of Columbus, for the evening of November 28, 1898, for an entertainment, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to charitable purposes.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to grant the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, to Division 30, A.O.H., on the evening of December 15 and morning of December 16, 1898, for an entertainment, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to charitable purposes.

The following were approved November 22, 1898:

Ordered, That the Water Department be authorized to lay an additional 48-inch main, to connect with the Chestnut Hill reservoir, to take the place of the pipes now

connecting Chestnut Hill reservoir with the Brookline reservoir; to lay a new main in Columbia road; and to lay such other pipes as may be rendered necessary by the additional pressure to be furnished by the Metropolitan Water Board; and that to meet the expenses incurred in carrying out the above order, the City Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to issue bonds of the City of Boston to the amount of \$200,000; said bonds to be marked "Extension of Mains, etc."

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Boston an instrument, satisfactory to the Law Department, releasing the condition in the words following: "No dwelling-house or other building, except the necessary outhouses, shall be erected or placed on the rear of said lot," in the deed given by the City of Boston to Charles F. Donnelly, dated April 11, 1859, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, book 754, page 274, of the estate now the property of the Orpheus Musical Society of Boston, and now known as No. 552 on Massachusetts avenue.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Bernard Cunningham the sum of \$42.79, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 19 Fellows court, for unpaid taxes of the year 1894, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2316, fol. 1.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William H. Quigley the sum of \$63.23, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Beacham street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2406, fol. 565.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay William H. Quigley the sum of \$84.40, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Beacham street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2406, fol. 567.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved November 22, 1898:

Ordered that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to estate of David Snow to construct, maintain and use an area four and one-half feet by one and one-half feet, with cover of iron grating, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 426 Atlantic avenue, Ward 7; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, and done on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, directed to give notice, by advertising the same as required by law, that meetings of the male citizens of this city, qualified to vote for city officers, will be held at the several polling places heretofore designated

by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of December next, for the election of two members of a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, one to serve for two years, and one to serve for one year; also for one able and discreet man to serve as a Street Commissioner for the term of three years; also for twelve Aldermen to serve for one year; also for eight members of the School Committee for three years, and one member for one year; and for three members of the Common Council in each ward to serve for one year; also to give in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city?"

The City Clerk is also directed to give notice, as aforesaid, that meetings of the female citizens of this city, qualified to vote for School Committee, will be held on the same day and at the same place, to give in their votes for eight members of the School Committee to serve for three years, and one member to serve for one year.

The polls at said meetings will be open at 6 o'clock, A.M., and closed at 4 o'clock, P.M.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Charles A. Parsons, dated November 19, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Gardner street, Ward 4, two poles, thirty feet high, nine inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

Prospect street, Ward 3, four poles, thirty feet high, nine inches in diameter.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John S. Jacobs & Son, to erect, maintain and use guy-posts with the necessary ropes attached, as follows:

Four posts on G street; two posts on Thomas park, north side; two posts on Thomas park, south side; one post on Sixth street, crossing G street—all in use in the construction of the South Boston High School, Ward 15; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company to erect, maintain and use one guy-post with the necessary ropes attached thereto in and over Lehigh street, in front of estate of the Boston & Albany Railroad Corporation, for use in tearing down building in connection with track construction, Ward 9; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to

K. A. Brothers to place, lay, maintain and use a one and one-fourth inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate No. 113 Dartmouth street, Ward 10; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to J. Albert Monroe the sum of \$39.35 in compensation for the loss of fowl killed by dogs, October 29, 1898; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

The Constable's bond of Frank Yennaco. Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

To James A. Sheffield, a bay-window, from building 37 Prescott street, to project over Princeton street, Ward 1.

To James W. Tufts, illuminated sign (temporarily), at 282 Congress street, Ward 7.

To George W. Gragg, druggist's mortar, at 9 River street, Ward 24.

To William J. Hartnett, cloth for stereopticon views, at 153 Maverick street, Ward 2.

To Philip Riley, two barber poles, at 155 Paris street, Ward 2.

To Louis Cohen, sign, at 21 Travers street, Ward 6.

To Edward E. Hale, illuminated sign, at 57 Temple place, Ward 7.

To Nathan Cohen, sign, at 85 Bennington street, Ward 1.

To Arthur C. Lord, watch-sign, at 14 Hyde park avenue, Ward 23.

To M. Shea, shoemaker's sign, at 317 Sumner street, East Boston, Ward 2.

To Robinson Printing Company, sign, at 257 Atlantic avenue, Ward 7.

To William F. Morris, three barber-poles, at 5½ Broad street, Ward 6.

To William F. Morris, two V-shaped signs, at 5½ Broad street, Ward 6.

To Walter L. Conwell, jr., druggist's mortar, at 210 Shawmut avenue, Ward 9.

To C. H. Bassett, druggist's mortar, at 109 Arch street, Ward 7.

To George McKee, druggist's mortar, at 68 Market street, Ward 25.

Permit to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to attach its wires to four trees on Mt. Pleasant avenue, between No. 56 and No. 82.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks along the following-named streets in front of the following-named estates; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of brick, the owners to furnish said material, viz.:

Thomas W. Marks, 115 Park street, Ward 24.

Allan M. Brown, 117-119 Park street, Ward 24.

The following were approved November 25, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Park street, between Geneva avenue and Dorchester avenue, to all public travel during necessary street construction on said street.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain insulated electric-lamp posts at points designated by red dots on a plan

deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:

Beacon street, between Public Garden and Massachusetts avenue, sixteen poles.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington, dated November 14, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Harrison avenue, one pole; Fellows street, two poles; Camden street, three poles; all of said poles to be forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter. Width of sidewalk, ten feet seven inches and eight feet, respectively.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on plans deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:

Thorndike street, one pole, forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet. Date of plan, July 6, 1892.

Market street, one pole, thirty-five feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet. Date of plan, November 20, 1889.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from Thorndike street and one pole from Market street, said poles being shown by red dots on plans made by C. A. Perkins, dated July 6, 1892, and November 20, 1889, respectively, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated October 29, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Sawyer avenue, Ward 20, four poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk seven feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated October 17, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Foster street, Ward 25, thirteen poles, thirty-five feet high, fourteen inches in diameter, width of sidewalk, eight feet.

Albion place, Ward 4, two poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter, width of sidewalk, five and one-half feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898; the work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, of Massachusetts, to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated October 21, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Lincoln street, six poles; Franklin street, seventeen poles; North Harvard street, Ward 25, twenty-five poles; all of said poles to be thirty-five feet high and thirteen inches in diameter. Widths of sidewalks, seven, six, and ten feet respectively.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

ORDERS PASSED — NOT REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board, it would be against the best interests of the public school system of this city to abolish the Boston Normal School.

Ordered, That the Board of Police Commissioners be requested to report to this Board, at its earliest convenience, the number of arrests made by officers of the special liquor squad for illegal liquor selling since January 1, 1897, to January 1, 1898, the number of cases that went to trial, and the number of convictions secured for such offence.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, November 15, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending November 12, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	2	
2...	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	
3...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	
4...	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	5	6	
6...	-	3	1	2	1	-	2	-	3	19	
7...	-	4	-	2	1	-	3	-	4	20	
8...	-	6	-	-	-	-	3	-	9	16	
9...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	16	
10...	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	7	16	
11...	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	6	27	
12...	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	12	
13...	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	1	
14...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	
15...	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	1	
16...	1	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	11	
17...	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	21	
18...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	13	
19...	3	-	2	-	1	5	-	-	2	9	
20...	9	-	3	-	-	6	-	-	5	20	
21...	1	-	1	-	5	6	-	-	4	26	
22...	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	4	
23...	7	-	4	-	-	14	-	-	12	5	
24...	6	1	4	-	1	2	-	-	5	12	
25...	-	3	-	-	-	5	1	-	3	-	
T'ls..	29	30	17	6	15	51	15	-	97	262	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

The City of Antwerp, Belgium, has a population of more than 200,000, and in the last thirty years has increased its ocean tonnage six-fold. It is situated about fifty-five miles from the sea, with which it is connected by the river Scheldt, which affords an anchorage 1,300 to 1,500 feet wide along the city front.

There are in Antwerp, eight large ship basins constructed by the city, the largest being 3,150 feet. The total area of the basins is 158 acres, and the combined length of their perimeters is 35,300 feet. The basins have 1,361,500 square feet of storage sheds, and are served by twenty-nine miles of railway tracks.

Between 1887 and 1894, a quay wall, 11,483 feet long, was constructed by the State, and the corresponding freight equipment, sheds, etc., were built by the city. The city operated the works and the returns were divided with the State. The steel sheds cover a surface of 1,060,300 square feet, and about them are fifteen miles of tracks for the unloading and handling of freight.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the residence of Mr. Jacob M. Morse, No. 875 Beacon street, on Monday, November 21, at 3 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse, Fallon, Hersey and Atteaux.

The following votes were taken:

Voted, That the Superintendent prepare a schedule of property used by the Department and situated in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Voted, That the City Registrar be requested to transfer to this Department all the records, deeds and other papers in connection with Mt. Hope Cemetery, of which he has been custodian.

Voted, That John J. Burnes be authorized to remove the snow and ice from the sidewalks adjoining the cemeteries throughout the city, excepting Mt. Hope and Evergreen Cemeteries; said Burnes to furnish all labor therefor, and to receive as compensation for said work, the sum of \$500.

Voted, That the Board meet at Mt. Hope Cemetery, informally, on the afternoon of November 27, 1898, at 3 o'clock, to inspect the teams and other personal property.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

Boston, November 16, 1898.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held on November 16, 1898, at the Hospital, at 5 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague and Rueter.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and it was voted that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$21,805.78.

It was voted that the regular monthly draft on account of New Buildings, New Laundry Building, amounting to \$931.67, be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof.

It was voted that there be paid to O'Rourke & Nelson the sum of \$238.08, in full settlement of their contract dated May 16, 1898, for renewing mains and conduits, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to John S. Jacobs & Son, the sum of \$6,800, the same being seventh payment on account of their contract of November 23, 1897, for erection of Ann White Vose Building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$170, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$6,800, paid to John S. Jacobs & Son, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$5,000, on account

of their contract of August 16, 1898, for extension of boiler-house, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, extension of boiler-house, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be added to the contract of O'Rourke & Nelson the sum of \$14.20 for addition and cross-connection on return pipes under Laundry Building, as per order of addition No. 2165 by the Consulting Architect.

It was voted that there be deducted from the contract of O'Rourke & Nelson the sum of \$500 for omission of pipe covering, as per allowance in contract for the renewal of mains in conduits as per order of deduction No. 2166 by the Consulting Architect.

It was voted that there be added to the contract of Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$6 for furnishing extra channel for blower support and cutting for same, at boiler-house, as per order of addition No. 2167 by the Consulting Architect.

It was voted that there be added to the contract of Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$13.20, for furnishing and setting complete cesspool in area at Laundry Building, as per order of addition No. 285 by Wheelwright & Haven.

It was voted that there be added to the contract of Moore & Wyman the sum of \$25 for sheathing three sides of elevator with ash, etc., as per order of addition No. 287 by Wheelwright & Haven.

It was voted that there be added to the contract of John S. Jacobs & Son the sum of \$175 for extra work in connection with the installation of the Gegenstrom Rain-bath in second, third and fourth stories of the Ann White Vose Building, as per order of addition No. 289 by Wheelwright & Haven.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

First—Concerning receipts from paying patients. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

Second—Concerning bids for plumbing the Ann White Vose Building. It was voted that the contract therefor be awarded to Pierce & Cox, the lowest bidder, for the contract price of \$5,497.

Third—Concerning the nomination of Mr. Arthur O. Morton for the position of Acting Clinical Clerk at the south department. The matter was referred to the Medical Committee.

Communications were received from Dr. F. H. Williams, secretary pro tempore of the visiting staff, as follows:

First—Announcing the nomination of Dr. J. Baptist Blake for the position of surgical registrar. The same was referred to the Medical Committee.

Second—Announcing nominations by the staff for the position of physician to outpatients:

First, Dr. J. W. Bartol; second, Dr. J. N. Coolidge.

The same was referred to the Medical Committee.

Third—Announcing nominations for positions in the pathological department, as follows:

Mr. Albert Moser to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Magrath, resigned September 30, time extending to January 1, 1899.

Mr. Harry Chamberlain Lowe, to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Atkinson, resigned

September 30, time extending to July 1, 1899.

These nominations were referred to the Medical Committee. The Medical Committee reported back in favor of the nominations as made, and it was voted that the appointments be made in accordance with the communication from the secretary of the visiting staff, under the rules of the hospital.

Fourth—Respecting the report of the committee on the examination of candidates for appointments of house officers, and announcing nominations for positions of house officers as follows:

J. H. Saunders, second medical service; C. B. Wormelle, first medical service; F. H. Holt, third medical service; LeR G. Crandon, first surgical service; L. H. Jack, second surgical service; J. G. W. Knowlton, third surgical service; F. H. Cary, gynecological service; C. R. C. Borden, ophthalmic and aural service; A. Moser, pathological service.

This communication was referred to the Medical Committee.

C. J. RUETER, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, November 11, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln and the Librarian.

Received: Circular No. 49 from the Mayor; the Librarian's report.

Bills authorized: Chargeable to general appropriation, amounting to \$8,026.72; to trust funds, \$338.66; to Library Building furnishing appropriation, \$730.61; to Library Building appropriation, \$21,089.76; and the President was authorized to sign special drafts in favor of Connery & Wentworth for \$15,190.99; Lynch & Woodward for \$1,743.83; Jenney & Fox, \$1,159.96; Smith & Lovett for \$1,080; Public Buildings Department (Electrical Construction Division), \$1,066.63; Isaac N. Tucker for \$510.10; and Elmer E. Garnsey for \$300—included in the above.

Resignation: Nicholas Summers, temporary janitor, West End Branch, to take effect from and after November 19.

Employed: Daniel J. Sullivan, temporary janitor, West End Branch, salary \$17.25 per week, beginning November 21; H. C. A. Schulz, Grade D, runner division, issue department, salary \$5 per week, beginning November 7.

Salary increased: Charles W. Karlson, assistant engineer, from \$2.50 per day to \$2.75 per day, beginning November 11.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$378.32; to trust funds, \$176.96; Fellowes Athenæum, \$11.56; miscellaneous articles, \$1,943.

The Vice-President reported that he had terminated the general contract with Messrs. Connery & Wentworth, under date of June 13, 1898, and had executed a contract for a fixed sum for the balance of the work at the Central Library Building. Action approved and confirmed.

Applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, November 22, 1898.

The fortieth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square, November 7, 1898, at 11 A.M., the full Board being present.

The question of religious services to be held over those inmates who die at Long Island was discussed, and it was suggested that when possible such services should always be held.

The Superintendent of Long Island reported that the new telephone service has been installed, and that the new refrigerator, for the general use of the institution, is now in use; also that the new piggery at Long Island is completed, and affords shelter for 130 pigs. No pigs are now kept in the basement of the barn, but there is need of an extension of the water supply to furnish water to the piggery, which is at some distance from the institution.

Voted, That the Superintendent be directed to apply to the Water Department of the city, asking it to extend the water connection at Long Island in such a way as to supply the new piggery with water.

The Superintendent suggested that certain changes are needed in the barn at Long Island, which will cost about \$100, also that furniture is needed in the reading-room, the cost not to exceed \$150.

Two letters from Dr. Minot were read in reference to the care of mustered-out soldiers. The question was referred to the Hospital Committee. There are now twenty-five soldiers in the hospital, and there have been no deaths among any of the soldiers sent there.

The special committee, consisting of Mr. Hunnewell and Mrs. Lincoln, reported concerning the employment of a book-keeper, who shall also be a stenographer and typewriter for Long Island.

The question of furnishing daily medical attendance at Rainsford Island was brought up by Dr. Grainger, on request of the Board of Children's Institutions Trustees, and was referred to the Committee on Hospital.

Voted, That Mr. Parker B. Field be engaged as agent for the Trustees for a period of three months.

The following appointments were confirmed:

J. R. Bachop, night matron, at a salary of \$20 per month; Annie Riley, housemaid, at a salary of \$15 per month; Clara Baker, organist, at a salary of \$12.50 per month; Annie Moore, night superintendent of nurses, at a salary of \$30 per month; Annie Thompson, probationer, at a salary of \$10 per month.

The census of inmates at Long Island on November 5, 1898, was as follows:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	73	110	183
Children	3	2	5
Dormitory:			
Adults	0	237	237
Children	3	4	7
Institution	246	0	246
Totals	325	353	678
Same date 1897	369	320	689

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Statistics Department.

The thirty-second meeting of the Statistics Department was held at its office on October 4, 1898, at 3.40 P.M., Messrs. Dewey, Minot and Weld being present.

Mr. Minot presented a copy of Special Publication No. 2, recently printed. The list of persons and institutions, with which the Department exchanges publications, was considered.

The Secretary reported upon an investigation in course of prosecution, concerning superannuation allowances and pensions for members of the civil service in certain European cities.

It was voted that Mr. Abercrombie be employed by the Board until further notice, at his present salary, as a temporary appointee.

The thirty-third meeting of the Department was held at the Exchange Club on Monday, November 7, 1898, at 3.30 P.M. Mr. Minot occupied the chair, Messrs. Dewey, Folsom, Pearmain and Weld being present.

It was voted that the salary of Mr. H. H. Cook, Chief Clerk, be increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500 per annum, the increase to date from December 1—subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor.

It was voted to authorize the Chairman to appoint as special agent Mr. Frank S. Abercrombie, now serving temporarily, at an annual salary of \$1,000, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor and the Civil Service Commissioners.

The Chairman reported that the third Special Publication, relating to loans and extraordinary expenditures, was in course of preparation for the press.

At 4.25 His Honor Mayor Quincy entered the meeting, and explained at length the opinion expressed at a recent meeting of the members of the several boards of institutions trustees, that certain changes should be effected in the scope and organization of the Institutions Registration Department, and asked the Board to consider the question of organizing a division of social statistics to deal with the statistics and records of the institutions departments in their scientific aspects.

After a prolonged conference His Honor withdrew.

At 5.45 the Board adjourned until Thursday, the tenth instant.

The thirty-fourth meeting (a special meeting called at the request of His Honor the Mayor, who was present) of the Department was held in Room 73, City Hall, at 3.45 P.M., November 10, 1898. Messrs. Dewey, Folsom and Minot were present. Mr. Minot occupied the chair.

His Honor, referring to a recent meeting of the heads of the boards in charge of the various institutions departments, outlined a plan for investigating the statistics of the institutions, and the records on which they are based, with a view to determining what measures, if any, are requisite for simplifying and co-ordinating them, and for enhancing their practical and scientific value.

Mayor Quincy signified his desire that this study of the institutions statistics should be under the direction of the Board of Municipal Statistics, and suggested that it secure, temporarily, the services of a special expert for the purpose.

After the withdrawal of Mayor Quincy, the matter was discussed at some length. It was voted to authorize the Chairman to appoint, at a salary of \$250 per month, subject to the approval of the Mayor, Mr. John Koren, of Boston, as special statistical expert to investigate the institutions statistics of the city, and report thereon not later than April 1, 1899.

The thirty-fifth meeting of the Department was held in Room 73, City Hall, November 21, 1898. The meeting was called to order at 3.40 P.M., Messrs. Dewey, Folsom, Minot and Weld being present. Mr. Minot occupied the chair.

It was voted that the Chairman be, and hereby is, authorized to join on behalf of this Board, in a petition to the Legislature for the passage of an act amending the organization and scope of the office of Institutions Registrar in the City of Boston, as outlined in a letter received from His Honor the Mayor under date of November 10, 1898.

Mr. Minot presented the plan for issuing a second edition of Special Publications, Nos. 1 and 2, together with the proposed Special Publication No. 3, which is to relate to extraordinary expenditures; and presented a draft setting forth the form of presentation to be employed in Special Publication No. 3. The draft in question was approved by the Board.

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Friday, November 4.

Public hearings were given in the matters of laying out Blandford street, from Commonwealth avenue to the Boston and Albany Railroad, and of constructing the same; of laying out Cummington street, from Blandford street to Avon street, and of constructing the same; and of laying out an extension of Lauriat avenue, at Dorchester, from Tucker street to Norfolk street.

An order was passed to build a sewer in Harvard avenue and Faxon street.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Hartwell street, and for a catch-basin in Seaver street.

A hearing was given in the matter of the change in locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways shown on Plans Z, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, in Plat 11.

Saturday, November 5.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Bellevue avenue, and for a catch-basin in Condor street; and that Whitfield street and Montague street may be laid out.

Monday, November 7.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Calumet street and in Geneva avenue, and for a sewer in Whitford street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, November 22, 1898.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the three weeks ending November 19, as follows:

James F. Mulhern, of the Fire Alarm Branch, has been suspended three days for disobedience of orders; Captain G. F. Fenno, of Engine Company 19, has been suspended from duty for three days for smoking on the main floor; Hoseman Frank C. Turner, of Engine Company 45, has been sentenced to forfeit four days' pay and four days off for disrespect to commanding officer; Hoseman M. H. Ryan, of Engine Company 44, has been fined two weeks' pay for assaulting another member of the same company; James J. Caine, of Engine Company 26-35, and Joseph A. Dolan, of Ladder Company 4, have been promoted to the position of lieutenants; Combination Company 6 was placed in service at Grove Hall at 10 A.M., November 8; Assistant Engineer Charles Miller, of Engine Company 28, Hoseman Edwin A. Whitehead, of Engine Company 18, and Ladderman David S. Black, of Ladder Company 6, have been retired from active service and their names placed on the pension list.

A special draft has been drawn for \$5,610 in favor of George G. Baker for part construction of new veterinary hospital.

The numbers of the following fire alarm boxes have been ordered changed:

Duplicate Box 9 to be Box 10; duplicate Box 38 to be Box 792. Permission has been requested of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to relocate ten poles for fire alarm service on Savin Hill avenue.

Orders have been drawn on Charles Waugh & Co. to alter wagon for salt-water fire service, and one new hose wagon, price \$648.50; and on B. F. Goodrich Company for 1,000 feet 3-inch jacket hose at \$1 per foot.

Transfers—Capt. John I. Quigley, Chemical Company 11 to Combination Company 6; E. B. Johnson, Chemical Company 5 to Combination Company 6; E. J. Berigan, Engine 37 to Combination Company 6; I. H. Dooley, Ladder Company 4 to Combination Company 6; E. W. Fottler, Ladder 8 to Combination Company 6; G. A. Wyman, Ladder Company 12 to Combination Company 6; J. J. Caine, Engines 26-35 to Chemical Company 11, as lieutenant; Joseph A. Dolan, Ladder Company 4 to Engine Company 12, as lieutenant; F. L. Dowd, Engine Company 23 to Chemical Company 5; V. P. McGuire, Engine 22 to Engine Company 37; F. Donohue, Tower Company 2 to Ladder Company 8; J. J. Hughes, Chemical 8 to Engine Company 3; J. D. Fitzgerald, Engine 3 to Tower Company 2; J. J. McCarthy, Engine 12 to Ladder Company 12; J. J. Spillane, Chemical 8 to Engine Company 43; J. Moroney, Engine Company 43 to Engine 15; J. H. Stout, Engine Company 15 to Chemical Company 8; D. J. Dacey, Engine Company 7 to Engine 26-35; William T. McCormack, Engine Company 42 to Chemical Company 5; and F. L. Dowd, Chemical Company 5 to Engine Company 42.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, November 14, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending November 12:

Cases pending	6	
Number of applications	112	
		118
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	40	
Long Island Almshouse	25	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	6	
Boston Insane Hospital,	4	
Foxboro' Asylum	6	
Westboro' Insane Hos-		
pital	7	
		88
Number of applications refused,	9	
Number of applications with-		
drawn	17	
Cases pending	4	
		118
Legal settlements investigated,		119

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, November 14, 1898.

Statistics for week ending November 12, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	193	8
Females	21	2
Totals	214	10
Offences:		
Against the person	5	0
Against property	13	8
Against public order and		
decency	193	1
Returned from escape	0	1
Totals	*216	10
Discharges:		
Males	154	13
Females	22	2
Totals	176	15
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	101	13
Permit of Commissioner,	39	0
Payment of fine	36	0
Transferred to Deer		
Island	0	1
Died	0	1
Totals	176	15
Population:		
November 7, 1898	1,528	522
Committed since Novem-		
ber 7	214	10
Totals	1,742	532
Discharged since Novem-		
ber 7	176	15
November 14, 1898	1,566	517

* Two committed charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, November 15, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the two weeks ending November 12:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	679
Defects corrected	69
Defects reported	159
Notices of new work received	27
Dead wire removed (feet)	14,900
Fixtures removed	13
Poles inspected	61

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	474
Notices of new work received	268

The Department force responded to a second alarm from Box 564 on November 6, and from Box 55, November 8.

Investigation has been made of electrical accident to James B. Ward.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Building connections	36
Conduit construction	10
Post connections	8
Repairs	7
Lamp connections	2
Pole connections	2

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	46
Building connections	20
Pole connections	7
Lamp connections	5
Repairs	14
Cable drawings	58
Installations of underground transformer,	2

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

ERRATUM.

In the communication from the Health Department, on page 670 of THE CITY RECORD, it was incorrectly stated, owing to a clerical error in the copy, that the building "situated at 46 Cross street" had been ordered vacated on November 11. Instead of 46 Cross street, read 54 Cross street.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending November 26, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	17.8
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897,	18.5
Number of deaths:	
Males	87
Females	94
Total	181
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	184
Decrease	3

Of the 181 decedents, 177 were white and 4 colored; 105 were born in the United States, 69 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 7 was unknown; 40 were of American parentage, 124 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 17 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	48	7
Scarlatina	24	2
Typhoid fever	13	1
Measles	82	3
Totals	167	13

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	24
Pneumonia	24
Heart disease	16
Bronchitis	5
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	8

Total from principal causes	81
Total from infectious diseases	13
Total from other causes	87

Total from all causes 181

Deaths of children under 1 year	25
Deaths of children under 5 years	41
Deaths of persons over 60 years	40
Deaths in public institutions	43

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for erecting a grammar school building on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, for the City of Boston. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$20,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen and a proposal obtained at the office of A. Warren Gould, 2A Beacon street, Boston, Mass. The bidder must fill out and leave the proposal so obtained and a certified check for \$2,500, at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of December 9, 1898; this check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

WILLIAM T. EATON,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 23, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Annabel street be laid out as a highway, at Dorchester, from Columbia road to Sumner street, over and including the private ways known as Allbright court and Sumner-street place, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the seventh day of December, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, November 26, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,381 linear feet of sewer work in Devon street, Roxbury and Dorchester districts, Mass., according to the office copy of contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Friday, December 2, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited to leave at the office of the Boston Park Commissioners, Jamaica Park, Boston, before 3 o'clock P.M., of Monday, December 5, 1898, proposals for building a wall of quarry-faced granite or seam-faced Roxbury stone, at Franklin Park. A bond of \$2,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the same, and leave with it at said office a certified check for \$300 payable to the City of Boston, the check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. All proposals so filled out and left with check, and no other, will at said time and place be publicly opened and read. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,

LABAN PRATT,

Park Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited to leave at the office of the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital before 12 o'clock M., on Friday, December 9, 1898, proposals for furnishing laundry machinery for said Hospital. A bond of two thousand (2,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the office of the Architectural Division of the Engineer's Department, Room 70, City Hall, in said city, fill out and sign the proposal, and leave it at said hospital with a certified check for \$300, payable to the City of Boston, the check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. All proposals so filled out and left, and no other, will, at said time and place, be publicly opened and read; and the Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all proposals.

A. SHUMAN,

President of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 23, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a new channel for Davenport brook, at Dorchester, be located between Dorchester avenue and Magdala street, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands, deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the seventh day of December, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 23, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Tremont street, at Brighton, be relocated as a highway, and constructed by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the seventh day of December, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 23, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Newland street be laid out as a highway, from Rutland street to West Concord street, and constructed by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the seventh day of December, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston, to submit proposals to him at his office, City Hall, Boston, before 12 o'clock M., of December 7, 1898, for building timber bulkheads on Summer-street extension, Boston. Plans for the work may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston. Proposals are required to be in a gross sum for the whole work and must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 26, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 100 Parker Hill avenue, Ward 19, one bay-window of wood, of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over Parker Hill avenue; also a cornice, projecting one foot six inches over the street. Dimensions of window: Twenty-two feet high, fifteen feet wide, and one foot over line of street.

LOUIS F. ABBOTT,

104 Parker Hill avenue.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 23, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twelfth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 23, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 1851 Dorchester avenue, Ward 24, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Dorchester avenue. Dimensions: Each twenty-two feet high, twelve feet wide, and three feet over line of street.

W. H. NEWCOMBE,

1575 Dorchester avenue.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 23, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twelfth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

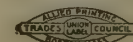
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A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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Room 71, City Hall,
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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

MAYOR'S CIRCULARS.

The following circulars to heads of departments have been issued by His Honor the Mayor:

(Circular No. 50.)

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: I desire to ascertain the total annual cost to the city of transportation by horses. Please fill in at your early convenience answers to the enclosed questions for your Department, giving separate figures for each of its divisions, if any.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

December 1, 1898.

Circular 51.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby requested to submit to the City Auditor your estimates of receipts and expenditures for the next fiscal year on or before December 15, and to furnish him with your requests for loans for

your Department for the coming calendar year on or before December 31. Estimates of expenditures should include nothing but the current or ordinary department expenditures. Requests for loans should specify the purpose of expenditure with sufficient particularity, and should be based on actual estimates as far as possible. The financial budget of the city for the coming year will be prepared by the Board of Apportionment, under the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898. This Board will enter upon its work early in January, and it is therefore necessary that the estimates and requests for loans should be prepared earlier than usual. The head of each Department will be given an opportunity to appear personally before the Board and explain its financial needs.

Heads of departments are expected to keep any increases in the estimates for the next fiscal year down to the lowest possible point, as the city will only have a very slightly increased revenue for current expenditures.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

December 1, 1898.

DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT JAMES T. MAHONEY, JR.

Representative-elect James T. Mahoney, jr., of South Boston, died on Monday, November 28, 1898.

Mr. Mahoney was born in South Boston twenty-five years ago. In 1895 and 1896, he represented Ward 13 in the Common Council of the city. At the recent State election, he was chosen a Representative to the General Court from the Thirteenth District.

THE STORM AND THE STREETS.

The Superintendent of Streets makes the following statement regarding the severe storm of November 27, 1898, in connection with the work of the Street Department:

Saturday, November 26, was cloudy; wind north-east, velocity 11 miles per hour; the average temperature was 29°. Snow commenced falling at 7.37 P.M., wet and heavy. During the early morning hours of Sunday,

the twenty-seventh, the wind increased to a hurricane, and by morning there was a heavy fall of snow, which in many places was badly drifted, and the city streets were almost blocked. Many of the overhead wires were broken, and the telephone and other service greatly disarranged. On but few lines of the Boston Elevated Railway Company were the cars running. The Street Department commenced work early Sunday morning, but the snow continuing, and the wind blowing with great force, it was not possible to do much more than open lines of communication between the most important fire-houses and streets that had been made passable by the plows of the Boston Elevated.

At 1.45 P.M. Sunday, the snowfall amounted to twelve inches. On Monday, the twenty-eighth, with the thermometer at 29°, there was a slight additional snowfall of a half an inch. Tuesday was clear, and the thermometer registered 33°. Wednesday there was a further fall of snow, amounting to 5.3 inches, making a total snowfall to be cared for of nearly 18 inches; and the record shows that on Wednesday, November 30, at 8 P.M., there were sixteen inches of unmelted snow on the ground where no work had been done.

All the force of the Department, Paving, Street-Cleaning, Sewer and Sanitary Divisions, men and horses, were substantially put on snow-work Monday and Tuesday, the sanitary forces being returned to their own work as the streets opened up so as to make it possible for them to get access to the houses. Work was continued night and day throughout the week.

In streets where the travel was heavy the snow cradled badly, requiring the use of picks; and, in effect, from every down-town street the snow had to be carted, the temperature at no time through the week rising but slightly above the freezing point. The hill streets were impassable for two days until the Department was able to give them attention.

The work in the outlying districts was made heavy in some places by the tremendous drifts. Fortunately, however, the temperature did not at any time become

excessively cold, so that by Sunday night, December 4, the city was in fair shape. On Sunday night the high wind and rain assisted greatly in bringing the streets back to a normal condition.

The scarcity of dumps continues a serious obstacle in the way of the rapid and low-cost removal of the snow. The long hauls, too, and the long waits at the dumps make much waste and extra labor.

As compared to the snowfall of February 1, of this same year (see article by Superintendent of Streets, *THE CITY RECORD*, page 101), the amount of the fall was slightly in excess, but the weather conditions following were much more favorable to snow removal; so that, while the storm of last February cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000, the recent storm will cost approximately \$50,000. The cost of snow removal for the financial year 1898 will exceed any in the history of the Department.

The large amount of money required for snow work the present year emphasizes the recommendation made in the last two annual reports of this Department that some provision be made for caring for snow, outside the maintenance appropriations of the Paving and Street-Cleaning divisions. The maintenance appropriation of the Paving Division should be for the maintenance and care of the streets and such other kindred duties as come within its regular province, for two reasons: first, that the cost of street maintenance from year to year could be compared; and secondly, that it might be possible, in making up the annual estimate of cost, to have a basis on which to figure.

This year the regular work of the Paving Division has been badly crippled the entire year in consequence of the tremendous inroad made on its maintenance appropriation by the storm of February. By careful management, it would have been possible, however, to end the year in this division almost within the appropriation, had it not been for this unusually early fall of snow. The snow cost in past years, previous to February 1, the commencement of the financial year, has been but trifling; but in this one year, owing to this November storm, we find the cost of snow removal already amounting to over \$175,000, and with nearly two months of the financial year yet to run, and predictions and indications of a severe and early winter.

It is not fair to those charged with the conduct of the work that, through conditions such as these, it should appear when the year is ended they have been unable to so manage the finances of their department as to live within the appropriation allotted by the City Council; nor is it fair to the citizen, who expects a certain amount of street work to be done, that, owing to weather conditions, he should be neglected. It is impossible to so plan the work that the officials in charge of the different districts

of the Paving Division can be instructed or informed as to the amount which may become available for their regular work. Under the present arrangement, dependent upon the fall of snow in the early part of the financial year, the summer work is more or less governed; and there is no way of figuring what will come at the very end of the season in the way of cost of snow removal.

I urge at this time, with the recent storm as a lesson, that in the coming year appropriation be made for the regular work of the Paving and Street-Cleaning Divisions, and that some arrangement of moneys be made so that the cost of snow removal, whatever it may be, can be provided for from such further sum as may be set aside for that purpose.

The following is a statement of the number of days labor, number of days teaming, and number of loads of snow removed, by the Street Department from Sunday, November 27, to Monday, December 5, 1898, inclusive:

Number days labor Paving Division men	6,689
Number days labor Street-Cleaning Division men	2,941
Number days labor Sewer Division men	2,786
Number days labor Sanitary Division men	279
Total number days labor	12,695
Number single teams employed	3,053
Number double teams employed	2,413
Number four-horse teams employed	25
Total number teams employed	5,491
Number single loads snow removed	22,513
Number double loads snow removed	12,091
Total number loads removed	34,604

In addition to the above, the greater portion of the paving and street-cleaning forces will be engaged on snow work for another week.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

FREE LECTURES FOR THE PEOPLE.

On Monday, the fifth instant, His Honor the Mayor announced the appointment of the new Advisory Committee on free lectures for the people, to consider what can be done in Boston towards giving lectures during the coming winter, of somewhat the same general character as those which have been successfully given for some years under the direction of the Board of Education of New York city, and to take charge of the actual work of arranging for the lectures.

The committee consists of Mr. Joseph H. Lee, 48 Chestnut street; Mrs. Robert A. Ware, 14 Ashburton place; Rabbi Charles Fleischer, 44 Tremlett street, Dorchester; Mr. John O. Norris, Melrose; Mr. F. A. Morse, 120 Corey street, West Roxbury; Dr. D. F. Lincoln, 83 Pinckney street; Mr. W. I. Cole, 6 Rollins street, and Miss Dora Williams, 93 Tyler street.

The committee organized by the election of Mr. Lee as Chairman, and Mrs. Ware as Secretary.

The general plan, so far as it has been outlined, is to give about one hundred lectures during the coming winter. Some of these will be given in school-houses or ward-rooms, and it is probable that a central course of lectures will also be given in the old Public Library building. The price to be paid lecturers will be ten dollars per lecture.

The office of the committee will be at 64 Pemberton square, where communications from persons interested in the subject of free lectures for the people will be gladly received.

HOUSES ORDERED VACATED.

The following houses were ordered vacated by the Board of Health during the month of November:

Nos. 1, 4, 5 and 8 Oliver court.
No. 2 Washington place, first floor.
Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5 Canny place, first floor.
No. 46 Salem street.
No. 54 Cross street.
No. 20 Northfield street.
No. 69 Sawyer street.
No. 34 Lowell street.
Rear No. 238 Centre street.
Lamson street, first right from Maverick street.
Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 Marion place.
No. 226 North street.
No. 92 Webster street.
Nos. 62, 64, 66, 68, 70 and 72 Lawrence street.
No. 30 Fleet street.

ELECTION RETURNS.

The following shows the number of votes cast for Senators in the City of Boston, by districts, at the State Election, November 8, 1898:

FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT—WARD 1. ¹		
Names.		Votes.
Byron Efford, Socialist Labor Party	54	
Henry S. Howard, Democratic	954	
Charles T. Witt, Republican*	1,962	
Total	2,970	

¹The balance of this district is composed of Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop.

SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT—WARDS 3, 4, 5. ²		
Edward H. Carter, Republican	1,898	
Peter F. Tague, Democratic*	4,124	
Total	6,022	

²The balance of this district is composed of Ward 3, of Cambridge.

THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT—WARDS 2, 6, 8.		
John Donovan, Democratic Bryan Nomination Paper	317	
William J. Donovan, Democratic*	3,709	
Aaron Pinkofsky, Republican Voters' Nomination Paper	548	
Daniel D. Rourke, Democratic Citizens' Nomination Paper, Republican	3,467	
Total	8,041	

* Elected.

FOURTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—WARDS 7, 9, 17.

Thomas Cooper, Republican-McKinley	
Nomination Paper	370
John A. Keliher, Democratic *	4,572
Joseph Lundy, Republican	1,922
Total	6,864

FIFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—WARDS 10, 12, 18.

Charles H. Innes, Republican *	4,143
John W. Palmer, Democratic	2,870
Total	7,013

SIXTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—WARDS 13, 14, 15.

John E. Baldwin, Democratic *	5,989
George W. Dryden, Republican	2,230
Total	8,219

SEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—WARDS 16, 20 AND 24.

Malachi L. Jennings, Democratic	3,724
William H. Lott, Republican *	6,165
Scattering	1
Total	9,890

EIGHTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—WARDS 21, 22 AND 23.

Arthur A. Maxwell, Republican *	5,284
Edward Seaver, Democratic	3,567
Scattering	1
Total	8,852

NINTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—WARDS 11, 19, 25.

John J. Feneno, Democratic *	4,477
Charles Liffier, Republican	3,916
Total	8,393

* Elected.

The following shows the number of votes cast for Representatives in the City of Boston, by districts, at the State Election, November 8, 1898:

FIRST DISTRICT—WARD 1.

Names.	Votes.
John L. Bates, Republican *	2,066
James R. Hobdell, Democratic	876
George P. Pierce Osborne, Democratic	761
Hugh L. Stalker, Republican *	1,774
Scattering	2
Total	5,479

SECOND DISTRICT—WARD 2.

Gilbert W. Carpenter, Republican	463
Joseph J. Dennison, Republican	467
James H. Donovan, Democratic *	1,810
John J. Douglass, Democratic *	1,752
James O'Connor, Democratic Labor	
Nomination Paper	318
Total	4,810

THIRD DISTRICT—WARD 3.

William C. Berry, Republican	446
Samuel L. Fillebrown, Republican	432
Jeremiah F. McCarthy, Democratic *	1,728
John I. Toland, Democratic *	1,629
Total	4,235

FOURTH DISTRICT—WARD 4.

Thomas H. Green, Democratic *	908
William E. Mahoney, Democratic	726
Jeremiah J. McCarthy, Republican *	1,318
Mark E. Smith, Republican	708
Scattering	2
Total	3,662

FIFTH DISTRICT—WARD 5.

Frank L. Bliss, Republican	568
George T. Harlow, Republican	561
William J. Miller, Democratic *	1,191
Edmund J. Twomey, Democratic *	1,208
Scattering	2
Total	3,530

SIXTH DISTRICT—WARD 6.

Daniel Abrams, Republican	460
William H. Archer, Republican	458
Michael J. Donovan, Democratic *	1,441
Daniel J. Kane, Democratic *	1,400
Thomas F. Monaghan, Democratic	
Independent Nomination Paper	352
Total	4,111

SEVENTH DISTRICT—WARD 7.

John W. Cunningham, Republican	348
William T. A. Fitzgerald, Democratic *	1,018
Albert H. Horn, Republican	346
Thomas Mackey, Democratic *	976
James Robertson, Republican Citizens'	
Nomination Paper	118
Total	2,806

EIGHTH DISTRICT—WARD 8.

Edward J. Donovan, Democratic *	1,608
Wallace F. Flanders, Republican	705
Martin M. Lomasney, Democratic *	1,658
Joseph Spektorsky, Republican	676
Scattering	2
Total	4,649

NINTH DISTRICT—WARD 9.

John J. Gartland, jr., Democratic *	1,660
David A. Mahoney, Democratic *	1,482
James W. H. Myrick, Republican	659
Julius J. Schriftgiesser, Republican	635
Total	4,436

TENTH DISTRICT—WARD 10.

Charles S. Clerke, Republican *	1,954
William C. Parker, Republican *	1,656
Scattering	2
Total	3,612

ELEVENTH DISTRICT—WARD 11.

Charles J. Countie, Democratic	766
Nathaniel G. Robinson, Democratic	690
Charles R. Saunders, Republican *	1,882
George S. Selfridge, Republican *	1,759
Total	5,097

TWELFTH DISTRICT—WARD 12.

John B. Dumond, Republican *	1,424
Alfred S. Hayes, Independent	1,003
Edward P. Sands, Republican *	1,326
Total	3,753

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT—WARD 13.

Charles Francis Adams, Republican	201
Hugh W. Bresnahan, Democratic *	1,563
Herman Brodbeck, Republican	146
† James T. Mahoney, jr., Democratic *	1,673
James J. Whalen, Democratic Inde-	
pendent Nomination Paper	942
Total	4,525

† Died November 28, 1898.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT—WARD 14.

Frank H. Cross, Republican	814
David J. Gleason, Democratic *	1,528
Michael Joseph Sullivan, Democratic *	2,022
John J. Toomey, Democratic Independ-	
ent Nomination Paper, Republican *	1,686
Scattering	1
Total	6,051

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT—WARD 15.

Horace N. Hatch, Republican	715
William Kells, jr., Democratic *	1,753
Daniel V. McIsaac, Democratic *	1,668
James H. Waugh, Republican	731
Total	4,867

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT—WARD 16.

Edward C. Baldwin, Democratic	1,046
Frederick W. Farwell, Republican *	1,436
William J. Higgins, Democratic	990
Arthur P. Russell, Republican *	1,410
Scattering	2
Total	4,884

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT—WARD 17.

Ebenezer Adams, Republican	884
Charles J. Kidney, Republican	1,192
John P. Lanergan, Democratic *	1,812
James H. Queeney, Democratic *	1,662
Total	5,550

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT—WARD 18.

Terrence Adams, Republican	839
Joseph C. Barrus, Republican	846
Thomas A. Conroy, Democratic *	1,344
Michael E. Gaddis, Democratic *	1,304
Total	4,333

NINETEENTH DISTRICT—WARD 19.

Herman Birkenmaier, Republican	699
Thomas P. Butler, Democratic Inde-	
pendent Nomination Paper	154
John J. Flanagan, Democratic *	1,544
Oliver S. Grant, Democratic *	1,576
William H. Morgan, Democratic Bryan	
Nomination Paper	1,078
Job H. Wells, Republican	593
Total	5,644

TWENTIETH DISTRICT—WARD 20.

Arthur E. Austin, Democratic	1,600
Daniel J. Daly, Democratic	1,266
Frank A. Foster, Republican *	2,111
Joseph I. Stewart, Republican *	2,004
Scattering	1
Total	6,982

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT—WARD 21.

Richard F. Andrews, jr., Republican *	2,072
John F. Currier, Democratic	816
Edward J. Shaughnessy, Democratic	786
William E. Skillings, Republican *	1,846
Total	5,520

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT—WARD 22.

John Bleiler, Republican *	1,577
Joseph E. Dowd, Democratic	1,190
Randolph V. King, Republican *	1,464
John F. Sullivan, Democratic	1,258
Scattering	3
Total	5,492

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT—WARD 23.

Albert A. Ayers, Republican Independ-	
ent Nomination Paper	124
Thomas F. I. Curley, Democratic	1,285
Orlando F. De Shan, Republican	1,569
John M. Minton, Democratic *	1,703
Albert B. Root, Republican *	1,380
Total	5,861

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT—WARD 24.

Manus J. Fish, Democratic	1,097
Fred C. Gilpatric, Republican *	1,930
Quincy A. Lathrop, Democratic	1,163
Harry B. Whall, Republican *	1,873
Total	6,063

* Elected.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT—WARD 25.

James H. Dalton, Democratic	884
Leonard W. Ross, Republican * . . .	1,247
George H. Wentworth, Democratic . .	1,098
William D. Wheeler, Republican * . .	1,200

Total	4,429
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*Elected.

REPORT REGARDING ILLEGAL LIQUOR-SELLING.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held on Monday, the fifth instant, the following communication was received from the Board of Police:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE.

December 2, 1898.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

GENTLEMEN: Complying with the request contained in the order of your honorable board, dated November 21, 1898, the Board of Police respectfully report that the number of persons arrested by the liquor squad for illegal liquor selling during the year ending December 31, 1897, was ninety-six, all of whom were complained of in court. Fifty-one were convicted; twenty-nine were acquitted, twelve had the complaints against them placed on file, and four had their cases not prossed.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS RYAN,

Clerk Board of Police.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

November 30, 1898.

General Order No. 551.

Whereas, It appears that Patrolman Asa F. Crocker, of Division 13, has performed faithful service in the Police Department for seven years; that he is an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion; and that he has requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of the year 1898; it is therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Asa F. Crocker be retired from active service in the Police Department and placed upon the pension roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement.

This order will take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock P.M., on Thursday, December 1, current.

December 2, 1898.

General Order No. 552.

In the matter of the complaint made by John H. Chavers against Patrolman Charles T. Corey, of Division 4, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, the Board finds

the said Patrolman Corey not guilty and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

December 5, 1898.

General Order No. 553.

The following transfers and assignments in the department are hereby ordered, to take effect at roll-call, at 5.45 o'clock P.M., Wednesday, the seventh instant:

Transfers—Patrolman Henry M. Thompson, Division 1 to Division 7; Patrolman Wesley W. Chandler, Division 3 to Division 13; Reserve Officer Jacob S. Butler, Division 3 to 16; Patrolman Joseph W. Smith, Division 6 to 9; Patrolman Frederick H. Bean, Division 7 to Headquarters Street Squad; Patrolman John F. Murray, Division 9 to Division 2; Patrolman John T. Foyne, Division 14 to Division 4; Patrolman Harry P. Burns, Division 14 to Division 3; Patrolman Herbert E. Chapman, Division 15 to Division 3; Reserve Officer Edwin H. Fitts, Division 16 to Division 1; Patrolman Michael J. Greeley, Liquor License Detail to Division 5; Patrolman John J. Smith, Liquor License Detail to Division 16; Patrolman Alfred M. Sturdivant, Liquor License Detail to Division 7; Patrolman Joseph H. Keen, Liquor License Detail to Division 9; Patrolman Emerson H. Nye, Headquarters Street Squad to Division 2.

Assignments—Reserve Officers: Fred G. Higgins to Liquor License Detail, Allen W. Alger to Liquor License Detail, John O'Neill to Liquor License Detail, William F. Cassidy to Liquor License Detail, Patrick J. McAuliffe to Division 3, Linwood S. Leavitt to Division 4, Wilbur L. Melvin to Division 5, Jeremiah J. Riordan to Division 5, Michael J. Feeley to Division 6, John P. Walsh to Division 6, Norman A. Eaton to Division 6, Howard P. Kempton to Division 9, Frederick M. Rooney to Division 10, Vernon F. Stockman to Division 10, John Worsdale to Division 10, Daniel J. Gavin to Division 11, James M. Breen to Division 12, Bartholomew Merchant to Division 14, Malcolm D. Blue to Division 14, Thomas McTigue to Division 15.

December 5, 1898.

General Order No. 554.

I. General Order, 542, issued for the direction of police officers on duty at the state election, on the eighth of November current, is by this order continued in full force for the direction of police officers on duty at the municipal election on Tuesday, thirteenth instant.

II. The public hackney carriage stand located at 347 Washington street, in front of the "Boston Tavern," is hereby abolished.

December 6, 1898.

General Order No. 555.

I. Whereas, It appears that Patrolman Albert W. Perkins, of Division 11 has performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty years; that he is an honorably-discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion; and that he has requested to be retired from active service, under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of the year 1898, it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Albert W. Perkins be retired from active service in the Police Department, and placed upon the

pension roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement.

II. General Order No. 553 is hereby amended by transferring Patrolman Michael J. Greeley to Division 12, instead of Division 6, and by assigning Reserve Officer James M. Breen to Division 6, instead of Division 12.

III. Section I. of this order will take effect at roll-call, at 5.45 o'clock P.M., Thursday, eighth instant, and section II., at roll-call, at 5.45 o'clock P.M., Wednesday, seventh instant.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending December 3, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	20.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897, .	18.9

Number of deaths:

Males	102
Females	107

Total	209
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Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	187
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Increase	22
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Of the 209 decedents, 206 were white and 3 colored; 135 were born in the United States, 67 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 7 was unknown; 46 were of American parentage, 138 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 25 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	47	6
Scarlatina	21	0
Typhoid fever	11	9
Measles	120	1
Totals	199	16

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	19
Pneumonia	28
Heart disease	20
Bronchitis	8
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	9

Total from principal causes	87
Total from infectious diseases	16
Total from other causes	106

Total from all causes	209
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Deaths of children under 1 year	44
Deaths of children under 5 years	61
Deaths of persons over 60 years	44
Deaths in public institutions	54

A bill restricting the height of buildings in the City of Washington is again under consideration. The bill restricts the height of non-fireproof residence buildings to sixty feet, but allows a height of seventy-five feet for non-fireproof business buildings. Wooden or frame buildings are restricted to forty feet in height.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, December 5, 1898, Chairman Dyar presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Appointment of George A. Goddard.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 5, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby notified that Mr. George A. Goddard has this day been appointed a member of the Board of Trustees for the Insane Hospital Department, for the term ending April 30, 1903, in place of Mr. John P. Leahy, resigned.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Notification Regarding Superintendent B. W. Wells.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 5, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

In order that it may become a matter of public record, you are hereby notified that on January 18, 1898, Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets, was designated by me as the officer of the City of Boston, charged with the enforcement of the provisions of Chapter 389 of the Acts of 1895, being "An Act to Abate the Smoke Nuisance in the City of Boston," and that on July 1, 1898, under the authority of Section 14 of Chapter 467 of the Acts of this year, the Superintendent of Streets was also appointed a member, on the part of the City of Boston, of the board of two commissioners to have charge of the maintenance, policing, support, management and repair of the bridges and draws between the cities of Boston and Cambridge.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Shelter Near Causeway Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 5, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith for your consideration a communication from the Boston Transit Commission, requesting authority to erect a temporary shelter adjacent to the tracks of

the northern terminal of the subway, in the vicinity of Causeway street.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

20 Beacon street, November 25, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The Commission has agreed with the Boston Elevated Railway Company, to erect for the convenience of the public a temporary shelter over the sidewalk adjacent to the tracks at the northern terminal of the subway, in the vicinity of Causeway street.

The present plan proposes a shelter which shall cover the sidewalk, and for the erection of which it will be necessary to place posts in the sidewalk.

I am instructed to request you at your earliest convenience to procure for the Commission such authority as may be necessary in the premises.

Yours respectfully,

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

The rule was suspended, and the Chairman offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Transit Commission, to erect, maintain and use a temporary structure for shelter over the sidewalk in front of the estate taken by said Commission on Canal street, for a distance of about 175 feet from Causeway street, Ward 8; the work to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

The communication and order were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Transfer of Land to City.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 5, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Under the provisions of Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1897, the Boston Transit Commission has now turned over to the city the portion of the lot of land acquired by said Commission, bounded by Haverhill street, Haymarket square, Canal street and Travers street extended, enclosed in red lines on the accompanying plan, and not needed for the purpose of said Commission. The price at which said land has been charged upon the books of the city, under the provisions of said act, has been fixed by the Transit Commission and myself at the sum of \$616,000. In order that this valuable tract of land may be available for a variety of municipal uses for which it is well adapted, some of which are already in contemplation, I desire to ask for the passage of the accompanying order authorizing its use.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of His Honor

the Mayor, be authorized to assign to any City Department for its temporary or permanent use, for building purposes or otherwise, any part of the parcel of land transferred to the city by the Boston Transit Commission, under the provisions of Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1897, and bounded by Haverhill street, Haymarket square, Canal street and Travers street extended.

The communication and order were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Free Lectures in Boston.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 5, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Referring to the message which I addressed to your body on October 24, in reference to the establishment of free lectures for the people, I now desire to inform you that the School Committee has, at my suggestion, passed a vote authorizing the use of school buildings for such lectures, where such use will not interfere with the regular work of the schools. The Old Public Library Building is also now available for this purpose, and it seems to me that this might well be used as a central point at which certain courses of lectures may be given. Thirty-six free lectures were given successfully last year through the agency of the Education Department of the Twentieth Century Club, and it seems to me entirely feasible and highly desirable that arrangements should be made for giving about one hundred free lectures during the coming winter and spring, and I think that this can be done at an expense of about \$2,500. As this work does not come within the scope of any existing department, I have organized an Advisory Committee to take charge of it, and I now desire to ask the passage of the accompanying order providing the necessary funds.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be appropriated, to be charged to City Council incidental expenses, to defray the expenses of free lectures for the people, to be given in school-rooms and other public buildings, under the direction of His Honor the Mayor.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule—Yeas, 10; nays, 0. Sent down.

A municipal rock-crushing plant has been operated at Burlington, Vt., since the beginning of October. During the five weeks of operation the items of expense amounted to \$2,068.84, and the output of the plant was about 3,650 tons of stone of various grades. The cost of stone to the city during this time was, therefore, about fifty-six cents, while the price generally charged by contractors had been \$1 a ton.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved November 29, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to grant the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, to the Eggleston Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps, on the evening of December 16 and morning of December 17, 1898, for an entertainment, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to charitable purposes.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the John S. Weeks estate, to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on rear 230 Border street, Ward 1, in excess of size allowed, and without the construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for mechanical purposes; main building occupied for same purpose.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to G. E. Whipple & Co., to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Spring street, Ward 23, in excess of range allowed, and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied as a coal elevator.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following was approved November 29, 1898:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Charles P. Hurley to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening three feet by four and one-half feet, with wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 1128 Washington street, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The following were approved November 30, 1898:

The Constable's bond of George E. Harrington.

License to Charles Culgin to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, on River street, near the Mattapan station, Ward 24.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

To Boston Electric Light Company, illuminated sign (temporarily), at 44 Winter street, Ward 7.

To Andrea Pollie, barber-poles, at 144 Eliot street, Ward 7 (formerly at 159 Eliot street).

To Dr. H. Segool, sign, at 83 Leverett street, Ward 8.

To Joseph W. Putnam, two barber-poles, at 238 Bunker Hill street, Ward 4.

To Abraham Struhl, sign, at 1295 Tremont street, Ward 18.

To J. Reardon & Co., drum-sign, corner Winthrop square and Otis street, Ward 7.

To James H. Gay, sign, at 1068 Washington street, Ward 9.

To Union Express Company, drum-sign, at 99 Arch street, Ward 7.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto:

To Thomas B. Block, to erect, maintain and use one guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, also to stretch three guy-ropes, in and over St. Alphonsus street, Ward 19, near Tremont street, for use in building construction.

To George H. Sallaway, to lay, maintain and use one and one-fourth-inch pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate No. 121 Leverett street, Ward 8.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of brick, the owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Howard Brothers, 85-103 Old Harbor street, Ward 15.

Howard Brothers, 332 East Eighth street, Ward 15.

Ordered, That in addition to the sum heretofore allowed for clerk hire in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court for Criminal Business, there be allowed the further sum of \$500, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Ordered, That in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated for arranging and indexing the early court files of Suffolk County, there be allowed the further sum of \$8,000, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, and to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The following order was presented to the Mayor November 15, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics' Association to erect, maintain and use a permanent awning, composed of iron, copper and glass, on the sidewalk in front of estate known as Mechanics' Building, on Huntington avenue, as shown on plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department, Ward 10; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The three following orders were presented to the Mayor November 22, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Hill & Hill to erect, maintain and use an iron post, with a clock surmounted thereon, in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 86 Federal street, and to remove the post and clock now in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 90 Federal street, Ward 7; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree located in front of 19 Chadwick street, Roxbury, as said tree is a menace to public travel; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to remove some of the limbs of a tree standing in front of the house No. 8 G street, South Boston, which in high winds are blown against the roof of said house; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an examination will be held on December 15, 1898, commencing at 9 A.M., at Boston, or any other city in the United States where it has a Board of Examiners, for the position of assistant in entomology, office of experiment stations (Department of Agriculture).

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements, without regard to race or to political or religious affiliations. All such citizens are invited to apply. They will be examined, graded and certified with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save their ability as shown by the grade they attain in the examination.

Persons desiring to enter this examination should at once apply to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At its meeting on Monday, December 5, 1898, the Board of Aldermen voted to adjourn, to meet on Monday, December 12, 1898, at 3 P.M.

December 1 marked the official closing of canal navigation for the season in Canada, and on that date the water was let out of all the canals.

Awards of Contracts.**Hospital Department.**

Proposals for heating and ventilating Ann White Vose building were opened on Wednesday, November 23, at 12 o'clock, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Ingalls & Kendrick	\$7,985
Walworth Construction and Supply Company	7,437
Isaac Coffin & Company	7,380
Huey Brothers	6,487
Lynch & Woodward	5,685

The contract was awarded to Lynch & Woodward.

G. H. M. ROWE, Superintendent.

Street Department.

Proposals for sewer work have been opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as follows:

Sewer in Walk Hill street; bids opened November 30:

Bidders.	Bids.
James Dolan	\$1,456 00
J. P. O'Connell	1,497 50
D. E. Lynch	1,867 00
J. C. Coleman & Son	1,892 50
McDowell & Sons	2,033 75

The contract was awarded to James Dolan.

Sewer in Devon street; bids opened December 2:

J. C. Coleman & Son	\$2,673 20
J. P. O'Connell	2,725 05
McDowell & Sons	3,125 00
D. E. Lynch	3,736 99

The contract was awarded to J. C. Coleman & Son.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN NOVEMBER.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of November, 1898, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 608; total number of mortgages, 644; total amount of mortgages, \$2,874,467.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	117
South Boston	49
East Boston	52
Roxbury	89
Dorchester	194
West Roxbury	47
Brighton	44
Charlestown	16
Total	608

Board Meetings.**Insane Hospital Department.**

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 126 Commonwealth avenue on November 26, 1898.

Present: Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion, Mr. Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

A letter from the Secretary of the State Board of Insanity relating to the condition of buildings at Austin and Pierce Farms (see THE CITY RECORD, page 675) was read.

The recommendations of the letter were discussed by the Board, and the general opinion was that, in view of the dangerous condition of the wooden buildings at Austin Farm, which had long been recognized by the Board, the Board was no longer justified in using the building as a ward of the Hospital. It was, therefore, voted that the building be emptied. The Secretary was instructed to notify the State Board of Insanity of the action, and to ask for the transfer of a sufficient number of patients to the State hospitals.

In furtherance of the policy begun by the Board, to use the Austin Farm as a hospital for women, it was voted that the men now in the "B" building be transferred to Pierce Farm and the State hospitals, and that the women now in the "A" building be transferred to the "B" building.

A letter was read from the Mayor with reference to the Registration Department and the changes recommended in the appointment of the Institutions' Registrar.

The Chairman of the Insane Hospital Trustees was authorized to join with the other officials mentioned in the Mayor's letter, in petitioning the Legislature for the passage of an amendment to the present law to effect the changes recommended by the Mayor.

The Secretary and Chairman were authorized to sign a special draft for the balance for the board of patients in other hospitals when the transfer was made, to meet the deficit.

It was voted to purchase four scales for weighing patients at Pierce Farm.

A request for the transfer of Honora Corcoran from Worcester to Austin Farm was read, but in view of the necessary transfers from Austin Farm it was voted that it could not be granted.

The Committee on Service recommended that the Superintendent be asked to nominate a suitable person for matron and superintendent of nurses at the next meeting of the Board. It was voted that the Committee be authorized to employ a proper person at such salary as they should think necessary.

It was voted that the Chairman and Secretary wait upon the Mayor and notify him of the closure of the "A" building and the transfer of patients to the State hospitals.

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, November 18, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Lincoln and the Librarian.

Received: The Librarian's report.

Salaries: Daniel J. Sullivan, janitor West End Branch, salary to date from November 17, instead of November 21, as ordered on November 11; Fernald Hutchins, Grade D, executive department, to be ranked in Grade D. Special, salary, \$7 per week, beginning December 2.

Resignation: William H. Heyer, forwarder in bindery, to take effect November 17.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$2,264.81, plus \$15; for historical map, chargeable to trust funds, \$246.56; to Station "P," \$17.62; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$19.32; miscellaneous articles, \$1,146.15.

The Librarian was authorized to arrange for the transfer of the North Brighton reading-room from 535 Western avenue to the premises offered at 56 Market street; to apply to the Police Commission to have Henry Niederauer, chief janitor at the Central Library, made a special police officer; and his action in so applying in behalf of Edward A. Warren, janitor of the Brighton Branch, was approved.

Certain applications for special cards were received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held November 29, 1898:

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to settle the suit of Eben Bacon for betterment assessment, numbered seventy on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, on the basis of 50 per cent. of the amount of betterment assessed, without interest.

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to settle the cases of Sarah E. Pratt et al. for damages for three parcels of land taken for Neponset Playground, containing 254,448 square feet, for the sum of \$6,469.79, without interest.

Voted, That permission be and it is hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company, to construct, maintain and use a double track upon the surface of Seaver street in Franklin Park, with suitable curves, cross-overs and connections connecting with the existing tracks of said company at either end, and at Humboldt avenue, also to erect poles in said Seaver street and in Franklin Park, all substantially

as shown on plans of A. L. Plympton, dated February 21, 1898, and filed with its petition for this permit.

Also to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motor power in the operations of its cars on said tracks, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the poles, wires, appliances and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of said street necessary for said purpose.

Said company shall keep its tracks, poles, wires and the surface of the roadway, between its tracks and two feet on either side thereof, in good condition, satisfactory to the Park Commissioners; shall place all feed wires under the surface of the ground; shall not suffer or permit any person to place or keep wires on said poles or upon the fixtures thereto affixed without permission being first obtained in writing from this Board; shall not remove the tracks or poles located under this permit until, and shall remove them when, directed by this Board so to do; and that in continued violation of any of the foregoing requirements, after notice, said Board may remove said tracks or poles at the expense of said company.

All work done under this permit shall be done to the satisfaction of the Board of Park Commissioners.

No work shall be done under this permit until said company shall furnish a bond for \$20,000 with surety, in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, conditioned to save the city harmless from any loss, cost or damage in any way arising from the privileges granted by this permit and any work to be done thereunder, and to fulfil its obligations under the provisions of this permit.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Wednesday, November 8.

An order of notice was passed of the Board's intention to build a sewer in private land between Faneuil and Harriet streets, at Brighton.

Orders were passed laying out Woodcliff street; relocating the Oakland Garden Fork of the Canterbury Branch of Stony brook; for the building of catch-basins in Magnolia, Wellington, Haverhill, King, Corbett, Rochdale, Brooks, Maverick and Topliff streets and in Neponset avenue.

It was voted to pay Joseph Graham \$200 for damages occasioned his estate by the widening of Centre street, at Dorchester, the Mayor having approved his agreement to accept that sum.

Petitions were received for sewers in Bullard street and Savin Hill avenue; and that Dunreath street may be laid out, at Roxbury.

Thursday, November 10.

Public hearings were given in the matters of laying out Shawmut park, from King street to Templeton street, with the name of Florida street, and of constructing the same; of the construction of Edwin street, of the laying out and construction of an extension of Draper street, from Robinson

street to Bowdoin street; and of the laying out of a passageway, at East Boston, from Webster street to Marginal street, to be designated as Public Alley No. 2001, in District No. 21.

Petitions were received for sewers in Rosemont, Spaulding and Gustin streets, at Dorchester, and in Sumner street, at East Boston.

An order was passed laying out public alleys Nos. 430 to 437, in District No. 5.

Friday, November 11.

Public hearings were given in the matters of the relocation and extension of B street; and of the construction of a sewer in private land, at Roxbury, from Lamont street.

It was voted to pay Melissa A. Todd \$11,600, for all damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Columbia road, her agreement to accept that sum having been approved by the Mayor.

A petition was received for catch-basins in Elmo street.

A hearing was given on the Board of Survey plans F 92, 93, 94, O 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 28, 29, 30, P 21, in Plat 8.

An order was passed relocating the Canterbury Branch of Stony brook.

Tuesday, November 15.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out Warner avenue, at Dorchester, from Harvard street to Park street, and constructing the same.

Sewers were ordered constructed in Rosemary, Harriet, Huntoon, Carlisle, Kenwood and Sumner streets. Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Parker, Montello, Norfolk, Breed and Nottingham streets.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Ernst, Miles, Bancroft streets and West Walnut park at Roxbury.

On the recommendation of the Law Department, it was voted to pay Patrick Smith \$12,700 net for land and building on Poplar street, taken by this Board for school purposes.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Byron, Devon and Chickatawbut streets; the laying out of Normandy and Shepton streets, and that the name of Avon place be changed to Avon street.

Wednesday, November 16.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out Public Alley No. 701, in District No. 8.

An order was passed laying out Shafter street; and orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to widen Athelwold street and to extend Thane street.

In accordance with the request of the School Committee it was voted to take a parcel of land on Pembroke street, belonging to the German Lutheran Society, for an addition to the Girls' High School lot.

Thursday, November 17.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Colonial Park, for a catch-basin in Dustin street, and that Westbourne road may be laid out.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Randall and Algonquin streets, Kilsyth road and Tremont street; and sewers were ordered to be built in Leicester, Townsend, Saratoga, Bullock and Hopkins streets.

It was voted to give the second hearing required by Chapter 418 of the Acts of the

Legislature of 1892, on plans numbered U 8, 13, 28, 29, 32, 33, in Plat 7.

Friday, November 18.

Votes were passed assessing the cost of the laying out and construction of the following streets, on the abutters thereon: Bloomfield, Fullerton, Wolcott, Ellet and Wilder streets.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Trinity place.

A catch-basin was ordered to be built in Plain street.

A petition was received for a sewer in White terrace.

Monday, November 21.

In accordance with the request of the School Committee it was voted to purchase from Mary R. Cleaves, for the sum of \$9,250, a parcel of land on Bailey street, for school purposes,—the Mayor having approved her agreement to accept that sum.

On recommendation of the Law Department, it was voted to pay A. T. and M. J. Rogers \$2,185.58, net, for all damages occasioned their estate by the widening of Huntington avenue.

Sewers were ordered to be built in Argyle and Marmion streets, and a surface drain was ordered to be built from May street.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to relocate Franklin Park brook; and to discontinue a part of Atlantic avenue (formerly Cove street).

A petition was received for a change in the locations, etc., for the highways on Board of Survey plans N 27, 28, in Plat 8.

Petitions were received for sewers in East First and Bullock streets.

Wednesday, November 23.

Public hearings were given in the matter of the location of a new channel for the Oakland Garden Fork of the Canterbury Branch of Stony brook; and of the construction of a sewer in private lands between Faneuil and Harriet streets.

Orders were passed relocating the Oakland Garden Fork of Stony brook, and constructing a sewer in private lands between Harriet and Faneuil streets.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Newland, Tremont and Annabel streets, and to relocate Davenport brook.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Ashmont and Harvest streets; for sewers in Spencer street and Downer court; that Knoll street may be laid out; that the water-course from Quincy street to the junction of Hancock and Freeport streets may be improved; that changes may be made in the locations, etc., for the highways shown on plan M 47, Board of Survey Plat 4, particularly concerning Whipple street; and that passageway No. 901 may be laid out in District No. 10.

Friday, November 25.

A public hearing was given in the matter of the locations, etc., of highways shown on plans numbered M 8, 13, 28, 29, 32, 33, Board of Survey Plat 7.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

A recreation pier is to be constructed in Philadelphia. It will be at the foot of Chestnut street, and will be 580 by 80 feet in size.

Department Communications.

Baths Department.

Following is a summary statement showing the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of November, together with the amount received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

DATE.	Men.	Women.	Girls.	Boys.	Total.	Amount Received
Nov. 1...	160	30	45	41	276	\$3 81
Nov. 2...	210	45	42	30	327	5 24
Nov. 3...	140	50	50	20	260	4 38
Nov. 4...	195	90	36	44	365	5 67
Nov. 5...	486	148	525	247	1,406	11 16
Nov. 6...	350	173	212	103	838	10 67
Nov. 7...	120	45	42	30	237	3 11
Nov. 8...	152	47	45	33	277	3 65
Nov. 9...	255	102	40	38	435	5 35
Nov. 10...	75	33	27	28	163	1 95
Nov. 11...	178	75	55	47	355	3 42
Nov. 12...	405	105	86	256	1,252	9 14
Nov. 13...	555	191	83	101	930	12 16
Nov. 14...	205	73	42	53	373	4 41
Nov. 15...	204	95	58	61	418	3 82
Nov. 16...	201	85	42	35	363	4 26
Nov. 17...	190	81	42	30	343	2 93
Nov. 18...	195	85	47	53	380	5 48
Nov. 19...	345	105	559	275	1,284	6 20
Nov. 20...	503	173	160	140	978	11 60
Nov. 21...	207	85	41	62	395	4 60
Nov. 22...	195	88	404	51	738	3 00
Nov. 23...	220	104	75	69	468	5 07
Nov. 24...	180	41	74	53	348	2 61
Nov. 25...	205	83	70	78	436	2 11
Nov. 26...	300	66	215	435	1,016	3 41
Nov. 27...	51	...	...	11	62	26
Nov. 28...	101	42	23	60	226	81
Nov. 29...	195	88	51	70	404	1 53
Nov. 30...	220	104	69	75	468	1 09
Totals...	7,000	2,522	3,660	2,629	15,811	\$142 90

NOTE.—Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

The following table, shows the number of baths taken at the East Boston Gymnasium during certain weeks:

WEEK ENDING	Men.	Women.	Girls.	Boys.	Total.
Oct. 22.....	644	90	109	653	1,496
Oct. 29.....	902	80	135	879	1,996
Nov. 5.....	837	85	194	775	1,891
Nov. 12.....	963	135	284	511	*1,893
Nov. 19.....	816	106	394	770	2,086
Nov. 26.....	1,348	144	507	983	2,982
Totals....	5,510	640	1,623	4,571	12,344

NOTE.—At this house, women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

*In addition, 176 High School boys were given baths.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Building Department.

Old Court House, November 21, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending November 19, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.							
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.		
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.								
1...	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	5	-		
2...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4		
3...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2		
4...	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	1		
5...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	3		
6...	-	6	-	1	1	1	10	1	7	36		
7...	-	6	-	3	1	-	13	1	7	62		
8...	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	3	4	6		
9...	-	6	-	-	-	-	6	1	2	14		
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	16		
11...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	50		
12...	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	14	9		
13...	-	2	-	-	-	-	5	1	2	2		
14...	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	10		
15...	3	-	-	1	1	-	3	1	4	8		
16...	9	1	4	-	-	1	4	7	5	10		
17...	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	3	5	14		
18...	-	5	-	-	-	-	4	-	5	7		
19...	6	1	3	-	2	3	3	1	8	11		
20...	11	4	8	-	-	7	4	4	14	44		
21...	3	1	3	-	-	2	1	9	6	20		
22...	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	5		
23...	5	-	1	-	-	7	-	6	8	14		
24...	7	-	2	-	-	6	1	3	6	16		
25...	8	1	6	-	-	2	3	9	5	6		
T'ls..	58	41	31	6	5	30	73	67	129	370		

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, November 28, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending November 26, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	101
Number of discharges of mortgages	9
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of married women's certificates	6
Number of assignments of mortgages	1
Number of assignments of wages	25
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of ship liens	2
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2

The following accident notices were filed:

November 23 — Mrs. Elizabeth Schneider, damage to house No. 47 Ward street, caused by the breaking of a sewer.

November 26 — Anne Kennedy, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk at 52-58 Eastern avenue.

The following suits have been entered against the city:

Mary Perry, action of tort, damages \$2,000; William H. Thayer, action of contract, damages \$300; Cora Averhill, action of tort, damages \$4,000; James H. Brennan, action of tort, damages \$300; Elizabeth McIntire, action of tort, damages \$15,000.

City Hall, December 5, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending December 3, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	90
Number of discharges of mortgages	20
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of assignments of mortgages	4
Number of assignments of wages	17
Number of married women's certificates	2
Number of ship liens	2
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2

The following accident notices were filed:

December 1 — William Nixon, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Kneeland street, corner South street.

December 2 — Jacob W. Haskell, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in Broadway, near Dorchester street, South Boston.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, November 26, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables were filed at this office:

Minnie H. Stone, Humboldt avenue, Ward 21, two horses; hearing December 8, at 11 o'clock. M. A. Hayes, Graham court, Ward 16, one horse; hearing December 8, at 11 o'clock. John T. Keefe, Kemble street, Ward 17, 25 horses; hearing December 8 at 11 o'clock.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending November 25:

Steers	191
New England cows	43
New England bulls	12
Sheep	63
Calves	309
Total	618

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending Saturday, November 26: 706 pounds immature veal; 715 pounds tainted poultry; 2 barrels apples.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending November 26:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	10	45	55
Negative	44	36	80
No growth	3	0	3
Totals	57	81	138

Remarks—Typhoid diagnoses: nine cases, two cases positive, seven cases negative.

Old Court House, December 3, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Charles H. Carew, 684 East Second street, Ward 14, six additional horses; hearing December 8, at 11 o'clock. Mrs. E. A. W. Morrill, Humboldt avenue, Ward 21, three horses; hearing December 15, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

David McIntire, 246 Boston street, Ward 16, two horses; Joseph Arancio, 3 Mechanics street, Ward 6, twenty horses.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending December 2:

Steers	217
New England cows	45
New England bulls	20
Sheep	463
Calves	309
Hogs	2

Total 1,056

The following is a summary of work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during November, 1898:

Number of samples of milk examined:	
From milk wagons	544
From stores	394
Brought by citizens	24
Total	962

Number of samples of vinegar examined,	70
Number of samples of butter examined,	31

Total samples 1,063

Number of cases pending in Municipal Court, November 1	2
Number of cases entered during the month:	
For milk not of standard quality	23
For sale of adulterated vinegar	1
For sale of vinegar not made from cider as cider-vinegar	3
Total	29
Number of convictions	24
Cases pending December 1	5
Amount paid in fines	\$1,055

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending December 3, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	10	17	27
Negative	44	32	76
No growth	0	1	1
Totals	54	50	104

Remarks: Typhoid diagnoses, four cases; one case positive, three cases negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, November 21, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending November 19, 1898:

Cases pending	4
Number of applications	101
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	48
Long Island Almshouse	23
Boston Insane Hospital	5
Foxboro' Asylum	4
Westboro' Insane Hospital	8
Number of applications refused,	88
Number of applications withdrawn	7
Cases pending	8
Legal settlements investigated,	2
	105
	118

28 Court Square, November 28, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending November 26, 1898:	
Cases pending	2
Number of applications	100
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	41
Long Island Almshouse	26
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	2
Boston Insane Hospital	8
Foxboro' Asylum	4
Westboro' Insane Hospital	3
Danvers Lunatic Hospital	2
Massachusetts Hospital for Epileptics	1
Number of applications refused,	87
Number of applications withdrawn	9
Legal settlements investigated,	6
	102
	109

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, November 21, 1898.

Statistics for week ending November 19, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	152	24
Females	27	3
Totals	179	27
Offences:		
Against the person	4	5
Against property	12	16
Against public order and decency	164	8
Totals	*180	†29
Discharges:		
Males	134	11
Females	18	3
Totals	152	14
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	93	13
Permit of Commissioner,	34	1
Payment of fine	25	0
Totals	152	14
Population:		
November 14, 1898	1,566	517
Committed since November 14, 1898	179	27
Totals	1,745	544

Discharged since November 14, 1898	152	14
November 19, 1898	1,593	530

*One committed, charged with two offences. †Two committed, charged with two offences each.

32 Tremont street, November 28, 1898.

Statistics for week ending November 26, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	152	8
Females	17	2
Totals	169	10
Offences:		
Against the person	7	2
Against property	10	6
Against public order and decency	152	2
Totals	169	10
Discharges:		
Males	159	12
Females	26	2
Totals	185	14
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	128	12
Permit of Commissioner,	33	0
Payment of fine	23	0
Transferred to Concord,	1	2
Totals	185	14
Population:		
November 21, 1898.	1,593	530
Committed since November 21, 1898	169	10
Totals	1,762	540
Discharged since November 21, 1898	185	14
November 26, 1898	1,577	526

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Water Department.

City Hall, December 3, 1898.

The resignation of J. P. Lomasney from the position of Superintendent of the Revenue and Waste Inspection Service of the Income Division of the Water Department, tendered this day, to take effect at once, was accepted by the Water Commissioner, who thereupon ordered the consolidation of said service with the Waste and Deacon Service, and appointed M. J. O'Brien, heretofore Superintendent of the latter service, to take charge, under the supervision of the General Superintendent of the Income Division of the consolidated services, with the title of Superintendent of Water Inspection Service.

JOHN R. MURPHY,
Water Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, November 21, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending November 19, 1898:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	284
Defects reported	97
Defects corrected	25
Notices of new work received	16
Dead wire removed (feet).	3,800
Fixtures removed	112
Poles inspected	31

The Boston Electric Light Company has set thirty-one poles on Washington street, between Fuller and River streets.

Fires have been investigated as follows:

West Fourth street, near B street, November 18, high potential wires in contact with tree.

No. 7 Beacon street, November 19, high and low potential wires in contact, destroying cable-box of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. The Department employees responded, removing all contacts and dangerous wires.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	223
Notices of new work received	141

Inspections have been made of the temporary wiring at the various theatres.

Investigation has been made of slight fire in building 46-54 Bedford street and 43-51 Avon street.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	7
Building connections	13
Lamp connections	2
Repairs	7

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	22
Building connections	10
Lamp connections	2
Pole connections	4
Repairs	4
Installation of underground transformer	1

Old Court House, November 28, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending November 26:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	249
Defects reported	68
Defects corrected	24
Notices of new work received	19
Dead wire removed (feet).	3,800
Fixtures removed	12
Poles inspected	31

The employees of the Department were engaged Sunday, the twenty-seventh instant, in removing dead and dangerous wires, which had fallen during the night, and were lying in the streets and on trolley and light wires.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	191
New notices received	114

Inspections have been made of the temporary wiring at the various theatres.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Building connections	14
Pole connections	4

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	20
Building connections	16
Lamp connections	13
Repairs	7
Cable drawings	32

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	12,139
Feet of duct laid	52,525
Manholes built	36
Service connections made	45
Feet of cable drawn in	79,370

Old Court House, December 5, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending December 3:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	150
Defects reported	54
Defects corrected	13
Notices of new work received	12
Dead wire removed (feet).	3,600
Fixtures removed	6

The first three or four days of the past week the force was engaged in clearing the streets of wires which had fallen during the storm of November 26 and 27, and found to be in contact with high potential wires, and an obstruction to travel.

Investigation has been made as to cause of accident whereby one of a pair of horses was killed and the other badly burned on hack driven by one Joyce, owned by the Boston Cab Company; same was due to a wire falling and striking horse during the heavy snow storm, about 1.30 A.M., November 27; the trouble occurred on Dudley street, near crossing of New York and New England Railroad.

Investigation has also been made of a car fire on Hyde Park avenue, near Neponset avenue, December 2.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	196
Notices of new work received	101

Inspections have been made of the temporary wiring at the various theatres.

Investigation has been made of fire at Federal-street bridge, which took place at 1.15 P.M., November 27, and same was found to be due to the extraordinarily high tide of that date which covered the Boston Elevated Railway Company's feed contact-pieces at drawbridge, the short-circuit resulting thereby destroying contact-pieces, charring and scorching bridge, damaging submarine cable at drawbridge channel and burning cable house at northerly side of bridge.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals of permits granted as follows:

Conduit construction	2
Building connections	5
Lamp connections	1
Repairs	1

Inspections made:

Conduit construction	5
Building connections	4
Lamp connections	10
Pole connections	1
Repairs	4
Cable drawings	29
Underground transformers	3

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

ESTIMATES FOR HARBOR AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.

In the estimates of appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, as furnished by the Executive Departments of the National Government, and transmitted to Congress on December 5, 1898, the following items, relating to Boston and vicinity, are found:

To mark channel, near State Ledge, Boston Harbor, \$42,000; at Navy Yard, Charlestown, \$367,000; for improvements in Boston Harbor, \$263,751; for improvements at Watertown Arsenal, \$96,240; for new Naval Hospital, Chelsea, \$45,000.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, December 2, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for feed water heater, meters, etc., for the pumping station, Calf Pasture, Dorchester District, Boston, Mass. (contract G), according to the plans and specifications to be seen at the office of E. D. Leavitt, mechanical engineer, 2 Central square, Cambridgeport, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets for faithfully doing the work, and leave at the office of said Superintendent, 47 City Hall, Boston, Mass., on or before 12 M., of Monday, December 12, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$100, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

December 6, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Covington street, at South Boston, be laid out as a highway, over and upon a private way known as Atlantic street, from East Eighth street to Columbin road, and constructed by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-first day of December, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, December 5, 1898.

The West End Street Railway Company, by its attorney, the Boston Elevated Railway Company, respectfully petitions your Board for leave to construct, maintain and use curves, cross-overs, switches, and connections at the junction of Broadway, Dorchester avenue and Division street, South Boston, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated November 10, 1898, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

December 5, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, South Boston News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Old Court House, Boston, December 8.

Proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M., Wednesday, December 14, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing, for the three months ending April 1, 1899, whatever best quality hard, white ash, broken, egg, or stove coal that may be required for the public buildings and for the several departments of the City of Boston not otherwise provided for. The amount required is about 2,500 tons, more or less, broken coal; 1,000 tons, more or less, egg coal; 500 tons, more or less, stove coal. Also about 1,500 tons, more or less, best quality George's Creek Cumberland coal for steam and smithing uses. Information will be furnished by the fuel clerk, at this office, every day from 1 to 2 o'clock. The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals if for the city's interest so to do. Bids to be addressed, "Proposals for Coal."

JOHN DROHAN,
Superintendent Public Buildings Department

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 29, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 15 and 15A Pinckney street, Ward 11, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over 15 and 15A Pinckney street. Dimensions: 24 feet high, 12 feet wide, and 18 inches over line of street.

C. S. ROBERTS,
12 South street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

December 5, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the nineteenth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

December 5, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 85 Maverick street, corner Havre street, Ward 2, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, one over corner and one over Havre street. Dimensions: Bay at corner, 22 feet high, 8 feet wide; bay over Havre street, 22 feet high, 10 feet wide, and each projecting 3 feet over line of streets.

H. CADY,
By HERMAN DRAKE,
85 Maverick street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

December 5, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the nineteenth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the East Boston Free Press and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

December 5, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an outlet for a catch-basin drain in Van Winkle street be constructed, at Dorchester, in said Van Winkle street and in private lands from Bushnell street to the south-westerly side of the Shawmut Branch Railroad, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twentieth day of December, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

December 1, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Rozella street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Adams street to Muzzy street, and constructed by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the sixteenth day of December, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

December 5, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Shepton street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Dorchester avenue to Denver street, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twentieth day of December, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

CITY ELECTION.

November 25, 1898.

In accordance with the provisions of the Election Act of 1893 and amendments thereof, notice is hereby given that meetings of the citizens of this city, qualified to vote for city officers, will be held in the several polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of December next, and all such citizens will, on said date, in the several precincts in which they are entitled to vote, give in their votes for two members of a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, one to serve for two years and one to serve for one year; also for one able and discreet man to serve as a Street Commissioner for the term of three years; also for seven able and discreet persons to be members of the Board of Aldermen for the ensuing year; also for nine persons to be members of the School Committee, eight to serve for the term of three years and one to serve for the term of one year; all of the foregoing to be inhabitants of this city. Also for three able and discreet men, qualified voters and inhabitants of the ward in which they are voted for, to be members of the Common Council for the ensuing year.

They will also give in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city?"

Notice is also hereby given to such female citizens of this city as are qualified to vote for the purpose to assemble at the same time and places and give in their votes for nine persons to be members of the School Committee, eight to serve for the term of three years and one to serve for the term of one year.

The polls at said meetings will be opened at 6 o'clock A.M., and closed at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 25, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 273 E street, Ward 15, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over the corner of E and West Fifth streets. Dimensions: Twenty-four feet high, eight feet wide on each street and two feet over line of street.

JACOB H. GOODMAN,
233 West Fifth street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 28, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twelfth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the South Boston Inquirer and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

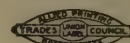
CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

December 1, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Bakersfield street be laid out as a highway, at Dorchester, from Stoughton street to Willis street, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the sixteenth day of December, 1898, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume I.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1898.

Number 50.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

FREE MUNICIPAL LECTURES.

The first regular meeting of the committee recently appointed by Mayor Quincy to arrange for free lectures was held at 64 Pemberton square, Saturday, December 10, at 3.30 P.M. There were present: His Honor Mayor Quincy and all the members of the committee.

It was decided that the name of the committee should be "Mayor's Advisory Committee on Free Municipal Lectures."

Mayor Quincy stated that an appropriation of \$2,500 for this work had passed the Board of Aldermen.

The main consideration of the meeting was regarding questions of policy in the administration of the courses of lectures.

It was voted to arrange for about one hundred lectures; also that no tickets be required for admission, and that children under sixteen years of age be excluded, as the lectures are intended solely for adults. The committee decided to pay each lecturer \$10.

It was voted to give lectures at least, at ten different points in the city, and a sub-committee, consisting of Mr. Lee, Mrs. Ware

and Mr. Cole was appointed to consider what school-houses and ward-rooms are best adapted for this purpose.

The committee voted to proceed at once to arrange a first course of lectures for Thursday evenings in January at the old Public Library building. The regular meetings of the committee will be held hereafter on Friday afternoons at 4 P.M., at 64 Pemberton square.

FREE MUNICIPAL CONCERTS.

The next weekly municipal concert will be given on Tuesday evening, December 20, 1898, at St. John's School-hall on Moon street, North End, at 8 o'clock. The program will consist of selections by the Municipal String Quartet, assisted by Mr. C. J. Leary, baritone, and Mr. James T. Whelan, accompanist.

The concerts thus far given have been so successful that at the conclusion of the present series the Music Department intends to have them repeated, with added features. It is estimated that when the ten concerts included in this series are concluded the number of persons benefited by listening to good music will be considerably over 10,000.

Admission to these concerts is free, the only requirement being the presentation of a ticket, which may be obtained at the office of the Music Department, 64 Pemberton square. The Department would be glad to furnish charitable and other organizations with any number of tickets for distribution to persons who would desire to attend the concerts.

Tickets for next week's concert may also be secured at R. M. Burden's drug store, 312 Hanover street; at Julius Rottenberg's Agency, 115 Salem street, and at the office of "Il Corriere," 192 North street.

CITY INSTITUTIONS AT DEER ISLAND AND SOUTH BOSTON.

The following is taken from the report of the grand jury for Suffolk County made to the Superior Court, with regard to the public institutions of the county:

We recommend that authority be given to Superintendent Gerrish to purchase materials for a new building for female prisoners and to try the experiment of erecting the building by the employment, as far as possible, of the male prisoners.

If, under existing regulations it is impossible to employ the prisoners, legislative sanction should be obtained for increased diversity of occupation. We suggest that gardening on a more extensive scale should be tried at Deer Island, accompanied by the purchase, if necessary, of fertilizers.

The manufacture of chairs and cheap furniture could be carried on both at South Boston and at Deer Island, as is done in the Concord, (N. H.), Prison. Iron bedsteads and mattresses might also be made. The product of these new industries could be used in the public institutions, without interfering with general trade.

It is, in our opinion, advisable that more attention should be given to the instruction of those prisoners who desire it, and are capable of profiting by it. The school hours could with advantage be extended to four or five hours per day, and more paid teachers should certainly be employed if none of the inmates are sufficiently competent.

Superintendent Whiton of South Boston deserves praise for the condition of his premises, especially in view of the fact that the buildings are very old and inconvenient. Better cell accommodation is much needed, as the cells are much too small, and it is inhuman to keep prisoners in such a small place for thirty-six hours, as is necessary on Sundays. In view of the fact that a new cell-house is imperatively required, that the rest of the buildings are out of date, and that a strong iron fence is needed around the whole grounds, we urgently recommend that a new House of Correction be erected elsewhere, and that these buildings be sold. The site is contiguous to the park system, and as the water front of Boston is naturally limited, the welfare of the city demands that the land be made available for other purposes.

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES.

Part 2, Volume III., Census of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for 1895, prepared by the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, treats of schools and school property, libraries and reading-rooms in the State.

The report shows that the total number of public school buildings is 3,395, valued at \$37,447,411, this value including land and

furniture. The value of school property, other than buildings, land and furniture, is \$1,629,994.

The following table classifies the public city school buildings, with the value of buildings and property, by counties:

COUNTIES.	Area, Sq. Miles.	Population.	No. School Buildings.	VALUE OF	
				Buildings	Property
Barnstable . .	444	27,654	93	\$221,200	\$15,615
Berkshire . .	959	86,292	245	810,380	47,146
Bristol . . .	585	219,019	268	3,167,999	95,059
Dukes	113	4,238	18	30,621	7,463
Essex	518	330,393	368	4,056,694	125,448
Franklin . . .	691	40,145	203	413,575	22,750
Hampden . . .	629	152,938	230	1,942,325	80,213
Hampshire . .	594	54,710	194	602,380	26,219
Middlesex . .	852	499,217	503	7,455,507	295,887
Nantucket . .	52	3,016	5	17,500	900
Norfolk . . .	411	134,819	204	2,588,120	97,210
Plymouth . .	704	101,498	254	967,802	75,525
Suffolk . . .	48	539,799	202	9,529,600	326,895
Worcester . .	1,577	306,445	586	4,218,319	176,620
Totals . . .	8,177	2,500,183	3,373	\$36,022,022	\$1,392,950

In addition to the above, there are twenty-two County and State school buildings; aggregate value, \$1,425,389; property, aggregate value, \$237,044.

Exclusive of County and State schools, the public school buildings of the State are classified as to principal purposes for which used, as follows:

USE.	Number.	Value of Buildings.	Value of Property
Primary-Grammar .	1,145	\$8,987,939	\$397,331
Grammar	184	6,437,904	212,028
Primary	710	5,560,441	127,621
High	90	3,987,175	214,897
Kindergarten - Primary-Grammar . .	82	2,478,134	39,719
Kindergarten - Primary	61	1,967,224	30,677
High Manual - Training	5	1,185,696	59,986
High Latin	11	1,089,945	76,034
Totals	2,288	\$31,694,458	\$1,158,293

The total number of buildings occupied by private schools is 746; 605 being occupied by incorporated schools, and 141 by those which are unincorporated. The total number owned is 692; the total number hired is fifty-four. The total value of the buildings owned is \$17,941,825. The value of school property in the aggregate is \$1,944,821.

The total number of private schools in the State having endowment is seventy, the

aggregate amount of endowment being \$23,608,759. The income received in private schools from all sources for the year 1895 was \$5,716,110. The largest endowment funds appears in connection with the private institutions in Middlesex County, namely \$11,513,236.

The total value of all school buildings, both public and private, in 1895, was \$55,389,236 as against \$23,045,694 in 1875; and the total value of school property, \$3,574,815 as against \$1,281,896.

With regard to libraries and reading-rooms of the State, the following table shows the number of libraries, both secular and religious, by counties, the number of books, the circulation and income from all sources:

COUNTIES.	Number of Libraries	Number of Books.	Circulation. (Home Use.)	Income.
Barnstable . .	78	83,397	114,631	\$5,977
Berkshire . .	97	193,857	291,192	25,732
Bristol . . .	135	305,821	586,942	46,335
Dukes	19	9,714	18,110	543
Essex	248	1,043,520	1,157,341	93,864
Franklin . . .	89	134,050	207,972	7,478
Hampden . .	103	238,932	383,791	46,808
Hampshire . .	85	296,190	209,987	40,406
Middlesex . .	361	1,750,344	1,993,361	189,265
Nantucket . .	5	15,853	18,030	7,966
Norfolk . . .	145	345,543	680,995	44,520
Plymouth . .	129	193,328	435,257	23,672
Suffolk . . .	246	1,897,156	1,301,754	370,639
Worcester . .	288	860,059	1,061,913	99,134
Totals . . .	2,028	7,367,764	8,461,276	\$1,002,539

The aggregate value of books, etc., contained in these libraries is \$9,873,760. The number of libraries having endowment funds is 292, and the total amount of endowment is \$4,424,498.

The number of reading-rooms reported for the State is 330, with a seating capacity of 16,021,301. Of the total number of reading-rooms 270 are classed under the head of secular and sixty as religious. The number of the former has risen from 172 in 1885 and the latter from twenty-two in the same year.

The average daily number using the city public reading-rooms is 3,732; the average daily number using the town public reading-rooms is 2,516.

The November report of the Department of Agriculture gives 24.8 bushels as the average yield per acre of corn in 1898 according to the preliminary returns of correspondents. Last year the preliminary estimate was 23.7 bushels per acre.

THE NEW CHARTER OF SAN FRANCISCO.

On May 26 of this year the new city charter of San Francisco, proposed by the Board of Freeholders, was ratified by vote of the electors of the city. The charter will become a law upon its being approved by the Legislature of California, which convenes in January. The present charter has become almost inoperative by reason of the many changes and amendments to it. A peculiar feature of it is that the city officials are, for the main part, appointed by the Governor.

Among the leading provisions of the proposed charter are the following:

Legislative powers are vested in eighteen supervisors, who are elected at large by the city and county, and who hold office for two years. The Mayor is the presiding officer of the Board. Ex-mayors are entitled to seats therein, and its meetings must be public.

Fifteen per cent. of the electors may petition for the submission of any ordinance to vote of the people. If it receives a majority of the votes cast it becomes a valid ordinance, and can only be repealed by a similar vote of the people. Ordinances granting franchises for light or water, or for the lease or sale of public utilities, or the purchase of land over \$50,000 must first receive a majority of the votes of the people.

No contract for gas or electric light for the city shall be for over one year, nor shall it be valid if the price is higher than the lowest price charged to any other consumer.

Street railway franchises can be granted by the supervisors for a term not exceeding twenty-five years. The holder must pay during the first five years of the franchise at least 3 per cent. of the gross receipts at the end of each month; 4 per cent. during the next ten years, and 5 per cent. during the last ten years.

STATE ELECTION RETURNS.

The following shows the number of votes cast in the City of Boston, by districts, for Councillors, at the State Election of November 8, 1898:

SECOND DISTRICT — WARDS 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24. ¹		
Names.		Votes.
William W. Davis, Republican* . . .		11,401
Harrison Dunham, Democratic . . .		7,072
Scattering		1
Total		18,474

¹ The balance of this District comprises the First Bristol and the First and Second Norfolk Senatorial Districts.

* Elected.

THIRD DISTRICT—WARDS 1, 3, 4, 5.²

George N. Swallow, Republican *	4,902
Scattering	3
Total	4,905

²The balance of this District comprises Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop and the First, Second and Third Middlesex Senatorial Districts.

FOURTH DISTRICT—WARDS 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 25.

Joshua B. Holden, Republican	15,243
Jeremiah J. McNamara, Democratic Independent Nomination Paper	6,805
Charles I. Quirk, Democratic *	16,440
Total	38,488

* Elected.

The following shows the number of votes cast in the City of Boston for Sheriff of Suffolk County¹ at the State Election of November 8, 1898:

Names.	Votes.
Frederick D. Gallupe, Citizens	11,691
John B. O'Brien, Republican, Democratic *	47,023
Total	58,714

¹The balance of Suffolk County is composed of Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop.

* Elected.

The following shows the number of votes cast in the City of Boston for District Attorney of Suffolk District¹ at the State Election of November 8, 1898:

Names.	Votes.
John S. Richardson, Republican	30,693
Oliver Stevens, Democratic *	34,633
Total	65,326

¹The balance of this District is composed of Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop.

* Elected.

The following shows the number of votes cast in the City of Boston for Register of Probate and Insolvency of Suffolk County¹ at the State Election of November 8, 1898:

Names.	Votes.
Elijah George, Republican, Democratic *	52,054
Scattering	3
Total	52,057

¹The balance of Suffolk County is composed of Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop.

* Elected.

The following shows the number of votes cast in the City of Boston for Congressmen at the State Election of November 8, 1898:

SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT—WARDS 4, 5.¹

Names.	Votes.
Joseph F. Malloney, Socialist Labor Party	90
Walter L. Ramsdell, Democratic	2,431
Ernest W. Roberts, Republican *	1,282
Total	3,803

¹The balance of this District is composed of Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, Malden, Melrose, Nahant, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham and Wakefield.

EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT—WARDS 10, 11.²

Samuel W. McCall, Republican *	8,935
George A. Perkins, Democratic	1,065
William E. Stacey, Socialist Labor Party	79
Total	5,079

²The balance of this District is composed of Arlington, Cambridge, Medford, Somerville and Winchester.

NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT—WARDS 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13.³

Florentine K. Bradman, Republican Citizens' Nomination Paper	409
John F. Fitzgerald, Democratic *	10,203
James A. Gallivan, Democratic Independent Nomination Paper	4,973
Franz H. Krebs, jr., Republican	4,961
Scattering	1
Total	20,547

³This District also includes the Town of Winthrop.

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT—WARDS 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24.⁴

Samuel J. Barrows, Republican	11,653
Henry F. Naphen, Democratic *	15,637
Scattering	6
Total	27,296

⁴The balance of this District is composed of Milton and Quincy.

ELEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT—WARDS 21, 22, 23, 25.⁵

William H. Baker, Democratic	4,873
Charles F. Sprague, Republican *	6,501
Scattering	2
Total	11,376

⁵The balance of this District comprises Newton, Bel-
 lingham, Belmont, Brookline, Dedham, Dover, Foxboro',
 Franklin, Holliston, Hopedale, Hyde Park, Medfield,
 Medway, Millis, Needham, Norfolk, North
 Attleboro', Norwood, Sharon, Sherborn, Walpole, Water-
 town and Wrentham.

* Elected.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1898.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of November, 1898, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	528,912
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	19.83
Death rate for corresponding month, in 1897.	18.89
Number of deaths:	
Males	441
Females	433
	874

Condition:	
Married	267
Single	451
Widows	106
Widowers	38
Unknown	12

Color:	
White	853
Colored	21

Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	158
Under 2 years	205
Under 5 years	242

Deaths by diarrhoeal diseases:

Under 1 year	1
Under 2 years	2
Under 5 years	2
All ages	6

Nativity:

United States	557
Ireland	151
England	22
Scotland	8
Germany	19
British America	59
Italy	11
Russia	13
Other countries	16
Unknown	18

Parentage:

United States	198
Irish	319
English	18
Scotch	11
German	26
British American	62
Italian	23
Russian	21
Other countries	50
Mixed	58
Unknown	88

Still-births during the month	52
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Causes of Death.

I. ZYMOTICS.

Alcoholism	6
Croup	2
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	4
Diarrhoea	3
Dysentery	3
Diphtheria	23
Erysipelas	3
Measles	4
Purpura	1
Scarlatina	4
Syphilis (congenital)	1
Septicæmia	4
Typhoid fever	19
Whooping-cough	3
	80

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	36
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	11
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	18
Phthisis pulmonalis	100
Other Constitutional diseases	30
	195

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	44
Bright's disease	10
Bronchitis	34
Heart disease	78
Meningitis	16
Nephritis	29
Pleurisy	1
Pneumonia	121
Other Local diseases	140
	473

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Inanition	25
Old age	13
Premature births	12
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	2
Other Developmental diseases	16
	68

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	40
Homicidal	1
Suicidal	7
Other Violent causes	3
	51
Unknown causes	7

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, December 12, 1898, Chairman Dyar presiding and all the members present.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Building for Insane Condemned.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 12, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Insane Hospital Trustees which explains itself, and I feel obliged to recommend the passage of the accompanying order. I am strongly in favor of the policy of providing for the care of our own insane within the limits of the city, rather than placing them in State institutions at a distance, but it is, of course, necessary, in order to enable this to be done, that buildings of a proper character should be provided. I trust that an appropriation to build additional buildings for our Insane Hospital may be passed early during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF INSANE HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

December 8, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The following letter from the Secretary of the State Board of Insanity has been received by the Insane Hospital Trustees:

Boston, November 19, 1898.

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, M.D., Secretary of Trustees of Boston Insane Hospital.

DEAR SIR: The State Board of Insanity visited and inspected the Boston Insane Hospital November 9. I am instructed to forward to you their findings, which are as follows:

The commitment papers were examined and found in due form.

The general conditions of the buildings, both at the Austin and Pierce Farms, were found to be below the standard of modern attainment in similar institutions; and, further, the wooden buildings at Austin Farm are absolutely condemned by this Board as a fire-trap.

The administration of these buildings appears to be excellent, under the limitations referred to, and within the possibilities of annual appropriations as made.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) FRANCIS B. GARDNER,
Secretary.

In view of this recommendation from the State Board of Insanity, the Insane Hospital Trustees decided at their meeting on the

twenty-sixth of November that they were no longer justified in using the building as a ward of the hospital. It was therefore voted that the buildings be emptied and the patients transferred to the State Hospitals.

In view of the fact that the Corporation Counsel has given his opinion that action by the City Council is required, in order to authorize us to abandon the use of the condemned building (the "A" building, Austin Farm), I am instructed by a vote of the Board of Trustees on this day to ask permission to close the building and transfer the patients to the State Hospitals.

I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Ordered, That the Insane Hospital Trustees be authorized to discontinue the use of the building designated as "A" building, at Austin Farm, the same having been condemned by the State Board of Insanity as dangerous and unfit for use.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Appointment of Weigher of Coal.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 12, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Marcellus H. McElroy a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1899.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

December 10, 1898.

General Order 556.

In the matter of the complaint made by Captain Ira C. Foster, of Division 5, against Patrolman Clarence H. Knowlton, of Division 5, to wit:

First charge: Conduct unbecoming an officer.

First specification: In that the said Clarence H. Knowlton on the first day of March, A.D. 1897, and on divers other days and times between that day and the date of this complaint, received from one Cora Bradford divers sums of money in consideration of an agreement on the part of the said Knowlton that he would not prosecute the said Cora Bradford.

Second specification: In that the said Clarence H. Knowlton on the first day of March, A.D. 1897, and on divers other days and times between that day and the date of this complaint, received from one Cora Bradford, divers sums of money in consideration of an agreement on the part of said Knowlton that he would notify the said Cora Bradford of the times when search warrants issued to search the premises occupied by her were to be served.

Third specification: In that on divers days and times between the first day of March, A.D. 1897, and the date of this complaint, the said Clarence H. Knowlton informed one Cora Bradford of the times

when search warrants issued to search the premises occupied by her were to be served.

On the charge and all the specifications, the Board finds and adjudges the said Patrolman Clarence H. Knowlton guilty, and sentences him to be dismissed from the Police Force of the City of Boston.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending December 10, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.8
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	19.2
Number of deaths:	
Males	96
Females	105
Total	201
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	191
Increase	10

Of the 201 decedents, 196 were white and 5 colored; 125 were born in the United States, 75 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 40 were of American parentage, 147 were of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 14 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	49	2
Scarlatina	22	0
Typhoid fever	14	3
Measles	90	0
Totals	175	5

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	30
Pneumonia	30
Whooping-cough	1
Heart disease	18
Bronchitis	4
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	7
Total from principal causes	94
Total from infectious diseases	5
Total from other causes	102
Total from all causes	201
Deaths of children under 1 year	34
Deaths of children under 5 years	53
Deaths of persons over 60 years	46
Deaths in public institutions	43

Through the initiative of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York a memorial to the late Col. George E. Waring, jr., has been inaugurated. It is proposed that \$100,000 be raised by public subscription, the income to be paid to the widow and daughter, and upon their decease the principal to be paid to Columbia University, to constitute the "Waring Municipal Fund," the interest on which shall be devoted to the purpose of instruction in municipal affairs. The fund has now reached a total of nearly \$85,000.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1898.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	167	13	180	80	82	18	106	32	25	180	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	65	1	66	20	35	11	12	7	44	66	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	197	41	238	82	153	3	89	78	58	235	3
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	21	1	22	6	2	14	6	—	11	22	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	6	—	6	4	2	—	3	1	1	6	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	4	3	7	4	2	1	3	—	—	7	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	21	21	42	10	27	5	11	6	7	42	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,372	281	2,653	115	2,513	25	1,336	1,065	200	2,485	168
Totals	2,853	361	3,214	321	2,816	77	1,566	1,189	346	3,043	171

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	—	—	7	1	12	1	42	1	41	3	24	4	15	—	10	2	9	—	3	—	4	1	—	—
No. 2.	5	—	17	1	19	—	9	—	8	—	3	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3.	1	—	13	1	29	5	36	12	46	8	23	6	12	5	13	2	9	2	7	—	6	—	2	—
No. 4.	—	—	10	—	1	—	1	1	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
No. 6.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 7.	—	—	3	—	2	—	3	11	6	2	3	7	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 8.	5	—	46	1	95	25	317	35	399	56	362	45	392	49	260	24	204	21	139	11	76	5	76	9
Totals	12	—	96	4	159	31	409	60	505	69	420	63	423	56	288	29	227	23	149	11	87	6	78	9

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	19	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	11	Males	17
Missing persons reported	23	Females	2
Missing persons found	15	Americans	9
Lost children restored	44	Foreigners	10
Sick and injured persons assisted	282	Non-residents	18

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,648	0	<i>Brought forward</i>	3,194	19
British Provinces	292	5	Finland	4	—
Ireland	817	3	Denmark	4	—
England	93	2	Holland	2	—
France	8	—	Wales	2	—
Germany	29	—	East Indies	1	—
Italy	73	—	West Indies	2	—
Russia	44	—	Turkey	3	—
China	49	—	South America	—	—
Greece	27	—	Switzerland	1	—
Sweden	38	—	Belgium	1	—
Scotland	49	—	Africa	—	—
Spain	—	—	Hungary	—	—
Norway	16	—	Asia	—	—
Poland	6	—	Arabia	—	—
Austria	4	—	Mexico	—	—
Portugal	1	—	Cuba	—	—
<i>Carried forward</i>	3,194	19	Totals	3,214	19

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved December 6, 1898:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to set aside and provide from any land owned by the city a site satisfactory to the Governor and Council for the erection of the monument provided for by Chapter 113 of the Resolves of the present year, and that he be further authorized, in conformity with the provisions of said resolve, in the name and on behalf of the city, to enter into any agreement for keeping such site open and accessible to the public, and for keeping such site and monument, after its erection, in proper condition and repair, at the expense of the city.

Ordered, That driving at a greater speed than allowed by ordinance be permitted during the winter season of 1898-99 on Chelsea street, East Boston, from Maverick square to Prescott street.

Ordered, That driving at a greater rate of speed than allowed by ordinance be permitted on Blue Hill avenue, west side, between Talbot avenue and Morton street, during the winter season of 1898-99.

The following were approved December 7, 1898:

Ordered, That driving at a greater rate of speed than allowed by ordinance be permitted on Swett street, from Andrew square to Albany street, during the winter season of 1898-99.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to John and Mary Sheehan the sum of \$1,405.10 being the amount paid by them for two liquor licenses which were afterwards revoked, and for court fees and costs; said repayment being authorized by Section 7 of Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes as amended by Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1887.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to William Noon to build outside the building limits, a wooden building on Gardner street, near Baker street, Ward 23, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for storage purposes.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the St. Andrew's M. E. Church to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Walden street, Ward 22, in excess of size allowed, and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for dwelling purposes; main building occupied as a church.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to return to Mr. B. F. Keith the sum of \$500 given by him to the Music

Department; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for Music Department.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved December 7, 1898:

Permits to project bay-windows, signs, etc., viz.:

To Andrew F. McDermott, two windows over Dorchester avenue, corner Wrentham Park, Ward 24.

To Thomas J. Kelly, one window and a cornice at 106 Northampton street, Ward 12.

To D. Campana, shoemaker's sign, 233 Friend street, Ward 8.

To Max Sonnabend, watchmaker's sign, 17 Salem street, Ward 6.

To Mrs. Elizabeth Bisnane, sign, 2 Thorn-dike street.

To Thomas J. Gray & Co., sign, 32 South Market street, Ward 6.

To S. H. Speed, sign, 185 Franklin street, Ward 7.

To C. H. Burke & Co., illuminated sign, 23 Boylston street, Ward 7.

To Michael W. Brick, campaign transparency, 120½ Leverett street and one at 29 Leverett street, Ward 8.

To Edward E. Hasenfus, wooden sign, 74½ Shawmut avenue, Ward 7.

To Edwin J. G. Cameron, six signs, 5 Merrimac street.

Permit to the Newton and Boston Street Railway Company to attach a signboard to a pole of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts in Union square, Allston.

Permit to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to attach its wires to four trees in Thomas park, between National street and the reservoir.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington, dated November 14, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Walnut avenue, two poles, thirty-five feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Mt. Pleasant avenue, four poles, forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

Norfolk avenue, eight poles, forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Highland street, five poles, thirty-five feet high, ten inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Gladstone avenue, two poles, thirty-five feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at

points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington, dated November 14, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

B street, twelve poles; West First street, seven poles; Granite street, ten poles; Mt. Washington avenue, three poles; D street, nine poles; West Sixth street, nine poles; West Seventh street, two poles; West Ninth street, ten poles; K street, three poles; L street, two poles; Q street, three poles; Division street, one pole—all of said poles to be forty feet high and fourteen inches in diameter.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gaslight Company to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by J. A. Gould; said pole to be located as follows:

Harvard avenue, one pole, forty feet by twelve inches, sidewalk ten feet wide; plan dated September 26, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said pole to be completed within thirty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Fire Commissioner, to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by white dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets; said poles to be located as follows:

Savin Hill avenue, ten poles, thirty-five feet by twelve inches; sidewalk six feet wide, plan dated November 19, 1898.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Fire Commissioner, to remove ten poles from Savin Hill avenue, said poles being shown by crosses on a plan dated November 19, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:

South street, ten poles, forty-five feet by fifteen inches, sidewalk ten feet wide; plan dated November, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from South street, said pole being shown by red dot marked "removed," on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated November, 1889, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That coasting be allowed, during the present winter, under such restriction as the Board of Police may deem proper to impose, in the following-named streets:

CITY PROPER.

Branch, Allen, Brighton, Spring, Poplar, North Grove, North Russell, Billerica, Cooper, Pitts, Norman, North Margin, Hull, Charter, Sheafe, Myrtle and North Bennet streets, Chambers street between Poplar and Spring streets, and Albany street from Way street to Dover street.

EAST BOSTON.

Princeton, Jeffries, Cottage, Sumner, Monmouth and Trenton streets.

SOUTH BOSTON.

East Third street, between I and M streets, East Third street, between N and P streets, East Fourth street, between G and Atlantic streets, East Fifth street, between I and K streets, West Fifth street, between Dorchester and E streets, West Sixth street, between Dorchester and E streets, East Seventh street, between G and H streets, East Broadway, between N and O streets, F street, between West Third and West First streets, M street, between East Third and East First streets, Silver street, between G and Dorchester streets, Linden and Pacific streets.

ROXBURY.

Thornton, Phillips, Walden, Holborn, Wait, Langdon, Clarence, Shirley, Ambrose, Magnolia, Seaver, Bainbridge, Hazelwood, Belden, Hillside, Gay Head, Haskins, Kenilworth, Laurel, Dewey, Norfolk, Fairland, Wyoming, Gaston, St. Alphonsus and Linwood streets, Elm Hill, Westminster and Woodward avenues, Hartford and Brookford streets, crossing Howard avenue, Moreland street, east of Blue Hill avenue, and Highland street, between Hawthorn and Centre streets.

WEST ROXBURY.

Egleston, Oakdale, Kittredge, Newbern, Rockview, Fairfield, Walnut Hill, Birch, Walk Hill, Rockwood, Ridge, Florence and Cornwall streets, Peter Parley road, Chestnut, Anawan and Metropolitan avenues, Paul Gore street, between Chestnut avenue and Lamartine street, Spring Park avenue, between Enfield street and Chestnut avenue.

BRIGHTON.

Newton, Union, Foster, Everett, Hobart, Saunders, Leicester, Murdock, Pomeroy and Dustin streets.

CHARLESTOWN.

High, Walker, Cordis, Pleasant, Adams, Soley, Bunker Hill, Baldwin, Eden, Lexington, Monument, Mead, Oak, Auburn and Pearl streets.

DORCHESTER.

Westville, Pope's Hill, Richfield, Train, Park, Magnolia, Maxwell, Dix, Morton, Sumner and Wales streets, Cushing, Lawrence and Sawyer avenues, West Cottage street, between Blue Hill avenue and Dudley street, and Woodland avenue and Denny street, crossing Savin Hill avenue.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Transit Commission to erect, maintain and use a temporary structure for shelter over the sidewalk in front of the estate taken by said Commission on Canal street, for a distance of about 175 feet from Causeway street, Ward 8; the work to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Chester J. Hankey the sum of \$3, in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs November 19, 1898; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double curves at the corner of Washington street and Hanover street, nearly opposite Friend street, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated October 13, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use a temporary single track on Howell and Bellflower streets, between Boston street and Dorchester avenue, with necessary connections on said Boston street and Dorchester avenue, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated November 8, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall

be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Provided, however, that this location shall not continue in force after the completion of the work of changing the grade and relocating the tracks of the Old Colony Railroad at Dorchester avenue.

Ordered, That the consent of the Board of Aldermen be hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in the City of Boston, by the overhead system, so-called, as follows:

On Howell and Bellflower streets, between Boston street and Dorchester avenue, while the track location on said streets herewith granted shall be in force.

And permission is hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company to erect maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed, or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The following were approved December 9, 1898:

Ordered, That the Board establish the grade of Causeway street, from Beverly street to Prince street, as shown by red lines on a plan and profile of said Causeway street, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated December 3, 1898, and deposited in the office of said City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the grade of Endicott street, between Causeway street and Lafayette avenue, as shown by red lines on a plan and profile of said Endicott street, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated December 3, 1898, and deposited in the office of said City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board revise and establish the grade of Commercial street,

between Prince street and Hull street, as shown by red lines on a plan and profile of said Commercial street, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated December 3, 1898, and deposited in the office of said City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the grade of Prince street, at and near Commercial street, as shown by red lines on a plan and profile of said Prince street, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated December 3, 1898, and deposited in the office of said City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the grade of Medford street, between Causeway street and Charlestown street, as shown by red lines on a plan and profile of said Medford street, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated December 3, 1898, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the grade of Charles River bridge, from Causeway street to the draw, as shown by red lines on a plan and profile of said Charles River bridge, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated December 3, 1898, and deposited in the office of said City Engineer.

Ordered, That in addition to the sums heretofore allowed for clerk hire in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court for Civil Business there be allowed the further sum of \$1,600; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The two following orders were presented to the Mayor, November 26, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Printing be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have bound in cloth, two thousand copies of the address delivered by Rev. Denis O'Callaghan on July 4, 1898, the expense of the same to be charged to City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Printing be hereby authorized to purchase 500 copies of the new map of Boston, published by G. H. Walker & Co., and that each member of the City Council be furnished with three copies of said map, and each head of a department with two copies, the balance to be distributed under the direction of the Committee on Printing; the expense incurred under this order to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

The quarterly meeting of the New England Water Works Association occurred at Tremont Temple, December 14. Special papers on pumping machinery were read, and a visit was made to the pumping station at Chestnut Hill.

Galveston, Texas, has complained to the State Railway Commissioners that the facilities for handling cotton are inadequate, and that it is necessary to have them enlarged.

Awards of Contracts.

School Committee.

Bids for heating and ventilating the primary school building on Webster avenue, Brighton, were received by the Committee on New Buildings of the Boston School Committee, November 7, 1898, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Ingalls & Kendrick, steam system	\$3,475
Lynch & Woodward, steam system	3,369
Walworth Construction and Supply Company, steam system	3,198
Cleghorn-Egglee Company, steam system	3,121
Huey Brothers, steam system	3,075
Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, furnace system, wrought iron, all furnace plant, guaranteed for one year	1,700
Cast-iron furnaces, and steam boiler, gravity system, guaranteed for five years	\$2,407
Two 36-inch fans and electric motor, additional	575
	2,982
Magee Furnace Company, furnace system	2,495

The contract was awarded to the Fuller and Warren Warming and Ventilating Company.

Proposals for building the Quincy and Perth-streets School-house were received by the Committee on New Buildings on December 9, 1898, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
George G. Baker	\$101,000
McNeil Brothers	98,900
Lord Brothers	93,742
P. H. Jackson	93,590
W. L. Clark & Co.	91,421
L. K. Marston	89,688
Gifford & Lawrence	89,000
Mack & Moore	87,600
Norcross & Co.	87,400
John McNamara & Sons	86,873
W. H. Keyes & Co.	83,628
James Fagan	81,670

The contract was awarded to James Fagan.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Engineering Department.

The following bids for building timber bulkheads on the Summer-street extension were opened at the office of the City Engineer on December 7, 1898:

Bidders.	Bids.
Ross & Fowler, Boston	\$7,425
William J. Lawler, Boston	7,859
William L. Miller & William H. Ellis, Boston	8,370

The contract was awarded to Ross & Fowler.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

At the annual meeting of the Boston Associated Board of Trade, held on Monday evening, December 12, Mr. R. A. Boit was elected President for the ensuing year.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Trustees, in City Hall, on Wednesday, December 7, 1898, at 2 P.M.:

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse and Fallon.

Bills to the amount of \$549.67 were approved.

Voted, To purchase a card index, cabinet and base, for the cataloguing of the older cemeteries.

On the recommendation of the committee appointed for the purpose, it was

Voted, To instruct the General Superintendent, Mr. Morton, to destroy the condemned property belonging to the Department, the same, in the opinion of the Department, not being of sufficient value to send to public auction.

The Superintendent was instructed to have two horses, unfit for service, sold at public auction; also, to be sold at public auction, one Goddard buggy, second-hand when bought, and one side-bar carryall, both not being of sufficient value to repair.

It was reported by Mr. Morton, Superintendent, that at the present time there are thirty-four bodies in the receiving-tomb, and that the rentals thereon, in some instances, have not been paid for several years. That in several cases the relatives of persons interested are unknown, and that the room occupied by the bodies is required at the present time.

Voted, That the report be accepted, and the Superintendent be ordered to inter the bodies in the city lot.

On application of Mrs. York, that the body of her son remain in the receiving-tomb, it was

Voted, To make a special rate in this instance of \$1.50 per month, from February 16, 1898.

It appearing on application of Mrs. Augusta Ekstrom, that she purchased a single grave in Pine Grove, Mt. Hope Cemetery, through one Perry, an undertaker, and that said Perry took the conveyance of the grave in his own name, delivering the deed to her, and that his present whereabouts are unknown. The bodies of three children of said Mrs. Ekstrom are interred therein.

Voted, That the title of said grave be considered as standing in Mrs. Ekstrom's name, and that the Secretary note the fact on the proper records, and a certified copy of this vote be written on the deed held by her.

The reports of the General Superintendent, Mr. Morton, and those of the various custodians, were read and accepted.

The following number of interments were made during the month ending November 30, 1898: Mt. Hope Cemetery, 109 bodies; various other cemeteries, twenty-three bodies.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

Boston, December 6, 1898.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held on December 6, 1898, at 4 P.M., at the office of Mr. A. Shuman.

There were present, Messrs. Shuman, Burnham, Sprague and Rueter.

It was voted that E. R. Squibbs & Sons be paid the sum of \$199.50, on account of ether furnished, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted that E. Hodge & Co., be paid the sum of \$1,953.30, on account of their contract of August 16, 1898, for furnishing and placing three new boilers at the boiler house, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, Extension of Boiler House, Hospital Department.

It was voted that Wheelwright & Haven be paid the sum of \$137.42, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$5,497, the amount of the contract with Pierce & Cox for plumbing system in the Ann White Vose Building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, respecting proposals for heating and ventilating the Ann White Vose Building, embodying proposals for the same. It was voted to award the contract for heating and ventilating the Ann White Vose Building to Lynch & Woodward, at the contract price of \$5,685 (see THE CITY RECORD, page 691), and that the President be ordered to sign a contract with Lynch & Woodward.

The resignation of Dr. C. F. Folsom, as visiting physician, was received, and referred to the Medical Committee.

A communication was received from His Honor Mayor Quincy, respecting the Hospital's finances. Upon this, and the matter of finances generally, a report was submitted by the President, the substance of which appears more particularly in his letters to His Honor the Mayor, dated November 25, 1898, and December 5, 1898, respectively.

It was voted that there be deducted from the contract of John S. Jacobs & Son, the sum of \$256, for omission of gas outlets in all sleeping-rooms and elsewhere, as per revised scheme, as per order of deduction No. 294, by Wheelwright & Haven.

It was voted that there be deducted from the contract of Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$166.18, for omission of various items of work at the Boiler House, as per order of deduction No. 2,168, by the Consulting Architect.

The Medical Committee reported in favor of the following nominations:

John W. Bartol, M.D., physician to outpatients; J. Bapst Blake, M.D., surgical registrar; LeRoi G. Grandon, first surgical house officer; Lewis H. Jack, second surgical house officer; John G. W. Knowlton, third surgical house officer; Charles B. Wormelle, first medical house officer; Joseph H. Saunders, second medical house officer; Frank H. Holt, third medical house officer; Charles R. C. Borden, ophthalmic

and aural house officer; Foster H. Cary, gynecological house officer; Albert Moser, pathological house officer.

It was voted that the report of the Medical Committee be accepted and approved, and that the foregoing gentlemen be appointed to the positions to which they respectively are nominated, according to the foregoing report.

It was voted that bids be advertised for 1,500 tons, of 2,240 pounds each, of pea coal, upon terms and conditions to be fixed by Mr. Burnham.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, December 2, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, DeNormandie, Lincoln and the Librarian.

Received: A letter from the Mayor, dated November 29; the Librarian's report; the Auditor's monthly exhibit.

In regard to changes in the Old Public Library building suggested by the Mayor, it was

Voted, That the Mayor be respectfully informed that the Board of Trustees of the Public Library doubts its authority to approve the changes as requested, but that it will not interpose objections to any changes which may be made in the old Public Library Building, which will not impair its value for sale.

Voted, That the Vice-President be requested to address a communication to the Mayor, calling attention to the fact that the expense of the statistical department, taken on with his approval, since the general appropriation for 1898 was made, will have required for this year the expenditure of but \$1,500 (instead of \$2,500) over and above the original appropriation.

Bills authorized: For books, payable by draft on funds on deposit in London, amounting to \$2,321.73; chargeable to the Numismatic fund, \$31.71.

Employed: John F. Shaughnessy, in grade E, at a salary of \$3.50 per week beginning November 30.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$824.72; trust funds, \$224.17; Station "P," \$3.92; Fellowes Athenæum, \$13.73; miscellaneous articles, \$1,200.36; autograph letters and broadsides, \$209.

The Librarian was authorized, in consideration of the offer of rooms on Union Park street, rent, heat, light, and janitor service free of charge, to establish a delivery station at that point; to dispose of superfluous periodicals no longer required for the use of the Library to penal and charitable institutions of the City of Boston; to arrange the renewal of insurance upon the boilers in the Central Library Building.

The offer by Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, through Lloyd Osborne, Esq., of the blocks of certain wood engravings executed by her late husband, was declined.

Certain applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, December 5, 1898.

The forty-first regular meeting of the Trustees was held on Monday, November 21, at 11 A.M., the full Board being present:

It was voted that the recommendation of the visiting staff, in regard to the appointment of a pathologist, be adopted, and that Dr. George B. Magrath be appointed to the position of assistant pathologist at the Long Island Hospital.

The question of the length of time of probation for nurses admitted to the Long Island Hospital for training, was referred to the Committee on Hospital.

Voted, On recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the contract for the repairs and construction at Charlestown be awarded to the Walworth Manufacturing Company, the lowest bidders on the work to be done.

Voted, That the position of book-keeper, stenographer and typewriter at Long Island be created.

Voted, That Miss Annie M. Peaslee be appointed to the position, on trial, at a salary of \$15 per week.

An adjourned meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held on November 28, at 10 A.M.

It was voted that the Committee on Finance be authorized to build an additional oven at Long Island, if, in their judgment, it is expedient to do so.

Voted, That the question of the appointment of Mr. C. E. Pierce as confidential agent of the Board be referred, with power, to the Committee on Rules and Service.

Voted, That the Superintendent of Long Island be authorized to secure instruction in cooking and in massage for the benefit of the nurses in the training-school.

Voted, That the Finance Committee have authority to provide for the purchase of medical and surgical appliances for the Long Island Hospital, in accordance with the lists furnished by the members of the visiting staff, the cost of the same not to exceed \$500.

The report of the Committee on Registration and Special Cases was accepted and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Rules and Service was accepted and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Hospital was accepted and adopted.

Miss Mabel Gragg was appointed to the position of matron at the Dormitory, at a salary of \$35 per month.

Census of inmates at Long Island on November 19, 1898:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	82	111	193
Children	3	2	5
Dormitory:			
Adults	—	240	240
Children	3	4	7
Institution	264	—	264
Totals	352	357	709
Same date, 1897	415	327	742

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Tuesday, November 29.

Public hearings were given in the matters of laying out and constructing an extension of West Walnut park to Amory street; Miles street, from Bragdon street to West Walnut park; Bancroft street, from Columbus avenue to West Walnut park, and Ernst street from Bragdon street to West Walnut park.

Orders were passed laying out and constructing an extension of West Walnut park to Amory street; Miles street, from Bragdon street to West Walnut park; Bancroft street, from Columbus avenue to West Walnut park; and Ernst street, from Bragdon street to West Walnut park.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Bellevue avenue, and a catch basin in Farquhar street.

Awards were made to Solomon Bacharach of \$7,500 and \$4,000 for damages occasioned his estate on Columbia street, and Columbia street, corner of Bodwell street, by the laying out of Columbia road,—his agreements to accept said sums having been approved by the Mayor. Petitions were received for catch basins in Freeport and Clayton streets, Gerard and Swett streets, and for a sewer in Tileston avenue.

Thursday, December 1.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out and construct Rozella and Bakersfield streets.

Authority was given to open a private way known as Oak Square avenue. Petitions were received for the laying out of Clarkson street, and the discontinuance of a sewer in Marginal street.

Friday, December 2.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Knoll street.

A petition was received for the improvement of a watercourse in Corey street.

Public hearings were given in the matters of the laying out of an extension of Trinity place; of the extension of Thane street; and the widening of Athelwold street.

It was voted to award Joseph W. Hill \$1,500 for all land taken from and for all damages occasioned to his estate by the widening of Green street, his agreement to accept said sum having been approved by the Mayor.

The following orders were passed:

For a sewer in Lamont street; for the laying out of Trinity place, and for the laying out of Florida street.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Shepton street, and to construct a catch-basin outlet in Van Winkle street.

It was voted to make changes on plans 22, 25 Board of Survey Plat Two. Petitions were received for the laying out of Gainsborough street; and for a sewer in D street.

On the advice of the Law Department, it was voted to pay Mary Healey and Elizabeth Healey \$47,000, without interest, and the taxes for the year 1896, for land taken from their estate for school purposes.

Tuesday, December 6.

Public hearings were given in the matters of the discontinuance of a part of Atlantic avenue; and in the relocation of the channel of Franklin Park Brook, between Blue Hill avenue and Talbot avenue.

It was voted to pay Albert G. Morse, executor, \$3,756.75 for all land taken from, and for all damages occasioned to, his estate by the relocation of Spring street,—his agreement to accept said sum having been approved by the Mayor.

A petition was received for a sewer in Centre street.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Covington street.

Wednesday, December 7.

Public hearings were given in the matters of the relocation of Tremont street, laying out of Newland street, laying out of Annabel street and the location of a new channel for Davenport brook.

Thursday, December 8.

An adjourned hearing was given in the matter of the extension of Atlantic avenue to West First street.

Voted, That all sewerage charges on estates of literary, benevolent, charitable and scientific institutions, and religious societies exempt by law from general taxes, be, and the same hereby are, abated, and that the chief of the Assessment Division place upon all bills for such charges presented to him a stamp that the amount of the charges is abated.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on January 10 and 11, 1899, examination will be held at any city in the United States, including Boston, Mass., where it has a Board of Examiners, for the position of sloyd teacher (female) at Phoenix School, Arizona, competent to teach basket sloyd and carving, at a salary of \$600 per annum.

Two days of six hours each will be allowed for this examination.

All persons who desire to compete should at once write to Edward E. Stebbins, Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Post Office Building, Boston, Mass., for application blanks (Form 304), which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D.C.

The annual report of the Board of Taxation of New Jersey shows that the property of the State exempted from taxation in 1898 amounted to \$90,554,165 as against \$88,392,689 in 1897. This sum is divided into classes as follows: Schools, \$18,198,990; public property, municipal, county, State and Federal, other than schools, \$29,226,947; churches and charitable institutions, \$29,098,779; cemeteries, \$3,745,560; exemptions allowed soldiers, firemen and militiamen, \$10,283,889.

Department Communications.**City Clerk Department.**

City Hall, December 12, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending December 10, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	116
Number of discharges of mortgages	23
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of mortgages	8
Number of assignments of wages	29
Number of married women's certificates	11
Number of ship liens	2
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2

The following accident notices were filed:

December 6—Syrena L. Luce, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in highway. Grace Fitzallen, personal injuries caused by coal opening.

December 9—Margaret O'Brien, personal injuries caused by wooden horse on sidewalk.

December 10—Lena Obst, personal injuries caused by snow and ice on sidewalk.

The following suits have been entered against the city:

Herman Wolf, action of tort, damages \$500; Francis C. Welch and Clarence W. Jones, trustees under the will of Cyrus Alger, action of tort or contract, damages \$5,000; William J. Dixon, action of tort, damages \$5,000; Boston and Maine Railroad, action of tort, damages \$12,000. Francis C. Welch et al. have filed a petition for an assessment of damages for land taken for sewer purposes.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, December 12, 1898.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the three weeks ending December 10, as follows:

There have been purchased of A. W. Davis one black horse for \$165, and of Welch & Hall four gray horses and one brown horse, at \$140 each.

A special draft has been drawn in favor of the Public Buildings Department, Repairs Division, for \$1,994.54 for building foundation for Engine-house 21.

A special draft has been drawn for \$3,631.25 in favor of John M. Brooks, balance due on contract for new hull for Engine 31.

There has been ordered of the C. Callahan Company, Eureka Fire Hose Company, and the American Fire Hose Company 1,000 feet each two and one-half inch cotton rubber-lined hose; also two miles of Kerite wire, and ten miles of B. & S. covered iron wire.

Captain Robert E. Bartlett, of Engine Company 5, and Captain Bartholomew McCarthy, of Engine Company 12, have been retired from active duty, and their names placed on the pension list.

William H. McGinniss, Joseph A. Murray, James Gavagan, Walter J. Thompson and

Morris L. Galvin, permanent substitutes, have been appointed permanent members.

Peter J. Corrigan, of Ladder Company 12, has been promoted to Assistant Engineer and assigned to Engine Company 28.

Captain Casper H. Moning, of Ladder Company 15, has been transferred to Engine Company 12.

Captain John S. Cleverly, of Ladder Company 8, has been transferred to Ladder Company 15; Lieutenant Joseph A. Dolan, of Engine 12, has been transferred to Ladder Company 8; Lieutenant T. M. McLaughlin, of Ladder Company 8, has been promoted to be captain of the same company.

Engine 31 was placed in service at 1 P.M. December 6.

P. J. Doherty, of Engine Company 7, is to forfeit two weeks' pay and days off for two months for neglect of duty.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, December 10, 1898.

The following application for the occupancy of a stable has been filed at this office:

Mrs. E. A. W. Morrill, Humboldt avenue, corner Seaver street, Ward 21, three horses; hearing December 15, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Frederick Ayer, Grosvenor place, Ward 21, 125 horses; Joseph Arancio, 3 Mechanic street, Ward 6, twenty horses; Minnie H. Stone, Humboldt avenue, corner Hamerton street, Ward 21, two horses; M. A. Hayes, Graham court, Ward 16, one horse.

On December 7 it was voted that the services of John McLaughlin, Superintendent of Pedlars, be discontinued on the tenth instant. It was also voted that the records heretofore in charge of the Superintendent of Pedlars be turned over to his assistant until otherwise provided.

It was voted by the Board of Health that John B. McDonough, 15 Bainbridge street, Roxbury, and Joseph M. Harrington, 557 Hyde Park avenue, Roslindale, be appointed inspectors of health, to begin work on the twelfth instant.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for week ending December 9:

Steers	258
New England cows	47
New England bulls	15
Western cows	20
Sheep	505
Calves	400
Total	1,245

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending December 10:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	10	14	24
Negative	41	42	83
No growth	1	3	4
Totals	52	59	111

Remarks: Typhoid diagnoses, five cases; one case positive, three cases negative, one case unsatisfactory.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, December 5, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending December 3:

Cases pending	0	
Number of applications	120	120
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	72	
Long Island Almshouse	21	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	7	
Boston Insane Hospital,	5	
Foxboro' Asylum	3	
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	4	
	—	112
Number of applications refused,	5	
Number of applications withdrawn	1	
Cases pending	2	120
Legal settlements investigated,		129

28 Court Square, December 12, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending December 10, 1898:

Cases pending	2	
Number of applications	133	135
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	79	
Long Island Almshouse	33	
Charlestown Almshouse,	3	
Boston Insane Hospital	4	
Foxboro' Asylum	5	
Danvers Lunatic Asylum,	5	
Epileptic Hospital	1	
	—	130
Number of applications refused,	2	
Number of applications withdrawn	2	
Cases pending	1	135
Legal settlements investigated,		155

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, December 5, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending December 3, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	170	10
Females	25	1
Totals	195	11
Offences:		
Against the person	9	0
Against property	8	5
Against public order and decency	178	6
Totals	195	11
Discharges:		
Males	144	14
Females	30	2
Totals	174	16
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	113	15
Permit of Commissioner,	34	1
Payment of fine	27	0
Totals	174	16

Population:		
November 28, 1898	1,577	526
Committed since November 28	195	11
Totals	1,772	537
Discharged since November 28	174	16
December 3, 1898	1,598	521

32 Tremont Street, December 12, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending December 10, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	157	9
Females	23	3
Totals	180	12
Offences:		
Against the person	7	2
Against property	24	5
Against public order and decency	152	5
Transferred from Deer Island	0	1
Totals	*183	†13
Discharges:		
Males	226	11
Females	23	3
Totals	249	14
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	174	12
Permit of Commissioner,	48	1
Payment of fine	26	0
Transferred to South Boston	1	0
Died	0	1
Totals	249	14
Population:		
December 5, 1898	1,598	521
Committed since December 5	180	12
Totals	1,778	533
Discharged since December 5	249	14
December 10, 1898	1,529	519

* Three committed, charged with two offences each.
† One committed, charged with two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, December 13, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending December 10, 1898:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	400
Defects reported	92
Defects corrected	8
Notices of new work received	34
Dead wire removed (feet)	15,800
Fixtures removed	16
Poles inspected	60

The fire in the cable-house of the Western Union Telegraph Company on the Boston and Maine Railroad bridge, December 7, at 5.57 P.M., has been investigated; also

sparkling wires on Swett, Dudley and Washington streets, caused by wires in contact with power and arc lighting wires. Investigation has also been made in reference to wires at Hotel Rugby, electric light wires in contact with roof.

The above conditions were due to high wind and rain.

The Department located pole sites on Greenbrier street, in company with telephone company employees.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	207
Notices of new work received	127

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	1
Building connections	21
Pole connections	1
Repairs	3

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	23
Building connections	7
Lamp connections	12
Pole connections	2
Repairs	9
Cable drawings	36

Investigation has been made of fire in insulated arc-light pole; the same was caused by overhead wires supplying current to lamp grounding on iron wire, which extended up the pole from manhole at its base, this wire being left in the pole for assistance in drawing cable to lamp which was soon to be supplied from the underground system.

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	6,414
Feet of duct laid	9,730
Service connections made	36
Manholes built	29
Feet of cable drawn in	84,966

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

The following bids for filling and bulkhead in Charles river, and for walls at Franklin and Jamaica Parks, have been received by the Board of Park Commissioners:

FILLING AND BUILDING A BULKHEAD AT CHARLESGATE.

	Filling.	Total
	Bulkhead, per cu. yd.	amount.
Perkins & White	\$4,375 \$0 51	\$13,555
J. W. Hurley	4,583 59	15,203
W. L. Miller	4,995 57	15,255
Johnson & Letteney,	5,900 65	17,600

WALL IN FRANKLIN PARK.

	Amount per
	Linear Foot.
J. A. Whittemore's Sons	\$1 74
John Sutherland	1 79
D. F. O'Connell	1 95
Woodbury & Leighton	1 95
W. L. Miller & Co.	2 24
Cogan Brothers & Forschner	2 25
Mike Russo	2 30
Robert L. Barrett	2 35
McHale & Quinn	2 54
W. B. Cass	2 57
C. H. Dodge	2 93
J. C. Coleman & Sons	3 00

WALL IN JAMAICA PARK.

	Amount per
	Linear Foot.
D. F. O'Connell	\$1 70
John Sutherland	1 81
Mike Russo	1 95
Woodbury & Leighton	1 95
William L. Miller & Co.	2 24
J. A. Whittemore's Sons	2 24
Cogan Brothers & Forschner	2 25
G. R. Dugad & Son	2 33
Robert L. Barrett	2 35
W. B. Cass	2 37
McHale & Quinn	2 39
Thomas F. Welch	2 63
C. H. Dodge	2 93
J. C. Coleman & Sons	3 00

The bids were taken under advisement.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber on Monday, December 19, at 3 P.M.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

STEEL BRIDGE WORK.

Boston, December 15, 1898.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 M. of Thursday, December 29, 1898, for building superstructure of fixed spans of the bridge on Summer-street extension across Fort Point Channel, in accordance with plans, specifications and form of contract to be seen at said office. Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

December 8, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that South street, at West Roxbury, be relocated as a highway, between Jamaica street and the Arborway, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-third day of December, 1898, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, December 9, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 1,025 linear feet of sewer work in Faxon street and Harvard avenue, Dorchester District, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, December 16, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city, if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, December 12, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building about 620 linear feet of sewer work in Huntoon street, Dorchester District, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, December 16, 1898, his bid, and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing about 4,500 cubic yards of good filling at the engine-house on Columbia road, between Dudley street and Edward Everett square. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass. A bond of seven hundred dollars, with satisfactory surety for faithfully doing the work will be required.

The proposal must be filled out, signed, sealed in an envelope, endorsed "Proposal for Furnishing Filling" and with a certified check for two hundred (200) dollars payable to the City of Boston, left at said office before 12 o'clock M., of Friday, December 16, 1898. This check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

Proposals filled out and left with check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

Boston, December 7, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Alley, from Arlington street to Massachusetts avenue, lying between Beacon and Marlboro' streets, Ward 11.

Hereford street, between Beacon and Marlboro' streets, Ward 11.

Alley, from Irving street to a point near Massachusetts avenue, lying between Huntington avenue and St. Botolph street, Ward 10.

Alley, from Huntington avenue to St. Botolph street, east of Massachusetts avenue, Ward 10.

Houghton street, near Mill street, Ward 24 (one pole).

Dorchester avenue, near Washington street, Ward 24 (one pole).

Also to remove one pole from Dorchester avenue, near Washington street, Ward 24; one pole from Houghton street, near Mill street, Ward 24.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

December 12, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the nineteenth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

At its meeting on Monday, December 19, 1898, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the appointment by the Mayor of Marcellus H. McElroy to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1899.

SNOW REMOVAL FROM ALLEYS.

The following statement has been issued from the office of the Superintendent of Streets:

The matter of snow removal from the alleys recently accepted as public alleys under the new act has caused some embarrassment to the Street Department, and also to the abutters on these alleys. In the last storm these alleys were badly blocked, and partly through the difficulty of a number of people combining to make arrangements to promptly care for the snow the delay in making the alleys passable was considerable. Superintendent Wells of the Street Department is willing to assist in this matter in any way that will be agreeable and fair to

the abutters, and that will accomplish the purpose. He calls their attention to the fact that under the act under which these alleys were accepted it is distinctly stated that the city will not remove the snow.

The effect of the act is to put upon the city the burden of keeping them cleaned up, and to give the city the authority to pave or make repairs at the expense of the abutters, and to put in force the ordinances covering the throwing of rubbish and refuse into the roadway, thus making it possible to prevent what in the past has been a most objectionable feature—the throwing of rubbish and filth into these alleys.

As the statute gives the Superintendent of Streets no authority to act in this matter of snow removal, any arrangement that is made must be under agreement between the abutters. Several plans have been suggested by gentlemen interested in the matter, who have consulted the office of the Superintendent, and the most feasible seems to be as follows:

If the abutters on any alley will sign an agreement stating that they will put the matter of snow removal in the hands of the Superintendent of Streets, he can do the work by contract, and assess the cost upon the abutters as follows: One-quarter of the whole cost to be assessed on all the abutters, and three-quarters of the cost to be assessed on those who place their yard snow in the alley; the assessment to be made according to the frontage of the lot, the work to be done under the supervision of the Superintendent of Streets, and the actual cost to be assessed. To insure the payment to the contractor, a bond would be required sufficient to guarantee the agreement.

Of course there is no way to force any one to come into such an agreement if he does not throw his yard snow into the alley, and it would be for the balance of the abutters to decide whether they would proceed with the arrangement without those who refuse to come in.

The matter of throwing the yard snow into the alley can be controlled from the Superintendent's office by requiring a permit to do so; and one condition of this permit would be that it must be shown before its issuance that some arrangement had been made for the removal of snow satisfactory to the Department.

Such a storm as the recent one comes but seldom; but when it does occur, the condition of these alleys is such that it is absolutely necessary that some means be taken

to clear them. In the last storm the Street Department office was flooded with letters, some of complaint and some of suggestion. For a week or ten days the removal of the house-wastes, the putting in of coal, and, in the event of fire, the entrance of the Fire Department, were completely blocked.

As the Street Department is not looking for more burdens, the Superintendent would be pleased if on each alley or block the abutters could arrange amongst themselves to take care of this matter; but experience shows that this is almost impossible, and if the above plan, or some modification of it, is desired by the abutters on the public alleys, they will please communicate with the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The order for the construction of the alleys in the Back Bay was passed so late in the season that the Street Department was unable to accomplish much in the way of putting these alleys into proper condition. Another year, however, will see the alleys in certain sections put in good condition, and thereafter kept clean and sightly by the city.

MEETING OF FRANKLIN FUND MANAGERS.

A meeting of the Managers of the Franklin Fund was held in the Aldermanic Chamber on Tuesday, December 20, 1898. All of the managers, viz.: the Board of Aldermen, and Rev. Charles W. Duane, rector of Christ Church, Rev. James Eells, pastor of the First Congregational Church, and Rev. A. K. MacLennan, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, being present. Alderman Lott presided.

A sub-committee, consisting of Rev. C. W. Duane, and Aldermen Berwin, Codman, Conry and O'Toole, was instructed "to consider what disposition should be made of that part of the Franklin Fund which has been apportioned to the City of Boston." The Committee recommended the passage of the following orders, Aldermen Berwin and Codman dissenting:

(1.) Ordered, That the order passed by the Managers of the Franklin Fund, December 28, 1893, making a disposition of said fund, and devoting a portion thereof to the purchase of land and the erection of a building thereon for a trades school be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

(2.) Ordered, That the vote passed by the Managers of the Franklin Fund on December 19, 1895, authorizing Alpheus

Sanford, in behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Fund, to purchase certain lands offered by H. J. Jaquith, and authorizing said Sanford to make the necessary draft on the City Treasurer for the purchase of said lands, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

(3.) Ordered, That the Mayor be authorized to purchase from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology the building of said institute now known as the Engineering building, and land appurtenant thereto, and to cause the same to be fitted up for lectures and instruction in physics, mechanical engineering and electricity, provided that the same can be purchased for the sum of \$150,000, and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay from the Franklin Fund, upon the requisition of the Mayor, the amount required for such purchase, not exceeding the said sum.

(4.) Ordered, That the sum of \$210,000 of the Franklin Fund be devoted to the erection of a building for public baths, gymnasia, ward-rooms, or for any or more of such purposes, in each of the following districts: East Boston, Charlestown, North end, South Boston; and a lavatory near the corner of Park and Tremont streets, upon land which shall be furnished therefor by the City of Boston, free of cost; each of said buildings to be erected and furnished, under the supervision of the City Engineer, by an architect selected by him and approved by the Mayor, and according to such plans as shall be approved by the Bath Commission and by the Mayor, and to be always designated by the name of Franklin, and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment out of said fund for each of said buildings, not exceeding for all the sum aforesaid, upon bills approved by the architect of the building.

(5.) Ordered, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, if the Managers of the Franklin Fund shall purchase a building of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to execute an agreement with said Institute; that said Institute shall occupy and use said land and building in connection with instructions in physics, mechanical engineering and electricity, for the term of ninety-nine years, at a rental of \$1 per annum, and give courses of free lectures upon one or more subjects, annually, during said term; shall designate said building as the Franklin Building, and shall establish eight scholarships, to be known as the Franklin Scholarships, and to be awarded to graduates of the grammar or high schools of the City of Boston on competitive examinations.

The orders numbered (1) and (2) were passed. Messrs. Charles, Cleary, Conry, Dixon, Norton, O'Toole, Duane and MacLennan voted yes, and Messrs. Berwin, Codman, Lott, Paige, Fresco and Eells voted no on order (1). Order (2) was passed unanimously, Alderman Dyar being absent.

Action on orders (3) to (5) inclusive, and further consideration of the subject was postponed till next year.

The sum appropriated by the Managers of the Franklin Fund, on December 28, 1893, for the establishment of a Franklin Trades School amounted to \$322,490.20. On January 31, 1898, the appropriation, with accrued interest, amounted to \$355,004.68.

REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

The report of the Hospital Department for the year 1897 constitutes Document 15, 1898. The report, which numbers 192 pages, comprises (1) the report of the Trustees signed by their President, Mr. A. Shuman; (2) the report of the Superintendent and Resident Physician, Dr. Rowe; (3) an extensive series of statistical tables relating to the medical and surgical service of the several branches of the Department, viz., the Hospital proper, the South Department, for cases of infectious diseases, the Out-patient Departments, and the Convalescent Home; (4) a statement concerning bequests and trust funds; (5) rules for the administration of the Hospital and the Convalescent Home, and (6) a description of the course of instruction in the Boston City Hospital Training School for Nurses together with a catalogue of the graduates of the school.

Following is a condensed summary of certain leading features of the report.

The total number of beds, 768, were distributed as follows: In the Hospital proper 512, in the South Department 220, in the Convalescent Home thirty-six.

The following table shows certain general facts regarding the population of the Hospital during the year:

	Hospital Proper.	South Department.	Convalescent Home.	Totals.
No. of inmates in Hospital Jan. 31, 1897	466	250	21	737
Applied for admission	10,999	3,111	—	14,110
Admitted	7,916	2,558	423	10,897
Treated during the year	8,382	2,808	444	11,634
Daily average of patients,	478	175	25	—
No. of days of treatment	174,445	63,767	9,414	—
Average stay, in days	20.8	22.7	21.0	—
Discharged	7,042	2,328	415	9,785
Died	852	325	—	1,177
Remaining Jan. 31, 1898	488	155	29	672

In addition to the cases treated in the Hospital wards, 22,712 patients visited the Hospital for advice and treatment in the out-patient department, who were classified as follows:

Medical diseases	3,798
Surgical diseases	9,857
Diseases of the eye	1,938
Diseases of the ear	783
Diseases of the skin	1,103
Diseases of women	817
Diseases of the nervous system	606
Diseases of the throat	1,315
Surgical out-patients treated in the accident-rooms, and not included elsewhere	2,495

The patients admitted to the wards of the Hospital during the year were classified as follows:

Medical services	3,578
Surgical services	3,612
Gynaecological service	512
Ophthalmic service	102
Aural service	112
Total	7,916

The following tabular presentation shows the number of patients treated, the number of deaths and the rate of mortality in the Hospital proper in the fiscal years 1892-1898:

	Patients Treated.	Died.	Rate of Mortality.
1892-3	8,236	958	.116
1893-4	8,763	1,153	.131
1894-5	8,599	1,060	.123
1895-6	8,439	881	.104
1896-7	8,393	835	.099
1897-8	8,382	852	.101

The entire amount expended for all departments of the Hospital during the year, was \$374,193. Of this amount, \$258,903 was on account of the Hospital proper; \$79,825 on account of the South Department; \$9,180 on account of the eight out-patient departments; \$8,438 for the Convalescent Home; \$2,057 on account of determining the settlement of paying patients; \$8,555 on account of new buildings, and \$7,232 on account of pathological building.

From the amount expended for the Hospital proper (\$258,903) should be deducted the difference in the amount of stock on hand February 1, 1898, which was \$12,154 more than was on hand on February 1, 1897, making the total amount chargeable to the expenditures of the year \$246,749. Of the total amount expended, several items were for purposes not within the ordinary yearly maintenance of the patients. There were expended for expense incurred in card cataloguing clinical records, etc., \$797.38; medical and surgical reports, \$667.76; making a total of \$1,465.14, which, deducted from the total expenditures of the Hospital proper, leaves \$245,284.09, properly chargeable to current expenses. This amount, divided among 8,382 patients, for 24,920 week's board, gives \$9.84 as the cost to the city of each patient per week. The weekly cost of each patient at the Convalescent Home has been \$6.27. The Trustees have collected and paid into the City Treasury in cash the sum of \$68,992.64, this sum having been received principally on account of board of patients. No allowance has been made for this amount in computing the weekly net cost of each patient to the city.

During the year work has progressed upon the new buildings for which there were special appropriations. The installation of the electric light plant (at a total cost of \$75,000) and the coal-pocket in connection with the power-house, have been completed, and the new laundry building is

progressing well. The ten estates on the corner of Massachusetts and Harrison avenues, for which there was a special appropriation of \$101,000, were taken by the city under right of eminent domain, and the payment for the various estates has been settled, and made within the appropriation. The Ann White Vose Building for Nurses is well under way, and the contract calls for its completion in February, 1899.

In order to reduce the cost of fuel, the Trustees decided to construct a coal-pocket in connection with the power-house, so that the Hospital could purchase and store its coal by the cargo. By the adoption of coal-carriers, the coal can be conveyed from the coal-pocket directly to the mouths of the furnaces. By changing the grates in the furnaces, the finer and cheaper grades of coal can be used. The Hospital has expended during the present year, for coal burned in the main power-house, \$24,822. The average cost of the quality of hard white ash anthracite coal is approximately \$4.87 per ton of 2,240 pounds, but by purchasing buckwheat coal, at about \$2.25 per ton by the cargo, the Hospital will easily save from \$6,000 to \$7,000 annually.

During the year the Hospital received a special appropriation of \$25,000 for the purpose of constructing the coal-pocket. Accordingly, plans and specifications were prepared, and the contract awarded to John H. Procter & Co. for the sum of \$24,838. The coal-pocket is ninety feet long by sixty feet wide. The main portion of the building is thirty-two feet high, and the central, or ridge portion, is forty-six feet high. The tower, containing the hoisting machinery, has a frontage of twenty-four feet on the wharf, and is nineteen feet deep and 106 feet high.

Experience has demonstrated the wisdom of constructing the South Department as a special department for the treatment of infectious diseases, and the steady decrease in the death rate of diphtheria is highly significant. The average death rate of all cases of diphtheria in the city for the period of sixteen years was 30.7 per cent. The percentage of deaths in the South Department, for diphtheria alone, last year was 14 per cent., and for the present year 13 per cent.; and the total death rates from cases last year was 14 per cent., and during the present year 11 per cent. The percentage of deaths to discharges was twelve, and to the total number of persons treated during the year, less those occurring twenty-four hours after admission, was eight and one-half.

The terms of service of medical and surgical house officers have been extended from eighteen months to two years.

The Training School for Nurses, established in 1878, graduated fifty-four persons in 1897, making a total of 496 since its establishment. A radical change has been made in the organization of the Training School during the past year. Previously, nurses were admitted the first month of probation without pay, and for the remainder of the first year received \$10 per month, and during the second year \$14 per month. With the object of affording an optional third year course of training, the Trustees have arranged the nursing service as follows:

Nurses during the first month of probation receive no pay, but during the remainder of

the first year \$7 per month, during the second year \$10 per month, and at the end of the second year they are given a diploma, when they are at liberty to leave the Hospital for private nursing or other occupations.

Nurses remaining for a third year will be given an additional course of class instruction and special lectures on matters pertaining to hospital management, hygiene and allied subjects, which nurses in private practice are not called upon to use.

The Trustees recommend (1) the reconstruction of the Hospital kitchen, which was intended for 550 people and has to provide frequently for over 1,000 persons, and (2) the establishment of a down-town relief and ambulance station for emergency cases in the business section of the city, preferably at some point north of State street, e.g., near the northern opening of the subway.

NEW SOUTH BOSTON BATH-HOUSE.

Operations will be begun at once toward the construction of the new bath-house and gymnasium to be located on East Ninth street, South Boston, Ward 15.

Two lots of land, containing a trifle over 6,650 square feet, have been bought for this purpose by the Baths Department. The City Council has appropriated \$12,500 for the bath-house, of which amount \$2,760.51, mainly covering the cost of a portion of the land taken, has been expended.

The building, which will contain three stories, will be built completely over the entire lot of land. The plans show the façade on East Ninth street to be of gray brick, with light Indiana limestone trimmings on the first story and terra-cotta on the next two. The main entrance opens into a vestibule, from which the stairs lead by a double flight both up and down.

In the basement is situated the swimming tank, which will be seventy feet in length by twenty-six feet in width, six feet six inches in depth at one end and three feet six inches in depth at the other. The tank-room is situated in the rear, and runs up two stories in height, with a glass roof and large ventilating skylights.

On this floor are also the dressing-rooms. They are sixty-seven in number, each four feet by three feet six inches in area. There are also upon this floor five shower-baths, toilet-rooms, etc., and the boiler-room.

On the first story of the building are the men's and women's waiting-rooms, the attendants' room, the men's locker and bath-rooms, containing 236 lockers, eleven shower-baths, toilet, etc. The women's bath-room contains sixteen showers, four tubs, toilet, etc., and is also located on this floor.

The gymnasium, measuring seventy-eight feet in length by forty-five feet in width, occupies the entire third floor, and is to be fitted up with the usual apparatus. A running track will be placed overhead.

The building is to be heated with steam, and thoroughly ventilated with a fan system. The water for the tanks is to be heated and kept in constant circulation. The plans of the house were prepared by Perkins & Betton, of Boston.

PER CAPITA EXPENDITURES FOR POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION IN CERTAIN CITIES.

At the convention of the American Society of Municipal Improvements, held in Washington, D.C., October 26, 1898, Mr. August Hermann, Commissioner of Water Works, in Cincinnati, Ohio, submitted a report upon Rates of Taxation in the larger cities of the United States.

The subjoined tabular presentations are taken from Mr. Hermann's report:

AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR POLICE PURPOSES.

Name of City.	Per Capita.
Boston, Mass.	\$3 19
Philadelphia, Pa.	2 18
San Francisco, Cal.	2 11
Buffalo, N.Y.	2 06
Providence, R.I.	2 02
Jersey City, N.J.	1 98
Baltimore, Md.	1 96
Chicago, Ill.	1 80
Detroit, Mich.	1 78
Albany, N.Y.	1 59
Pittsburg, Pa.	1 55
St. Louis, Mo.	1 54
Newark, N.J.	1 48
Cincinnati, O.	1 40
Milwaukee, Wis.	1 22
St. Paul, Minn.	1 12
Alleghany, Pa.	1 09
Minneapolis, Minn.	1 06
Cleveland, O.	1 04
Louisville, Ky.	1 02
Kansas City, Mo.	98
Columbus, O.	96
Rochester, N.Y.	95
Nashville, Tenn.	87
New Orleans, La.	79
Toledo, O.	78
Denver, Col.	77
Indianapolis, Ind.	71
Omaha, Neb.	61

AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

Name of City.	Per Capita.
Boston, Mass.	\$2 21
Providence, R.I.	2 11
Detroit, Mich.	1 86
Buffalo, N.Y.	1 67
Minneapolis, Minn.	1 64
Milwaukee, Wis.	1 54
Albany, N.Y.	1 41
Pittsburg, Pa.	1 39
Columbus, O.	1 33
Rochester, N.Y.	1 31
Cleveland, O.	1 28
San Francisco, Cal.	1 23
St. Paul, Minn.	1 21
St. Louis, Mo.	1 20
Kansas City, Mo.	1 13
Jersey City, N.J.	1 09
Cincinnati, O.	1 07
Alleghany, Pa.	1 05
New Orleans, La.	1 02
Baltimore, Md.	1 01
Newark, N.J.	96
Louisville, Ky.	93
Denver, Col.	88
Nashville, Tenn.	87
Indianapolis, Ind.	85
Chicago, Ill.	80
Philadelphia, Pa.	79
Toledo, O.	76
Omaha, Neb.	62

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, in Mason street, at 7.30 P.M., Tuesday, December 13, 1898. All members were present except Mrs. Ames and Messrs. Calderwood, Huggan and McDonald.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Allen, the senior member, called the Board to order.

Mr. Allen was chosen temporary President.

The nomination of Oliver Kingsbury, to be instructor in military drill, laid over under the rule, was confirmed.

It was ordered, under a suspension of the rules, that the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were passed:

(1.) That the salary of the teacher of the special class, authorized by the Board November 8 be fixed at the rate of \$792 per annum.

(2.) That there be paid to Mary R. Cleaves the sum of \$9,250, as payment for a lot of land on Bailey street, Dorchester, containing about 12,000 square feet, purchased for school purposes, upon the said Cleaves giving to the City of Boston a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department, the necessary amount for the purchase of said lot having been appropriated by the City Council.

(3.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an addition to the contract of Walter S. Sampson & Son, for building the new primary school-house, Thomas N. Hart District, in the sum of \$475, for underpinning the stone retaining wall between the yard of the present grammar building and that of the new primary building.

(4.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Morton-street School-house lot, grading, \$200.

(5.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an addition to the contract of G. A. Cahill, for building the new primary school-house at Forest Hills, in the net sum of \$340, for fire-proofing staircase.

(6.) That the Committee on School-houses be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Heywood Brothers and Wakefield Company, in the sum of \$2,635.87 for furnishing the Paul Revere School-house, said concern being the lowest bidder.

The Superintendent of Schools presented the resignations of two teachers, which were accepted. The Superintendent presented the following: The appointments of six temporary teachers, which were placed on file; the appointments of two special assistants,

which were laid over under the rule; the appointments of three teachers on probation, which were laid over under the rule; the confirmations of eighteen teachers, which were laid over under the rule; and the transfers of two teachers, which were laid over under the rule. Leave of absence was granted to nine teachers. The employment of one temporary teacher and the transfer of one teacher were approved under suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, it was ordered:

(1.) That the present buildings upon Munroe street, Roxbury, primary school lot, together with that portion of said lot fronting on Comifs terrace, and containing 1,250 square feet, purchased in 1892, be surrendered to the City Council, the same being no longer required for permanent school purposes, with the recommendation that said land and buildings be sold, subject to temporary occupancy, during the construction of a new school-house on Munroe street, and that the proceeds of such sale be applied to the cost of the new building.

(2.) That the Paul Revere School, Prince street, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Mr. Eaton, for the same Committee, to whom was referred, November 22, a communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting the names of bidders for the erection of the East Boston High School, with the amount of bids, and the name of the bidder who received the contract, reported that the following proposals had been received:

W. H. Keyes & Co.	\$259,943
Kerrens Driscoll	253,952
Connery & Wentworth	237,500
John S. Jacobs & Son	237,400
Norcross Brothers	237,263
James Fagan	229,389
Mead, Mason & Co.	226,950
James A. Colson	207,905

Subsequently the specifications were somewhat modified, and the contract was awarded to Mead, Mason & Co. for the sum of \$203,006.

Accepted and ordered to be sent to the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School-houses, reported the resignations of three janitors, which were accepted; and the appointments of three janitors, which were approved.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, it was

Ordered, That an additional grammar school assistant be allowed in the Gaston District.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred, November 8, an order relative to the salary of the substitute for the instructor of military drill, absent without pay, report that they have duly considered the matter, and, as the Board has approved the appointment of a temporary instructor during the absence of E. M. Weaver, they recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the salary of the temporary instructor of military drill be fixed at the rate of eight (8) dollars for each day of actual service, from December 1, 1898, to April 1, 1899.

Accepted and the order passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Bassett, for the same Committee, to whom was referred, November 22, an order relative to the salary of Edward R. Kingsbury, assistant in the evening drawing schools, reported that Mr. Kingsbury formerly served for four consecutive years in the evening drawing schools, and has recently begun his second term of service, and as the rules do not provide for the allowance of credit for previous service in his position, he has been placed on the minimum salary of \$4 per evening. Other instructors, who, under a second appointment, are now teaching as assistants in the evening drawing schools, have, from the beginning of their present terms of service, received the maximum amount of pay, or \$6 per evening. Your Committee believe that the same consideration should be shown Mr. Kingsbury, and accordingly recommend the passage of the appended order:

Ordered, That Edward R. Kingsbury, assistant in the evening drawing schools, be placed upon the maximum salary of his rank, to date from October 17, 1898.

Accepted and the order passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred, November 22, an order that the regulations be amended so as to provide that the evening drawing schools shall have for vacation the two weeks immediately preceding the first school day in January, reported that your Committee have given the subject consideration, and are in favor of the proposed amendment. They therefore recommend the passage of the appended order.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 326. Add the following to the section:

The two weeks immediately preceding the first school day in January shall be vacation.

The report was accepted, the order read twice, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Paul, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings consider the advisability of surrendering the Winthrop School to the City Council, and consolidating the present districts in the fourth division so as to provide for one less district in that division.

On the motion of Mrs. Keller, it was

Ordered, That permission be granted Dr. Clarence J. Blake to examine the ears of all pupils in the Horace Mann School, said examination to be without expense either to the city, or to the pupils and their friends.

At 9.20 the Board adjourned to Tuesday, December 27.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At its last meeting the Board of Aldermen voted to adjourn to meet on Tuesday, December 27, at 3 P.M., and that all hearings on orders of notice be assigned accordingly.

According to a report made by the Superintendent of Prisons of the State of New York, the total population of the State penal institutions is 3,308.

EXTENSION OF BUILDING LIMITS.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on Monday, December 19, 1898, Alderman Lott, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted the following report on the extension of the building limits in the City of Boston, which was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements:

The Committee on Building Department, to whom was referred, April 11, the petition of the Boston Board of Fire Underwriters for an extension of the building limits, respectfully report that the Committee have given the subject serious consideration, and submit herewith an ordinance providing for an extension of the building limits so as to include a portion of Roxbury and South Boston. In arriving at this conclusion, the Committee took into consideration the fact that the area submitted was largely covered at the present time, and for that reason very little hardship could accrue to prospective builders by their being forced to construct buildings of the first or second class instead of third class or wooden, as now permitted.

The fire limits of the City of Boston have never been increased from the original establishment in 1871, excepting a small portion which was increased subsequently by extending the line from Charles river through St. Mary's street, Longwood avenue, Bumstead lane, Ward street, and Parker street, to Ruggles street, instead of from Charles river, through Parker street to Ruggles street. Since the original act of 1871, there have been annexed to Boston the adjoining towns of West Roxbury and Brighton, and the City of Charlestown, increasing the area of our city over 30 per cent. At the time of annexation, these areas in Brighton and West Roxbury were largely open fields, but in the last twenty-five years have grown up wooden cities, with a population of 150,000 and upwards.

The advantage of establishing the fire limit is to prevent, as far as possible, the spreading of fire over a protracted area by placing barriers in its way. These barriers are solid brick walls; walls with openings in them, protected by fire-doors; and the internal slow combustion or fire-proof style of construction now in vogue.

The necessity for such a law or ordinance maintaining the safety of the community as a whole, and at the same time protecting the individual interests, has been clearly demonstrated since the establishment at the original limit. The necessity of protecting ourselves against losses by fire has today become a duty, and such a duty that every individual feels the burden of the tax necessary to meet these losses, for loss by fire is an absolute loss to some one. There is no refunding process, by insurance or otherwise, that does not finally find a point where there is no return. Fire underwriters and those engaged in the prevention and extinguishment of fire are well aware of the fact that the real losses come upon

the people, that insurance companies are merely distributors of the money collected from the many insured to pay the few who meet with losses, and this money so collected to pay these enormous losses, together with the money in excess of insurance received necessary to replace the building, is just so much capital diverted from trade, where it would give employment to the masses.

All the reasons heretofore argued for establishing our fire limit, together with the added one of growth of our city in population, area covered, and value of property, also the increasing of the fire risk by extending the height and areas of our modern buildings, make it imperative that as far as possible the restrictive area for the construction of wooden buildings should be extended.

The Committee had before them the Insurance Underwriters and the representatives of the Building and Fire Departments. These interests are protected ones, and, therefore, were expected to take advanced ideas in the matter of fire protection.

On the other hand, the objections were made by owners in outlying districts, desiring to utilize their property for selling at the greatest advantage to themselves; by the speculative builder, who saw in this movement the restricting of his business; by the owners of small estates, who, through lack of room and often through lack of funds, find, theoretically, the demands of fire limit construction too heavy a burden to bear.

In the City of Boston for a period of five years, previous to the present one, it is estimated that first and second class buildings have been erected at an estimated cost, in round numbers, of \$36,000,000, and wooden frame buildings at an estimated cost of \$30,000,000, an excess for brick buildings of but 20 per cent. in valuation. The increase in population during this period is roughly estimated at 75,000, and the fire loss for the same period has been estimated—personal property, \$6,800,000; real estate, \$3,300,000; a total of over \$10,000,000. The average assessed value of personal property during this period was estimated to be, in round numbers, \$208,000,000; of real property, above land, \$460,000,000—a total of \$668,000,000. From these figures, it is seen that the percentage in increase of valuation by building and personal property during the period referred to, was about 10 per cent. of the total valuation of the city, and the fire losses were about $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of this valuation; that is, the losses by fire were 15 per cent. of the increase in valuation—an enormous tax.

In addition to this tax must be added the amount of money expended in keeping wooden frame buildings in repair, for every one knows the helpless, sordid, state of decay in which wooden buildings fall unless constantly looked after and repaired. As to the cost of maintaining wooden buildings, insurance men are said to reckon 5 per cent. annually; but if it is but one-half that amount, the original investment will have been sunk in less than forty years.

In comparison to this, fire-proof buildings will have in that time shown an advantage in cash outlay of 80 per cent. on the total investment, as well as proving a barrier to the extension of these immense fire losses. One point to consider is, whether the loss

of 15 per cent. of our increased valuation above land by fire is an item of expense that we can continue to bear, a burden we indifferently impose on ourselves as a sort of inevitable one. Or have we become convinced of the necessity, as well as the desirability, of ending this over-burdened and unnecessary load?

Boston is a great and congested city of wooden buildings, so constructed, and placed in such close proximity one to the other, without solid brick walls to prevent the spread of fire, that the present conditions are rightly termed "a menace to our city." It was stated to the Committee by experts that should a fire occur at the present time, and in its spread obtain control, the city would be liable to a conflagration even greater than Boston has ever before been visited with, and this must be apparent to every one who logically deduces his reasoning from the lessons of the past, as they were presented to this Committee.

The Committee is aware that increasing the limit would necessarily occasion hardship to those who desire to alter their property, or improve by building new; yet the hardship so occasioned is as nothing in comparison to the jeopardy in which the entire city is placed by the covering of such immense areas with wooden structures, and without the necessary fire barriers previously referred to. All restrictions of law or ordinance create hardships, but the benefits to the individual citizen must be sacrificed for the good of the whole. While the Committee, in its judgment, differs from the petitioners as to what should constitute the boundary line of such a limit, we still agree that some extension of the present limit should be made.

One of the serious objections to the extension of the limits, is the cost in construction of wooden buildings, as compared with brick, and that the prohibition of wooden buildings in the district under contemplation for extension of fire limits, would cause a decrease in building operations, a decrease in land valuations; and, in consequence, a loss in taxes to the city. On the contrary, it was stated that the prohibition of wooden buildings in Philadelphia has neither ruined the suburban districts, deprived the poorer citizens of homes, nor decreased the land valuations and tax to the city; but, on the contrary, in no great city of this continent are people of small incomes housed so safely and comfortably as in the little brick houses in the outlying parts of Philadelphia.

It seemed to the Committee that this condition of affairs could be safely and profitably copied in the City of Boston. Remonstrants against that portion of South Boston included in the limit, asserted that land there would be rendered almost useless unless wooden buildings could be put upon it; yet brick building at the present time is active in South Boston in that portion which is very close to the business portion of the city, and where huge fire-proof warehouses, with steel frames, are being erected, and are quickly leased.

It is hardly necessary to say that the Committee feels that to construct wooden houses in such close proximity to these great buildings is to injure the whole very seriously, one might almost say to insure their destruction; and it, therefore, is

obvious before very long, either the erection of warehouses or of wooden houses in that vicinity of South Boston must stop. Land owners of South Boston, however they may dread the uselessness of their property, it seems to the Committee that they would rather sell their land at warehouse value, which it will probably soon be converted to, than bring it in competition with the outlying districts for cheap wooden tenement houses.

The Committee accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance establishing the building limits as set forth therein.

For the Committee,
WILLIAM H. LOTT, Chairman.

An Ordinance Relative to the Building Limits.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Chapter 45 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in Section 27 by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following new section, viz.:

Section 27. The building limits referred to in Section 18, of Chapter 419, of the Acts of the year 1892 are established as follows:

All that portion of Boston which is included within a line beginning at the intersection of the Harbor Commissioners' line on Charles river with St. Mary's street, extending through the centre of St. Mary's street and the boundary line between Brookline and Boston to the centre of Longwood avenue, thence through the centre of Longwood avenue to the centre of Bumstead lane (now St. Alphonsus street) to the centre of Ward street, thence through the centre of Ward street to the centre of Parker street, thence through the centre of Parker street to the centre of Prentiss street, thence through the centre of Prentiss street to the centre of Linden Park street, thence through the centre of Linden Park street to the centre of Gay street, thence through the centre of Gay street to the centre of Bartlett street, thence through the centre of Bartlett street to the centre of Washington street, thence through the centre of Washington street to the centre of Warren street, thence through the centre of Warren street to the centre of Moreland street, thence through the centre of Moreland street to the centre of Blue Hill avenue, thence through the centre of Blue Hill avenue to the centre of Cottage street, thence through the centre of Cottage street to the line of railroad tracks of New York and New England road, thence along the line of said railroad tracks to the point of intersection with the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and thence along the said New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad tracks to the point of intersection of Dorchester avenue and B street, thence through the centre of B street to the centre of West Broadway, thence through the centre of West Broadway to the centre of Dorchester street, thence through the centre of Dorchester street to the Harbor Commissioners' line, thence by the said Harbor Commissioners' line to the point of beginning; the said district being shown on a plan made by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated December 19, 1898, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The following special announcement, with regard to stenography and typewriting examination, is made by the United States Civil Service Commission:

Hereafter there will be but one examination in stenography and typewriting for all branches of the service, and that examination will be the one regularly held for the departmental service. Whenever a vacancy occurs in any branch of the service other than departmental—for instance, in a custom house, post office, etc.—a list of eligibles will be prepared containing the names of those who were examined in the particular customs district, post office district, etc., as the case may be, where the vacancy exists, and who have expressed a willingness to accept a position in that service, preference being given to legal residents of the districts. Certification in these cases will be made directly from the office of the Commission in Washington, through the local secretary, the papers in each case to be transmitted from this office with the certification. Requisitions to fill vacancies in custom-houses, post-offices, etc., will be made as usual upon the local secretary, who in turn will transmit the requisition to the Commission, and the certification will be issued as indicated above.

The Commission announce the following examinations:

Beginning on January 10, 1899, commencing at 9 A.M., examination will be held at Boston, and any other city in the United States where it has a Board of Examiners, for the position of clerk to the United States Naval Constructor, at Port Royal Naval Station, S. C., at a salary of \$4 per diem.

Two days will be allowed for this examination. This position is one of responsibility, and one requiring experience in the handling of an untrained office force, and in keeping accounts of time, cost of work, etc., according to prescribed regulations. A more or less definite knowledge is therefore necessary in regard to the nature of the work carried on at navy yards, of technical terms in connection therewith, of the trades employed, of the manner of disbursing appropriations under titles and sub-titles, of the methods of purchasing and expending material, of employing and discharging labor, of distributing the time on various job orders, and obtaining accurately the cost thereof, etc.

Beginning February 7, 1899, at 9 A.M., examination will be held at any city in the United States where it has a Board of Examiners, for the positions indicated below, at the salaries mentioned:

One ship draftsman, Crescent Shipyard, Elizabethport, N.Y., \$5 per diem; one ship draftsman, Newport News, Va., \$5 per diem; one ship draftsman, office of United States Naval Constructor, Maryland Steel Company, Sparrows Point, Md., \$5 per diem; two ship draftsmen, Construction and Repair Department, Mare Island Navy Yard, California, \$3.28 per diem; one ship drafts-

man, Construction and Repair Department, Mare Island Navy Yard, California, \$4 per diem; one assistant ship draftsman, office Supervising Naval Constructor, "Gas Engine and Power Company and Charles L. Seabury & Co., Consolidated," Morris Heights, N.Y., \$4 per diem; one assistant ship draftsman, Newport News, Va., \$4 per diem; one assistant ship draftsman, Richmond, Va., \$4 per diem; one assistant ship draftsman, Baltimore, Md., \$4 per diem; one assistant ship draftsman, Wilmington, Del., \$4 per diem.

Four days will be allowed for ship draftsmen examinations and three days for assistant ship draftsmen. The age limit is twenty years or over.

All persons who desire to compete should at once write to E. E. Stebbins, Secretary of the Board of Civil Service Examiners, Post Office Building, Boston, Mass., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D.C.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Following are orders recently promulgated by the Board of Police:

December 13, 1898.

General Order No. 557.

In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Robert W. Woods, of Division 4, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit, neglect of duty, in that he failed to pull in his "on duty" calls, the Board finds the said Patrolman Woods guilty, and sentences him to be reprimanded in General Orders.

December 14, 1898.

General Order No. 557½.

The following-named persons are hereby appointed reserve police officers of the City of Boston under the provisions of Chapter 177 of the Acts of 1897, and temporarily assigned for duty as follows:

Division 1—Matthew Killen, Michael J. Quirk, Frederick J. Thorn.

Division 4—Michael Casey, Michael Healy, James H. Jacobs, Peter J. Norton.

DEATH OF HOSEA H. LINCOLN.

Hosea H. Lincoln, formerly Master of the Lyman School in East Boston, died suddenly on Sunday, December 18, 1898.

Mr. Lincoln was born at Hingham, Mass., in 1821. He was elected to the position of Master of the Lyman School on March 10, 1846, from which he resigned September 1, 1888.

According to the report of the Post Office Department the revenue of the Department in 1880 amounted to \$33,314,475. During 1897 it was \$89,012,618, which, moreover, marked an increase of nearly \$6,500,000 over the preceding year. The number of post-offices has increased from 43,000 in 1880 to 73,000 in 1897.

IMMIGRATION DURING NOVEMBER.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston, from trans-Atlantic ports, during the month ending November 30, 1898:

NATIONALITY.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Austria-Hungary —			
Other Austria . . .	15	6	9
Denmark	13	9	4
France (including Corsica)	4	4	—
Germany	20	15	5
Netherlands	8	5	1
Norway	11	8	5
Roumania	2	2	—
Russia (proper)	79	49	30
Finland	24	14	10
Poland	103	68	35
Spain	1	1	—
Sweden	90	28	62
United Kingdom —			
England	171	97	74
Ireland	228	90	138
Scotland	44	16	28
Wales	4	3	1
Total from Europe	815	413	402
Quebec and Ontario	14	11	3
Total from British North American possessions	14	11	3
Grand total	829	424	405
Tourists en route	71	—	—
Debarred passengers	7	—	—
Total immigration for the month of November	907	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS.—STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division—		
Maine	15	
New Hampshire	15	
Vermont	3	
Massachusetts	528	
Rhode Island	30	
Connecticut	21	
New York	91	
New Jersey	2	
Pennsylvania	23	
Total	728	
South Atlantic Division—		
Maryland	5	
South Carolina	1	
Florida	1	
Total	7	
North Central Division—		
Ohio	10	
Illinois	38	
Michigan	2	
Wisconsin	6	
Minnesota	11	
Iowa	4	
North Dakota	5	
South Dakota	1	
Nebraska	3	
Kansas	3	
Total	83	

South Central Division—

Texas	2
Total	2
Western Division—	
Montana	2
Colorado	1
Washington	2
Oregon	1
California	3
Total	9

RECAPITULATION.

North Atlantic Division	728
South Atlantic Division	7
North Central Division	83
South Central Division	2
Western Division	9
Total	829

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending December 17, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	20.4
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897,	17.3
Number of deaths:	
Males	99
Females	109
Total	208
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	172
Increase	36

Of the 208 decedents, 201 were white and 7 colored; 124 were born in the United States, 84 in foreign countries; 44 were of American parentage, 145 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 19 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	56	6
Scarlatina	21	0
Typhoid fever	5	4
Measles	100	1
Totals	182	11

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	22
Pneumonia	27
Heart disease	19
Bronchitis	14
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	12
Total from principal causes	97
Total from infectious diseases	11
Total from other causes	100
Total from all causes	208

Deaths of children under 1 year	30
Deaths of children under 5 years	52
Deaths of persons over 60 years	53
Deaths in public institutions	57

Municipal gas works are being erected in Vienna on a tract of about seventy-four acres. The works consist of four holders of 3,100,000 cubic feet capacity each.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, December 19, 1898, Chairman Dyar presiding. Absent—Aldermen Paige.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Increase in Salaries of Policemen—Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 15, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my signature the order raising the salaries of inspectors, lieutenants, sergeants, patrolmen and assistant keepers of the city prison, under the Police Department, by the sum of \$200 each per annum.

In spite of the unanimity with which this order was passed by both branches—no opposition to it being recorded in the Board of Aldermen, and only three votes being cast against it in the Common Council—and of the further fact that the order cannot take effect without concurrent action on the part of the Board of Police, it becomes none the less my duty to consider whether the proposed increases of salary are either practicable or proper—whether the financial condition of the city will permit the proposed increases, and whether such increases are proper, upon their merits, in comparison with salaries paid in other departments of the city; for it is of course obvious and has been repeatedly demonstrated by experience, that the salaries of public officials and employees have a close relation to each other, and that an increase in the scale of salaries for one class of public servants will surely lead to demands, which may be resisted for a time, but are likely to succeed in the long run, for a corresponding increase in other branches of service. I have not the slightest hesitation in taking the position that the proposed increases are inadmissible from every standpoint, and while I need express no criticism upon the members of the City Council, who voted for the order with such unanimity, I venture to say that there are few, if any members of either branch who would be prepared, after any sort of an inquiry into the facts, to assume the sole responsibility of putting it into effect. The financial system of the city has been changed none to soon through the establishment of the Board of Apportionment, if this order is to be taken to represent the financial wisdom of the City Council.

The number of patrolmen now on the rolls of the Police Department is 894, and the inspectors, lieutenants, sergeants and assistant-keepers of the City Prison number 117, making a total of 1,011 persons whose pay is increased under this order, involving a total increase of \$212,400 in the expenditures of the Police Department, or an increase of 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. over the expenditures for the last financial year, which amounted to \$1,667,887.26.

No one at all familiar with the difficulty which is now experienced in carrying on the business of the city departments, and meeting the additional requirements imposed from year to year by the growth and development of the community within the limits of a \$9 tax rate, of which \$2.85 is set aside for the support of public schools, can be led to believe that it is possible to make this increase without seriously hampering the equally important work of other departments, and restricting the service of the city in a manner which would lead to just complaint on the part of citizens. It is only with great difficulty that the city can make both ends meet at the present time in carrying on its business, under the limited tax-rate established by the law of the Commonwealth, and the proposition to increase salaries by the sum of \$212,400 in one year in any single department of the city, or even in all the departments put together, is one which, upon financial grounds alone, cannot be entertained.

I might rest my objections to this order entirely upon the foregoing ground, but it may be as well to state some others. Even if the business of the city did not have to be managed within the limits of a \$9 tax-rate, I should not believe it proper to increase the taxes levied upon our citizens in order to add to the present pay of the police officers. In the first place, the order as it stands would do away with the gradation of pay as now established by the Board of Police, under which a patrolman gets \$1,000 during his first year of service, \$1,100 during his second year and \$1,200 during his third year and thereafter, and every patrolman would, from the beginning of his service, have to receive the same salary. Secondly, the conditions of service in the Police and Fire Departments are so far similar, that there should be a certain general correspondence of pay.

Regular hosemen in the Fire Department now receive \$1,100 per year, and, if the pay of patrolmen were raised by \$200, there would certainly be a strong demand for the increase of the rate of pay in the Fire Department, and one which might rest upon relative justice. Thirdly, in comparing the pay of policemen with that of other municipal employees, two important distinctions

must be remembered; the policeman is protected against removal except for cause, being outside the sphere of ordinary administrative or political changes, and he has the right to be retired from service at the age of sixty-five or in case of disability incurred in the actual performance of duty, and he may be so retired on account of any physical disability after fifteen years of consecutive service, receiving upon such retirement a pension equal to from one-third to one-half of his pay. While I recognize the peculiar and responsible nature of the duties of a policeman and fully believe in the wisdom of providing a retiring pension, I believe that the fact that such a pension is paid should be taken into account in determining what annual salary should properly be paid. Fourthly, a comparison of the salaries paid to patrolmen in Boston with those paid in other large cities of the country shows that the salaries paid here are already larger than in any city of the country of similar size, with the single exception of New York, where the maximum salary, established by a special Act of the Legislature, is \$1,400, though the minimum salary of a patrolman is only \$800.

The following table contains this information, which has been secured at my request through the courtesy of the Board of Police:

CITIES.	Number of Patrolmen.	Salary.	Population.	Clothing.
New York . .	6,437	\$800 to \$1,400	3,480,000	Not allowed
Chicago . . .	2,500	\$1,000	1,875,000	Not stated
Philadelphia .	1,899	\$2.75 per day	1,250,000	\$40 allowed
St. Louis . . .	824	Not stated	700,000	Not allowed
Boston	894	\$1,000 to \$1,200	530,000	" "
Baltimore . .	670	\$18 per week	510,000	" "
Cincinnati . .	398	\$85 per month	420,000	" "
Detroit	403	\$900	349,000	" "
Pittsburg . . .	295	\$2.50 per day	300,000	" "
Washington . .	500	\$900 to \$1,080	280,000	" "
Denver	112	\$80 per month	168,000	" "

I need only add that salaries in New York, both in public and private employment, are notoriously higher than in any other city in the country, and that living expenses are also greater in that city.

The cost of raising our municipal salaries generally to the New York standard would impose an unwarrantable burden upon our tax-payers, and one which they would not for a moment submit to. Allowing for the difference in the standard and cost of living in the two cities, I believe that our patrolmen are about as well off with a salary of \$1,200 as those of New York with a salary of \$1,400.

Another conclusive objection to the proposed increase remains to be mentioned, and it is one of such force that it must have escaped the notice of members of the City Council, — particularly those who represent the outlying wards. There is a constant pressure upon the Board of Police to afford additional police protection, to keep up with the growth of the community, and the Board has repeatedly taken the ground that its service requires a larger number of patrolmen than it now has. The sum which it is proposed to devote to increasing the salaries of police officers would provide for 177 additional patrolmen, or an increase in the present force of nearly 20 per cent. at the full rate of \$1,200 per annum. If it is possible (which in my opinion it is not) for the city to increase the appropriation for the Police Department by such a sum as \$212,400, there can be no question that a large part of this amount should be devoted to increasing the number of the police force, in order to meet the growing wants of the community, rather than to an increase in existing salaries.

I may call attention, in conclusion, to the fact that in the last eleven years the expenses of the maintenance of our Police Department have increased by 51 per cent. (from \$1,104,256.44 in 1886-87 to \$1,667,887.26 in 1897-98), while during the same period our population only increased by 30 per cent. (from about 400,000 in 1886 to about 520,000 in 1897). This would seem to indicate that the expenditures of the Police Department have already increased fully as fast as the growth of our population will warrant, without the large addition which this order proposes.

I trust that the position which I feel it necessary to take upon this order will not be taken to indicate any lack of appreciation on my part of the excellent character of our police force, considered as a body, or of the faithful services performed by its individual members. I fully realize that there are special hardships and dangers attaching to police service, and if I felt that the position of the city finances and of the resources of the community justified the proposed increase at the present time, it would be much more agreeable for me to approve the order than to interpose the obstacle of an executive veto. But I am confident that any fair-minded members of the police force, who will look into the matter, will themselves recognize, as citizens as well as public servants, the impossibility at the present time of giving practical effect to the irresponsible generosity of the City Council in voting away the public money. I might also have left the unpleasant duty of preventing this increase to be performed by the Board of Police, whose concurrent action is required before the order can take effect, for while I

have had no consultation with the Board upon the subject, I do not doubt that the considerations above mentioned, or some of them, would have led it to withhold its approval of the order; but it has seemed to me necessary in order to place the City Government in a proper attitude before the citizens, and with a view to affecting possible future action, that this order should not leave City Hall with favorable action upon it if I could prevent it.

It has been suggested to me that the passage earlier in the year of the order providing for an increase in the salaries of police captains has been one of the moving causes which led to the adoption of the present order; if this is the case, and particularly if the passage of the former order has given any just grounds for this movement in favor of increasing the salaries of patrolmen, I can only express regret that I did not at least endeavor to prevent its passage. The increase of the salaries of captains, however, only involved an additional expense of about \$11,000, and the Board of Police has not yet found it possible to provide out of its appropriation even this amount, so that the increase has not yet gone into practical effect.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Police Department.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1.) Frank G. Webster to be a member of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the term ending April 30, 1900, in place of Henry R. Reed, resigned.

(2.) Horace Dennie and George M. Locke to be Constables of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1899.

(3.) William F. Stewart to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Severally laid over under the law.

Boxing of Tree — Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, December 16, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval a vote passed by your Board, granting permission to Harry J. Meghran to box a tree at 494 Broadway, Ward 14, for the reason that permission cannot legally be given to place a sign around a tree.

I assume that the proposition in boxing the tree is to furnish a support for a sign, as it would not be necessary to get permission from the Board if it were simply intended to place a suitable guard around the tree for its protection.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the said permission was granted was reconsidered, and the question came on again granting permission, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to grant permission.

Receipts for Care of Soldiers.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 19, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The Trustees of the City Hospital have been at a large extra expense, amounting in all to some \$20,000 in providing for the care of the large number of soldiers who were received in the Hospital, and as there is no margin in the regular appropriation for the Hospital Department to provide for such an extra expenditure, it becomes necessary that it should be met in some manner. The Hospital has been reimbursed for a portion of such expenditures by the Commonwealth, and expects to receive further partial reimbursements from the War Department, but there is no authority at present for crediting such amounts to the Hospital Department appropriation. I therefore desire to ask for the passage of the accompanying order for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That all sums received by the city from the Government of the United States, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or otherwise, for the care of soldiers in the City Hospital, be credited to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Loan for Various Purposes.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 19, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

It now appears by the Auditor's statement for December 1 that the actual borrowing capacity of the city for the current year exceeds the borrowing capacity as estimated at the beginning of the year by \$65,592.02. As various extraordinary expenditures have had to be incurred during the latter part of this year, among which may be mentioned the cost of taking care of a considerable number of soldiers at the City Hospital and that of removing snow after the recent heavy and unseasonable storm, it is very necessary, in order to properly close the accounts for the financial year, that loans should be authorized at once out of this additional borrowing capacity, to provide for certain expenditures

properly chargeable to loans which various departments have been obliged to make, and to meet, for the time being, out of their maintenance appropriations. I therefore desire to ask for the passage of the accompanying loan order, and if any items do not explain themselves, I should be glad to furnish any additional detailed information which may be desired.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the several departments hereinafter named be authorized to expend the sums of money, and for the purposes herein specified, and that to meet the appropriations aforesaid the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount, viz.:

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Veterinary Hospital, additional . . \$5,000

ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT.

New booths, etc., to replace those loaned for military use and not returned 3,000

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Surgical Building, additional 8,600
Booths, etc., for use of soldiers 2,000

STREET DEPARTMENT — SANITARY DIVISION.

Atlantic avenue dumping wharves, improvements and additions 6,600

PAVING DIVISION.

Street improvements, additional . . 22,000

BRIDGE DIVISION.

Congress street and Broadway bridges, reconstruction 2,700

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, improvements and alterations 6,600
Wareham street Armory, reconstruction and equipment 3,000

WIRE DEPARTMENT.

Additional 6,000

Total \$65,500

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Old Small-pox Hospital.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 19, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The Board of Health having no further use for the building and grounds on Canterbury street, known as the small-pox hospital, recently asked to be relieved of their care, and they were accordingly placed in the hands of the Street Commissioner. I am now in receipt of the enclosed communication from the Insane Hospital Trustees requesting that this property, which borders upon Pierce Farm, be transferred to their Department, and I accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

INSANE HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

December 12, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor:

DEAR SIR: By a vote of the Insane Hospital Trustees, on the eighth of December, 1898, I am instructed to ask that the building and grounds on Canterbury street, formerly occupied by the Board of Health as a small-pox hospital, be transferred to this Board.

The property in question borders upon the grounds of the Insane Hospital at Pierce Farm, and is a part of the square which the Trustees desire to obtain for the further development of the Hospital. It is therefore urgent, in their opinion, that that property should not be devoted to other purposes than the use of the Hospital.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Ordered, That the land and buildings on Canterbury street, formerly used by the Health Department as a small-pox hospital and now in the custody of the Street Commissioners, be transferred to the care and control of the Insane Hospital Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Locations for Street-light Posts.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 19, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a petition of the Boston Electric Light Company for locations for electric lamp-posts, to be erected by it in substitution for the iron lamp-posts belonging to the city, upon which electric lamps are now placed. This petition is presented in accordance with the contract between said company and the city, which is printed in City Document 117 of the present year, and which provides that the company is to erect, at its own expense, wooden lamp-posts of a new and improved pattern, to carry the enclosed arc type of lamp, in place of the old style iron lamp-posts belonging to the city. I can see no objection to the granting of these locations, and I therefore desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Boston Electric Light Company hereby petitions that it may be granted locations in the streets, squares and other public places of the City of Boston for wooden posts for the transmission of electricity and the support of electric lamps in substantially the same places as those now occupied by the iron lamp-posts belonging to the city, and as indicated on a map dated December 19, 1898, bearing the written approval of the Superintendent of Lamps, which map shall be deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets; and that the locations

of posts, as designated on said map shall be, and be deemed and taken to be, the true locations thereof.

Boston Electric Light Company,

By SAMUEL S. SIAS, Treasurer.

Ordered, That the Boston Electric Light Company be, and is hereby, granted locations in the streets, squares and other public places of the City of Boston for wooden posts for the transmission of electricity and the support of electric lamps in substantially the same places as those now occupied by, and in substitution for, the iron lamp-posts belonging to the city, and as indicated on a map dated December 19, 1898, bearing the written approval of the Superintendent of Lamps, which map shall be deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets; and the locations of posts as designated on said map shall be, and be deemed and taken to be the true locations thereof.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Expenses Incurred by Hearings on the Franklin Fund—Veto.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 19, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval an order passed by your Board on December 12, providing that the expenses incurred in connection with the public hearing given by the Managers of the Franklin Fund be charged to the appropriation for Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen. It seems to me that this expense should more properly be charged to the Franklin Fund, and this can be done as soon as the votes passed by the former Managers of the Fund are rescinded.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the said order was passed was reconsidered, and the question came on again passing it, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to pass the order over the Mayor's objection, the vote on its passage being—Yeas, 0; nays, 10.

Building Construction Department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 26, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

While it seemed to me desirable that the work of executing repairs and improvements upon city buildings by the direct employment of mechanics in the different building trades should, at the start, be placed in the hands of a division of the Public Buildings Department, rather than in a new department created for that purpose, I believe that this branch of municipal work has now become so well established and of such magnitude

that it should be placed in the charge of a separate department. The connection between the Public Buildings Department and the Repairs Division is largely a nominal one, and I see no reason why it should longer exist, particularly in view of the fact that the office and shops of the Repairs Division are necessarily at a distance from those of the Public Buildings Department, and the mixing of the finances of the Repairs Division with those of the department to which it is nominally attached tends to cause confusion. I believe that it will tend toward greater simplicity of administration and be for the advantage of both these branches of work to separate them entirely, and I therefore desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying amendment to the Revised Ordinances of 1898, drawn by the Corporation Counsel, for the accomplishing of this object.

It has seemed to me better to give the proposed new department a broader name than that of a repair department, and I therefore suggest that it be called the Building Construction Department, which properly indicates its scope and function.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. The Building Construction Department is hereby established and the same shall be under the charge of the Superintendent of Building Construction, who shall execute all repairs and improvements on buildings, or parts of buildings, belonging to or hired by the city, whether used for city or county purposes, and all constructions of new buildings, except such constructions, repairs and improvements as are required by law to be made by contract, and such as can be made by the regular employees of the department, or departments, having the charge of the building or part of building; said work shall include all work coming within any of the building trades, or connected in any manner with the building trades, except electrical construction and electrical repair work, and the same shall be done by said Building Construction Department when requested by the officer in charge of such other department, such request in the case of new construction to be approved by the Mayor. Said Superintendent shall execute all such work by competent mechanics employed directly by him, and he shall purchase all the materials and supplies needed in connection with such work.

Section 2. The City Auditor at the close of each month shall transfer the amount of all bills allowed by him for materials furnished and work done by said Superintendent as aforesaid for another department to the appropriation for the Building Construction Department, to be used as a part of such appropriation.

Section 3. Said Superintendent shall be appointed annually by the Mayor, subject to

confirmation by the Board of Aldermen; shall give a bond in the sum of three thousand dollars, and shall receive an annual salary of thirty-five hundred dollars.

Section 4. Section 1, of Chapter 32, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth line thereof, the words "and repairs," and by striking out in the ninth and tenth lines thereof, the words "make all repairs and improvements, and."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Civil Engineers in Building Department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 17, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The Building Commissioner has for some time urged the need of appointing one or more civil engineers in his Department, and a recent death in his force makes it possible to add one civil engineer at the present time without increasing the total salaries paid by the Department. Section 3 of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1892, authorizes the appointment in this Department of "such number of building inspectors and civil engineers as the City Council may from time to time by ordinance determine." The present ordinance authorizes the appointment of twenty-four building inspectors, but makes no provision for civil engineers. I therefore desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1898.

Be it ordained, etc., as follows:

Section 1 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "and may also appoint not exceeding two civil engineers."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Federal Square.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 12, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In view of the disappearance of the name of Federal street, on account of the rearrangement of the streets in the vicinity of the new Southern Union Station, it seems to me desirable that this name, on account of long association, should be perpetuated in some manner, in this locality, and I therefore desire to suggest the passage of the accompanying order, giving the name of Federal square to the area in front of the station, at the intersection of Summer street and Atlantic avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the open space at the junction of Summer and Federal streets and Atlantic avenue be named, and hereafter known, as Federal square.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Regulation of Peddling.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 19, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I desire to recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance, the effect of which is to transfer the regulation of peddling from the Board of Health to the Street Department. Heretofore, there has been a Superintendent of Peddlers under the Board of Health, and the Street Department also found it desirable a year or more ago to appoint an officer of its own to look after peddlers' licenses. There is at present a vacancy in the position of Superintendent of Peddlers, and the Board of Health agrees with the view that it should be relieved of any supervision of peddlers, and that this duty should be transferred wholly to the Street Department.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 AND 38 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1896.

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 38 is hereby amended by striking out, in the twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third lines thereof the following: "and shall appoint a Superintendent of Peddlers, and require him to see that every hawker and peddler conforms to law."

Section 2. Section 2 of Chapter 18 is hereby amended by striking out in the twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third lines thereof, the following: "and shall appoint a Superintendent of Peddlers, and require him to see that every hawker and peddler conforms to law."

The ordinance was given its first reading and laid over to the next meeting of the Board.

The total number of registered trade-unions in England and Wales, which were of more than a full year's standing, amounted to 523 at the close of 1896. Their members numbered 1,036,351, or less than one-seventh of the estimated total number of male adult workmen in the United Kingdom.

The total income of these trade unions for the year 1896 was £1,693,150 or an average of £1 12s. 8d. for every member, equivalent to a contribution of 7½d. per week. Of this income only £1,258,440 were expended, the residue, £434,710, being added to their funds in hand, which amounted to £2,138,296 at the end of the year, or £2 1s. 3d. for each member on the average.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved on December 14:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

To J. A. Mackay, sign, at 346 Cambridge street, Ward 25.

To Free Home for Consumptives, transparency (temporarily), at Hamilton place, Ward 7.

To Henry Shaw, sign, at 226 Sumner street, Ward 2.

To Michael W. Brick, campaign transparency, at 13 Lowell street, Ward 8.

To Hewes-Mayo Company, signs, at 21 Tremont row, Ward 6.

To Agastine Annese, sign, at 32 Bennington street, Ward 1.

To C. H. Bassett, illuminated mortar, at 109 Arch street, Ward 6.

To Wie Ying Low Company, V-shaped sign, at 19 Harrison avenue, Ward 7.

Ordered, That the list of allowances hereto annexed, for the month of December, and payable January 1, 1899, of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families residing in the City of Boston or having a settlement therein, under the provisions of Chapters 301 and 279 of the Acts of 1894, and Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1890, and amendments thereto, Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1893, and Chapter 561 of the Acts of 1898, be hereby approved, and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the said allowances to the persons named respectively, until otherwise ordered by this Board, unless the person named shall previously become ineligible to receive said aid; said sums to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Frank B. Gilbreth to erect, maintain and use one guy-post on Nassau street opposite No. 9, and two guy-posts on Ash street, opposite Nos. 1 and 15, Ward 7, for use in building construction; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John S. Jacobs & Son to erect, maintain and use one guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over Columbus avenue, near Buckingham street, for use in building construction, Ward 10, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, and done on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to E. D. Blackwell to stretch, maintain and use derrick guy-ropes over and across St. Alphonsus street, Ward 19, for use in building construction, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1898, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The five following matters were presented to the Mayor December 6, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Permit to Robert J. Marchbanks to maintain a night lunch wagon at the corner of Columbus avenue and Centre street, between the hours of 6 P.M. and 6 A.M.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be directed to locate and maintain an electric light opposite No. 30 Jenkins street, South Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to remove a tree in front of estate of Louis A. Ginsburg, 189 Princeton street, Ward 1; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing in front of premises 169 Hampden street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of building now in course of erection, adjoining No. 145 Norfolk street, near Lauriat avenue; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

The following order was presented to the Mayor December 5, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to have the North End Park flooded for skating purposes during the present winter season; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Park Department.

Awards of Contracts.

Park Department.

The contract for building a wall of quarry-faced granite or seam-faced Roxbury stone at Jamaica Park, proposals for which were received by the Board of Park Commissioners on December 5, has been awarded to D. F. O'Connell on his bid of \$1.70 per linear foot. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 722, record of meeting of Park Commissioners.)

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Public Buildings Department.

Proposals for furnishing coal for the public buildings and the several departments of the City of Boston not otherwise provided for, were opened at the office of

the Superintendent of Public Buildings on Wednesday December 14, 1898, as follows:

Bidders.	Per ton of 2,000 lbs.
Metropolitan Coal Company:	
2,500 tons, more or less, of broken coal .	\$4 37
1,000 tons, more or less, of egg coal .	4 65
500 tons, more or less, of stove coal .	4 90
1,500 tons, more or less, of Cumberland coal	3 00
Thomas & Pike:	
2,500 tons, more or less, of broken coal .	4 45
1,000 tons, more or less, of egg coal .	4 70
500 tons, more or less, of stove coal .	4 95
1,500 tons, more or less, of Cumberland coal	3 20

The contract was awarded to the Metropolitan Coal Company.

JOHN DROHAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Street Department.

Proposals for work have been opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as follows:

Sewer in Faxon street, Dorchester; bids opened December 16:

Bidders.	Bids.
J. P. O'Connell	\$1,078 75
McDowell & Sons	1,185 00
James Dolan	1,385 75
D. E. Lynch	1,438 75

The contract was awarded to J. P. O'Connell.

Sewer in Huntoon street; bids opened December 16:

J. McLaughlin & Son	\$1,129 01
P. J. Brophy	1,157 61
McDowell & Son	1,333 50
J. P. O'Connell	1,463 00
D. E. Lynch	1,681 00

The contract was awarded to J. McLaughlin & Son.

For furnishing 4,500 cubic yards filling on Columbia road; bids opened December 16:

	Per cubic yard.
James McGovern	\$0 59½
Gilligan Bros.	65
James McGraw & Co.	75

The contract was awarded to James McGovern.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

The oldest existing registered trade union in Great Britain is that of the London Society of Compositors, which was established in 1785. At the end of 1896 it had 10,558 members, £32,008 income, and £44,645 funds, having increased its funds by £12,211 during the year.

Governor Stephens, of Missouri, has issued a call for a conference to be held in St. Louis, on January 10, to perfect arrangements for holding a World's Fair in 1903 in commemoration of the Louisiana purchase.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Chairman J. Albert Brackett, 92 State street, on Wednesday, December 14, 1898, at 2 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse, Fallon, Hersey and Atteaux.

The Board discussed informally the question of estimates of income and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. It was

Voted, To send the estimates as made by the Board to the City Auditor.

Voted, That, pending the making of a definite arrangement in reference to the care of the following cemeteries:—Dorchester, North and South, Eustis street, Roxbury, South End, South and Hawes, South Boston—inasmuch as the contract for the care of the same with Mr. John J. Burnes expired on December 1, 1898, he be continued until the first of March to care for said cemeteries, and furnish the labor necessary therein, for the sum of \$100 per month.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on December 14, at 5.30 o'clock.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Burnham and Keany.

In the absence of the Secretary, Dr. Keany was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and it was voted that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$10,013.48.

It was voted that the regular monthly draft on account of the Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department, amounting to \$277.03, be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof.

It was voted that the regular monthly draft on account of new buildings, new laundry building, Hospital Department, amounting to \$87.21, be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof.

It was voted that there be paid to John S. Jacobs & Son, the sum of \$6,375, on account of their contract of November 23, 1897, for the erection of the Ann White Vose Building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$1,500, on account of his contract of August 14, 1897, for erection of the laundry building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, new laundry building, Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent as follows:

First—Concerning receipts from paying patients for the month of November. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

Second—Asking for instruction in regard to issuing diplomas to house officers, and certificates to surgical dressers and clinical clerks. This communication was referred to the Medical Committee.

Third—Concerning bond of \$3,000 for the Superintendent of the hospital, according to Section 3 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The same was referred to Mr. Burnham with full powers.

A communication was received from Dr. McCollom, Resident Physician, South Department, making sundry recommendations for promotion of house officers, issuing diplomas, certificates, etc. The same was referred to the Medical Committee.

Voted, That the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department be authorized to provide temporary arrangements for heating the Vose House during construction, the cost therefor to be charged to the Ann White Vose Building Fund.

A communication was received from M. W. Fitzsimmons, Supervisor of Plans of the Building Department of the City of Boston, in regard to the reconstruction of the surgical out-patient building. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

In response to Circular No. 51, from His Honor Mayor Quincy, it was voted that the estimates for the ordinary expenditures of the Hospital Department for the coming calendar year, as presented by the President, be approved.

FRANCIS J. KEANEY,
Secretary pro tempore.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street, on December 8, 1898.

Present: Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Goddard, Connolly and Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$7,330.79 for Austin Farm, and \$6,183.82 for Pierce Farm, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$2,236.36 for Austin Farm, and \$1,382.45 for Pierce Farm, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

The Superintendent's report was read, and was accepted.

The following changes in the pay-roll were reported:

Austin Farm—Left the service: Ada B. Fraser, Hattie D. Steele, Dorothea M. MacDonald, attendants. Appointed: Jessie MacLeod, table girl, in place of Nellie T. Penney; Blanche B. Jeffrey, attendant, in place of Ada B. Fraser; Ethel A. Stott, attendant, in place of Hattie D. Steele; Jennie Romkey, attendant, in place of Dorothea M. MacDonald.

Pierce Farm—Left the service: Alfred Elliot, Charles G. McCollum, D. J. McMas-

ters, K. T. Tashjian, H. P. Wright, attendants; Joanna O'Brien, cook. Appointed: Norval B. Spinney, in place of T. E. Armstrong; Ernest T. Parmenter, in place of A. J. McDonald; John P. Robertson, in place of H. P. Wright.

The question of a new stand-pipe for "B" building, at Austin Farm, was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with full powers.

The nomination of Miss Julia D. Black, as Matron and Superintendent of the Training School, was referred to the Committee on Service, with full powers.

A letter was read from the Mayor, stating that, in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, the Board of Trustees was not authorized to close the "A" building, at Austin Farm, recently condemned by the State Board of Insanity, without authority from the City Council.

On motion of Dr. Knapp, it was voted that the Secretary be instructed to ask the City Council for authority to close the "A" building.

The Visiting Committee presented the monthly report, which was accepted and placed on file.

It was voted that the Committee on Buildings be instructed to ask the Mayor for a rebate in the bill from the Repairs Department, as various charges were considered excessive, and, after the Mayor's decision should be obtained, that the Chairman and Secretary be authorized to sign a special draft for the amount.

The special committee on the appointment of a consulting staff made the following report, which was accepted, and it was voted that the appointment be made:

Consulting surgeons, Dr. William P. Bolles, 466 Warren street, Roxbury; Dr. J. B. Blake, 212 Beacon street; consulting physician, Dr. C. F. Withington, 1 Elm Hill avenue, Roxbury; pathologist, Dr. John Jenks Thomas, 363 Boylston street; consulting aural surgeon, Dr. Clarence J. Blake, 226 Marlboro' street; consulting ophthalmic surgeon, Dr. J. C. Bossidy, 201 Clarendon street; consulting laryngologist, Dr. J. Payson Clark, 76 Marlboro' street; consulting dermatologist, Dr. John T. Bowen, 14 Marlboro' street; consulting obstetrician and gynecologist, Dr. F. A. Higgins, 22 Marlboro' street.

It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to ask the Mayor that the land and buildings on Canterbury street, formerly used for the small-pox hospital, be transferred to the Insane Hospital Trustees.

It was voted that the Chairman, Secretary and the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized to meet certain Hospital Superintendents on December 15, to inspect the plans of the grounds and the proposed new buildings.

The Chairman and Mrs. Howard were appointed delegates to the Institutions Conference in December.

Visiting Committees were appointed: For December, Mrs. Howard and Dr. Knapp; for January, Mrs. Howard and Mr. Goddard; for February, Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Merriam.

It was voted that the Committee on Service be authorized to confer with the Chief of the Fire Department, with reference to instruction of the nurses in the management of fires.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. John P. Leahy, the retiring member of the Board, and express to him the regrets of the Board for his resignation, and their thanks for his services.

The population at Austin and Pierce Farms on December 7, 1898, were as follows:

AUSTIN FARM.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	107	246	353
On visit	1	3	4
Totals	108	249	357

PIERCE FARM.			
	Males.		
In house	209		
On visit	7		
Total	216		

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, December 9, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln and the Librarian.

Communications received: From the Mayor, Circulars No. 50 and 51; from Fiske Warren, Esq., dated December 9; the Librarian's report.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the Library Building, Dartmouth street, appropriation amounting to \$3,441, chargeable to the general library appropriation, amounting to \$1,592.85; and the Vice-president was authorized to sign special drafts in favor of Smith & Lovett for \$2,232, Elmer E. Garnsey for \$1,000, I. N. Tucker for \$209, and the Public Buildings Department for \$1,592.85, included in the above.

Employed: Richard Brown, grade D, branch division, at a salary of \$5 per week, beginning December 5; William J. Dougan as forwarder in the bindery, in place of William Heyer, resigned, at a salary of \$18 per week, beginning December 12.

The Librarian was authorized to employ special service at fifty cents per hour to index manuscripts in the Chamberlain Collection, and for similar service.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$329.91; trust funds, \$735.75: Station "P," 66 cents; Fellowes Athenæum, \$6.39; and miscellaneous articles, \$5,293.13.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held on December 7, 1898.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Mr. Pierce, Miss Rogers, Miss O'Brien, Mrs. Wolcott, Mr. Kerrigan, Mr. Mullen, Dr. Stuart, Mrs. Thorndike and Mr. Sproules.

It was voted to draw on the City Treasurer for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending November 10, 1898.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor approving salaries of William C. Smith and Edward F. Kenney in the store, and Maria E. Kilduff in the temporary home, was read and placed on file.

Circular No. 49, from His Honor the Mayor, directing that all men in the employ of the city be allowed half holidays on election days, November 8 and December 13, was referred to the Chairman.

Circular No. 50 from His Honor the Mayor, requesting information as to horses owned in the Department, was read, and the Secretary was directed to reply that no horses were owned.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor, recommending that steps be taken to secure an amendment of the law with regard to the Registration Department to place it under the charge of a Board representing the different departments connected with its work, instead of under that of a single Registrar, such Board to consist of the Chairmen of the three Institutions Boards, of the Board of Overseers of the Poor and of the Board of Statistics, and the Penal Commissioner, ex-officiis, was read and fully discussed, and it was

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to join with the other officials above named in a petition to the Legislature for the passage of an amendment to the present law to affect this end.

The Chairman presented the bond of Richard C. Humphreys, Treasurer, with two sureties, amount \$25,000, and stated that he knew the sureties to be entirely responsible.

Voted, That the bond be approved.

A communication from the State Board of Charity with regard to notices in cases of persons infected with contagious diseases, was read and placed on file.

A notice was received from the North National Bank that a meeting would be held December 17, 1898, "to see whether or not they will vote to go into liquidation."

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to attend the meeting in behalf of the Board, and vote for liquidation.

Voted, That the Treasurer, Richard C. Humphreys, be authorized to receive and receipt for, in the name of the Board, all money paid in liquidation of the various banks in which the Board owns shares, and generally to do all things necessary in the premises.

Circular No. 51 from His Honor the Mayor, requesting estimates of receipts and expenditures for the next fiscal year, was read, and the estimates as presented were approved.

Mr. Mullen reported for the Finance Committee that the accounts for November had been examined and found correct.

Miss Rogers read the monthly report of the Temporary Home which was placed on file.

Mr. Fowler read the monthly report of the Lodge and Wood-yard.

The Committee on Building reported the death of the engineer, Martin J. Connelly, and recommended that his former assistant, Thomas Moore, be employed as engineer at a salary of \$1,600 per year, he to pay for any assistance he may require in the performance of his work.

Voted, That Thomas Moore be employed as engineer at a salary of \$1,600 per year, his pay to date from the death of Mr. Connelly, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Dr. Stuart reported for the Medical Committee that Dr. Sprague had made fourteen visits in the month of November.

On recommendation of the Committee it was

Voted, That the Charlestown overseer and visitor be authorized to have hospital recipes filled and also repeated when they deem it expedient. The question of prices charged for medicine was continued in the hands of the committee.

A communication with regard to bodies for dissection was referred to the Committee on Burials.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners held December 5 and 12 respectively:

Voted, That the regular meetings of the Board, on the last Monday of each month, and such other times as the Board may find convenient, be held at the office 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M., and that the office hours be maintained there on Wednesdays and Fridays, from 3 to 4 P.M.

December 12, 1898.

Voted, That the contract for building a wall at Jamaica Park be awarded to D. F. O'Connell, with the understanding that seam-faced Roxbury stone will be furnished, and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 720.)

Plans for widening Forest Hills street and showing changes in the grade of Mendum and Fairview streets, West Roxbury, received from the Board of Street Commissioners, were approved.

Estimates for maintenance aggregating \$185,000 were approved.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, December 19, 1898.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office, for the week ending December 17, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	105
Number of discharges of mortgages	19
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of assignments of mortgages	6
Number of assignments of wages	30
Number of married women's certificates	9
Number of ship liens	2
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2

An accident notice was filed November 19, by John J. Austin, for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in sidewalk on Byron street.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Building Department.

Old Court House, December 12, 1898.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the three weeks ending December 10, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	8	4	1	2	-	10	3	-	8	9	
2...	1	1	4	2	-	5	1	1	7	6	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	
4...	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	3	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	13	2	
6...	-	8	-	-	-	-	3	3	9	46	
7...	2	21	-	1	-	-	20	5	28	67	
8...	2	10	-	1	2	-	10	1	6	13	
9...	-	4	-	-	-	-	5	4	8	17	
10...	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	4	5	19	
11...	2	4	2	-	1	-	3	5	11	54	
12...	1	5	3	2	1	-	3	1	7	21	
13...	1	1	-	2	-	1	1	1	8	4	
14...	3	8	1	-	-	2	3	1	3	5	
15...	2	3	2	-	1	1	3	-	4	-	
16...	2	-	2	-	2	6	-	2	3	15	
17...	5	2	1	-	4	1	7	-	10	8	
18...	-	8	-	-	1	-	-	1	5	4	
19...	12	2	1	-	1	6	6	1	5	0	
20...	13	5	2	-	1	23	2	13	36	30	
21...	10	-	2	-	-	10	-	4	7	13	
22...	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	9	3	
23...	7	3	1	2	-	10	2	6	21	20	
24...	7	5	4	-	8	11	4	9	13	11	
25...	5	3	6	-	-	6	3	5	12	13	
T'ls..	84	100	34	14	23	92	92	69	241	392	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

Health Department.

Old Court House, December 17, 1898.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Mrs. E. A. W. Morrill, Humboldt avenue, north-west corner Seaver street, Ward 21, three horses; Charles H. Carew, 684 East Second street, Ward 14, seven horses.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

S. B. Shapleigh, on proposed continuation of Mechanic street, near Allston Heights, Ward 25, three horses; hearing December 22, at 11 o'clock. Alice A. Bullock, 24 John A. Andrew street, Ward 22, two additional horses (four in all); hearing December 22, at 11 o'clock. Timothy McCarthy, rear 1548 Tremont street, Ward 19, fourteen horses; hearing December 29, at 11 o'clock.

On December 14, John B. McDonough and Joseph M. Harrington were appointed Inspectors of Nuisances, at a salary of \$1,000 per year each.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending December 16:

Steers	314
New England cows	34
New England bulls	11
Western cows	38
Sheep	138
Calves	343
Hogs	6
Total	884

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on the diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending December 17, 1898:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary	Totals.
Positive	11	13	24
Negative	130	55	185
No growth	0	1	1
Totals	141	69	210

Remarks: The results of typhoid diagnoses in four cases were: Three cases positive, one case negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, December 19, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending December 17, 1898:

Cases pending	1	
Number of applications	137	138
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	72	
Long Island Almshouse	33	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	4	
Boston Insane Hospital	7	
Foxboro' Asylum	2	
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	6	
Brigewater Asylum	1	126
Number of applications refused,		2
Number of applications withdrawn		8
Cases pending	2	
Legal settlements investigated		144

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, December 19, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending December 17, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	110	11
Females	23	0
Total	133	11
Offences:		
Against the person	6	2
Against property	15	8
Against public order and decency	113	1
Total	*134	11
Discharges:		
Male	162	21
Females	27	6
Total	189	27

How Discharged:

Expiration of sentence	118	18
Permit of Commissioner,	54	0
Payment of fine	17	0
Pardon by Governor	0	1
Transferred to Concord Reformatory	0	6
Transferred to Deer Island House of Correction	0	1
Transferred to State Farm	0	1
Total	189	27

Population:

December 12, 1898	1,528	519
Committed since December 12	133	11
Total	1,661	530
Discharged since December 17	189	27
December 17, 1898	1,472	503

* One committed, charged with two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, December 19, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by the Wire Department for the week ending December 17:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	329
Defects reported	71
Defects corrected	10
New work received	15
Dead wire removed (feet)	15,900
Fixtures removed	11

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	225
Notices of new work received	115

Inspections have been made of the temporary wiring at the various theatres, and at one of them changes were found to be necessary in the interest of safety.

Fires reported to be due to electrical causes at 324 Beacon street, 445 Boylston street and 1141 Washington street, have been investigated. With reference to the first mentioned place no evidence was found to warrant the statement that the fire was due to electrical causes. The fire at 445 Boylston street was due to a broken wire between partition walls, the current arcing between the two ends of the same, igniting the insulation on the wire, which communicated fire to the adjacent woodwork. The fire at 1141 Washington street was on the outside wall of the building, and was due to a poor connection in an arc-light cut-out. The damage was confined to cut-out and wall-block on which it was mounted.

Investigation was made with reference to a shock received by a man at 1176 Washington street, while operating a switch on a secondary circuit inside a building. Cause: burn-out of transformer on outside of building, primary current entering building over secondary wires.

The Department responded to alarm from from box 211, December 14, for a fire at 4 Willow park.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Building connections	8
Pole connection	1
Repairs	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	9
Building connections	15
Lamp connections	7
Repairs	7
Cable drawings	43

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	5,984
Feet of duct laid	49,876
Service connections made	43
Manholes built	30
Feet of cable drawn in	81,085

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of imports and exports, together with the entrance and clearance of foreign vessels, and the number of passengers arrived at the Port of Boston during the month of November, 1898, as compared with the corresponding month in 1897:

	Imports.		Exports.	
November, 1898	\$3,674,994		\$11,892,470	
November, 1897	3,794,384		9,110,462	
Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
November, 1898	148	178,467	122	150,406
November, 1897	170	161,456	155	129,564
Passengers arrived, November, 1898			1,106	
Passengers arrived, November, 1897			664	

Of the great universities of the country only four provide courses of study intended to fit a person for a business career. They are all of more or less recent development, but possibly the most complete is the College of Commerce established in connection with the University of California.

Included in the list of ten courses provided at the new college may be mentioned the following studies: Political economy, foreign and domestic exchange, currency and banking in all countries, commercial usages, studies of the history of commerce and industry, legal and political studies of different nations, geographical studies, technological studies concerning transportation and materials of commerce, and linguistic studies.

The annual meeting of the Association of Massachusetts Assessors was held at the State House, Boston, on Wednesday, December 21. A committee was appointed to draft appropriate resolutions on the death of the late Joshua S. Duncklee, for a number of years a member of the Board of Assessors of Boston.

WINTER LOAD-LINE REGULATIONS.

Prominent commercial organizations of Boston, New York and Philadelphia, for several years past have been agitating the question of securing favorable action by the British Board of Trade toward the abolition, or equalization, of the existing winter load-line regulations applying to the loading of vessels trading between Great Britain and the above-mentioned ports. Word was received by the Boston Chamber of Commerce, on Tuesday, that the Board of Trade had approved the revised tables submitted by its committee relative to the matter.

Although vessels plying between Great Britain and ports in the Chesapeake pursue practically the same route in crossing the ocean as vessels running to ports north of the Chesapeake, and are subject to the same perils and conditions, yet the load-line regulations have provided that in winter vessels of the latter class shall not load as deeply as those of the former class. This has seemed a discrimination against the ports of Boston, New York and Philadelphia in favor of Baltimore and Newport News, and the equalization of the regulations places all ports along the eastern North Atlantic seaboard on an equality in the matter of the loading of vessels of a length approximating a tonnage of 2,000 tons and over. This limit will not affect, in any way the regular steamships running to Boston, for the reason that the carrying capacity of practically all of them exceeds 2,000 tons. It is understood that the new regulations will go into effect at once.

Preliminary estimates show an increase of 2,868 miles during 1898 in the railroads of the United States, the largest increase reported since 1892, when 4,419 miles were added. More than one-third of this increase was supplied by nine roads.

Ten roads in Canada have built 448 miles and ten roads in Mexico have built 412 miles, in both cases there being a substantial increase over the number of miles built in 1897.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, December 16, 1898.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building culvert and grading section of Columbia road, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for \$20,000 satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, December 23, 1898, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, December 16, 1898.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Greenbrier street, between Bloomfield street and Tona-wanda street, Ward 20.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Boston, December 19, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, December 16, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 177 E street, corner of West Ninth street, Ward 15, three bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, one over E street and two over West Ninth street. Dimensions: Each twenty-two feet high, two eight feet six inches wide, and one twelve feet wide, and each one foot six inches over line of street.

C. A. RUSSELL,

46½ Warren street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Boston, December 19, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Saturday, the thirty-first day of December, at 12 o'clock noon, consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the South Boston News and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

STEEL BRIDGE WORK.

Boston, December 15, 1898.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 M. of Thursday, December 23, 1898, for building superstructure of fixed spans of the bridge on Summer-street extension across Fort Point Channel, in accordance with plans, specifications and form of contract to be seen at said office. Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, December 15, 1898.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on south-east corner of Columbus avenue and Camden street, Ward 12, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Camden street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, five feet wide, and projecting two feet six inches over line of street.

JAMES J. MURPHY,

12 Pearl street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Boston, December 19, 1898.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Saturday, the thirty-first day of December, at 12 o'clock, noon, consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Boston, December 17, 1898.

The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital will receive sealed proposals for supplying the Hospital Department with a cargo of 1500 tons—2,240 pounds to the ton—of pea coal, to be delivered alongside of the coal-pocket at the City Hospital wharf, Roxbury Canal. Bidders must specify the kind or kinds of coal they propose to furnish, and the name of the mines from which the coal is taken. Delivery must be made previous to January 10, 1899. The relative value of the different kinds of coal offered, will be considered in connection with the price. Proposals to be addressed to "The Boston City Hospital, Proposals for Coal," and left at the Superintendent's office at the Hospital not later than Saturday, December 24, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened. Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for five hundred (500) dollars and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The right is reserved by the Trustees to reject any and all bids.

Per order of the Trustees,

G. H. M. ROWE, Superintendent.

CITY OF BOSTON.

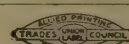
STREET DEPARTMENT—SEWER DIVISION.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Boston, December 21, 1898.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, Room 47, City Hall, Boston, until Thursday, December 23, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing and delivering in the bins of the main drainage works, Calf Pasture, Dorchester District, 1,500 tons, more or less, of Georges Creek Cumberland coal, or its equivalent; 500 tons to be delivered on or before January 11, 1899, the balance on or before January 31, 1899; proposals will state the particular kind and price per ton of 2,240 pounds, delivered as above, including all costs and expenses of weighing by a weigher appointed by the City of Boston, and stavedoring the same to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets; said proposals must be accompanied by a properly certified check for \$500, made payable to the City of Boston, said check to be forfeited to the city in case of failure to appear and sign the contract within five days from date of award; a bond, with sureties, or a deposit of money or other security satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, should he deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.



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EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale by the W. B. Clarke Company—Park Street Church stores A and B, Park and Tremont streets.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

At its meeting on Tuesday, December 27, 1898, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the following appointments of His Honor the Mayor:

Frank G. Webster, to be a member of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the term ending April 30, 1900, vice Henry R. Reed, resigned.

Horace Dennie and George M. Locke, to be Constables for the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

William F. Stewart, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1899.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING.

The improvements in the Public Library Building, provided for out of the special appropriation granted last spring, are now nearing conclusion. These improvements are: Increase and rearrangement of space for readers, and for administration, additional machinery and administrative

equipment and furniture, and improvement in the system of heating and ventilating.

READING ACCOMMODATIONS.

The Boylston street driveway has been enclosed to form with the adjacent room a periodical-room. The present periodical-room on the north-east corner has been enlarged and will become the newspaper reading-room. The use of the periodicals and newspapers, which is so closely allied, will thus be provided for in three large rooms conveniently en suite. The room now occupied by the newspapers will be released for other purposes, and the newspapers will be in a room directly accessible from the main vestibule, not necessitating, as heretofore, the transit of a third of the building.

Children's room and patent-room—The present children's room has been relieved of the registration-desk, which has been removed to the delivery-room. The children's department is to be augmented also by the addition of the present patent-room adjacent to it. This is to be fitted up as a children's reference reading-room, with a good reference library, including maps, photographs, etc., useful to children in their school work. In the gallery of this room will be a kindergarten library for teachers, augmented from the present collection.

The collection of drawings and specifications of patents is to be removed to a room in the west wing reached from the court-yard and from the special libraries floor. This room has been enlarged and provided with galleries. Besides the collection of patents, it will provide in part for the work of the statistical department recently established, being directly adjacent to the collection of documents on the special libraries floor. It has also been connected with the bound volume newspaper-room containing the most important of the files of newspapers.

ADMINISTRATION.

Delivery-room—On the Blagden street (south wing), the Librarian's office adjacent to the Abbey room, has been thrown into the old tube-room so called, from which books are issued. The space for the issue of

books has thus been doubled. With it the delivery counter has been doubled, and provides now distinct divisions for the return and for the issue of books. The registration desk, formerly in the children's room, has also been provided for at this point; an essential, as its work is intimately connected with that of the delivery department, and its remoteness from that department heretofore has forced the public to traverse the whole width of the building for needs that properly should be treated together. The old system of pneumatic tubes, involving fifty-six stations in the building, has been overhauled and new and improved terminals substituted. The twenty-eight terminals in the delivery-room, formerly stretching in a line, have been grouped in a circle for more speedy operation. In addition, an auxiliary system of improved tubes (operating by suction instead of by pressure) has been installed, which not only connects the delivery-room with each one of the six stacks and with the special libraries floor, but connects every stack with every other stack, so that slips may be sent from stack to stack without being returned to the delivery-room. In addition, a piece of apparatus has been installed in the delivery-room, itself novel to library use. This is a "Pick-up Carrier," so called. Its purpose is to transport the various slips between four points in the delivery-room, doing business with one another, the issue and return desks, the record trays, and the pneumatic terminals.

The carrier is a little cable railway operated by electricity. At fixed points at intervals upon the cable are carriers, which as they reach a station pick up a batch of slips waiting their arrival, carry them forward and deposit them at such succeeding station as may be their destination. The carrier is not a box, but is more in the nature of a hand which clasps the batch of slips by closing the thumb and fore-finger, and releases them automatically by the opening of these two. The automatic precision with which this work is carried on is quite remarkable. The convenience of the apparatus for use in this connection is that it keeps the flow of application slips practically continuous, whereas when transported by hand they can be transported only in batches at intervals,

to the disadvantage of any slip that may be undermost.

A new set of rooms has been created for the Librarian and executive department, consisting of an anteroom, main office, private office, and a room for records and files. This suite of rooms has been connected with the Trustees' room through a lobby formerly open to Blagden street, so that the whole series of rooms representing the general administration is now in proper relation en suite.

The Librarian's office is still, however, very conveniently accessible to the public, being reached directly from the delivery room by a corridor left open on the Blagden street side.

The new administrative offices occupy a part of stack five on the Blagden street side. A part of stack one and of stack two have also been equipped for administrative uses. In stack two, space has been fitted up for the work of the branch division, so called; this is the department at the Central Library having to do with the responsibility of the general administration of the outlying departments of the Library system which includes the twenty-eight branches and delivery stations, and the work connected with the issue of books to twenty-three engine-houses, certain of the reformatory institutions, and various schools. This division also deals with the applications from these outlying departments for books at the Central Library and the system of delivery of those books. At the time the Library moved to Copley square the circulation of books from the Central Library through the outlying departments had become very meagre; within the last four years it has greatly increased.

In addition to the circulation of books upon specific application there is now also a system of deposit collection made up at the Central Library and sent out to each of all the outlying departments except the branches, which have permanent collections of their own. The enlargement of the old work, together with these new undertakings, has instituted the organization of a considerable department, the head of which is the Supervisor of Branches. The space assigned to the work of the branch division when the new building was opened was but 216 square feet; the space now assigned for it in stacks one and two is 1,766 square feet. In stack one is the shipping-room where all the books enter and from which they are despatched. It is reached from a window opening from a sidewalk, to which the teams back up. In stack two is the provision for the administrative and clerical work, with shelving for the collection of books drawn upon more specially for deposit use.

The adaptation of portions of stacks two and five for administrative purposes has necessitated enlargement of the whole series of windows on the Blagden street side at these levels, from two feet three inches to four feet ten inches in width.

The stacks from the basement to the special libraries floor have been connected at the south-westerly corner by a staircase. Inter-communication between the stacks has also been secured by the auxiliary pneumatic-tube system, above indicated, and by the electric book-lift mentioned below.

The ordering department has been more than doubled in size by the addition to it of corridor and other space. It has also been greatly improved as to light, and forms now a most admirable space for the business of securing and receiving books and preparing them for the catalogue and shelf departments.

On this wing, also, have been arranged offices for the chief janitor (formerly near the main vestibule), and for the custodian of stock, so called, the official who has the responsibility of purchasing the 200 odd articles, from pencils to towels, in current use, and the duty of distributing them to the several departments upon requisition approved by the Librarian. In the basement a large space has been fitted up as a stock-room for the storage of these articles. Adjacent to the stock-room is a space fitted up with shelving for the duplicate-room, where duplicate books not needed for library use may be sorted and arranged for exchange, distribution and sale.

Elevators—Two electric elevators have been installed in this wing, one a passenger and freight elevator for service use, with a capacity of 1,500 pounds at 150 feet a minute. This has been installed in the centre of the service staircase, which has been more or less remodelled for the purpose. The fact that this elevator has twelve landings within a lift of fifty-nine feet indicates the business that it will be called upon to do. The second lift is an electric book-lift traversing the stacks and reaching the Special Libraries floor, which carries only small lots of books, and is operated by the attendant despatching the load; that is to say, it carries no attendant, but may be called to any point and despatched from it by the pressure of a button. When being loaded at any point, it is automatically exempt from call to any other point.

HEATING AND VENTILATION.

The building had been adequately heated except that the fresh air drawn in from the court-yard and forced up through the ventilating ducts, although passed over hot-water coils, had failed to reach a living indoor temperature. In consequence any discharge

into any room had tended to offset rather than to assist the work of the local radiators. This portion of the ventilating plant has been revised; a ten-foot metal fan revolving at a high speed has been substituted for the eighteen-foot fan revolving at a low speed. Steam coils have been substituted for the hot-water coils, through which the fresh air is passed. The cotton bags, through which the air was forced to be sifted, have been done away with, the air from the court-yard at least being as pure as that necessarily taken into the building through open windows on the outside. In place of a maximum discharge through the ventilating tubes of 40,000 cubic feet of fresh air per minute, it is expected there will be secured a discharge of over 70,000 cubic feet per minute.

The exhaust fan, also, which is under the roof and draws out the foul air, has been overhauled and its efficiency increased.

The above improvements will, it is hoped, materially improve ventilation in the various reading-rooms. Perfect ventilation in all of such rooms, occupied by a number of persons, becoming excessive at short intervals, is not to be hoped for.

In addition to the above, special ventilating apparatus in the way of fans have been installed for special local service, as in the public lavatories, the engine-room, etc.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION OF PRISONS.

The following report for the Special Committee on the Inspection of Prisons in the County of Suffolk was presented to the Board of Aldermen at its last meeting by Alderman Cleary, and ordered to be printed as a public document:

The Special Committee of the Board of Aldermen appointed to visit and inspect the prisons in the County of Suffolk, having made the inspection required by the Statutes of the Commonwealth, respectfully submit their second semi-annual report.

SUFFOLK COUNTY JAIL.

This Institution was visited by the Committee on Wednesday, December 21, and found in its usual clean and healthful condition. The inmates were questioned as to the treatment, food and cleanliness, and each one spoke in high praise of the management, and the kindness shown them by those in charge. The Committee were impressed with the cleanliness of the Institution and the quality of the food furnished. They again recommend the erection of a new building for the detention of women, in which provision could be made for a modern laundry, and a part of the same building could be fitted for hospital work. At the present time, if inmates are taken sick, they have to be treated in their cells. An appropriation for the construction of a brick wall, to take the place of the wooden

fence that partly surrounds the jail, should be made at once.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION, SOUTH BOSTON.

The House of Correction in South Boston was visited on Wednesday, December 21, and the Committee feel that something should be done this coming year, or at least a start made toward the erection of a new institution to take the place of this one, either on the mainland or on one of the islands in the harbor. The buildings are antiquated, and to appropriate any money to repair them would be a wasteful expenditure. The management of this place was commendable under existing conditions, and the Committee feel that everything that can be done for those unfortunate enough to be confined there is being done. The prison building, so called, where the cells are located, is not fit for human beings to live in, and immediate steps should be taken for the sake of humanity. The calisthenic drill and the school established here have both proved successful under their competent instructors.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION, DEER ISLAND.

The visit of the Committee on Inspection of Prisons to Deer Island, Boston Harbor, was made Thursday, December 22. The Institution and its inmates showed to the satisfaction of the Committee that its management was of the best. Cleanliness in every branch of it prevailed, and the food served to the inmates was good.

The hospital and its management was closely inspected, and the inmates asked as to their care and comfort. The replies received were confirmatory of the good opinion formed by the Committee of its supervision, and they were pleased to find that those confined there joined with them in that respect. Everything about the place showed that care and attention was afforded the unfortunate sick.

A new building, containing 500 cells, should be erected as soon as possible for the women prisoners. A new laundry and an additional dynamo should be placed at this Institution, and the Committee recommend to His Honor the Mayor an appropriation for the new building for women, the new laundry and the additional dynamo.

RAINSFORD ISLAND.

The Committee visited Rainsford Island, where stands the House of Reformation for Boys, on Thursday, December 22. In the opinion of the Committee the first recommendation to make relative to this Institution, is that the Trustees establish discipline in the class-rooms of the school, as a woful lack of that discipline and unanimity of purpose, which is essential to the welfare of such an institution, was plainly shown upon this visit. The Committee are of the opinion that this may be due, in part, to the fact that the number of Trustees is so large as to make impossible the unanimous feeling which is necessary for the proper government of the Institution. An institution of this kind would be improved by having it located on the mainland. Its present location should be abandoned. Its buildings are old, and not adapted for the successful working of a reformatory institution. For the above reasons the Committee recommend

that a male teacher be employed as head of the educational work, and that a new location on the mainland be procured.

PARENTAL SCHOOL.

The Parental School was inspected December 23, and found to be inadequate for the number of boys sent there by the courts for truancy. Additional land, and the erection of new buildings for dormitories, besides a rearrangement of the school-rooms are recommended by the Committee. A new administration building should be built on the site of the present so-called administration building, for Superintendent's house. A new barn should be built, and the land now covered by water should be drained off by the building of a sewer through it.

REMARKS.

The Committee believe that the Children's Institutions, under a one-headed salaried official, would be better managed than under the present system of a board of seven.

The Penal Institutions, managed by a single commissioner, won the admiration of the Committee. The amount of money necessary to bring the various institutions of this County up to the standard will be large, and the Committee recommend to the new Board of Estimate and Apportionment their favorable consideration to the many suggestions presented in this report.

The Committee are indebted to Commissioner Marshall, Sheriff O'Brien, Deputy Sheriff Bradley, Trustees Lamb, Dacey and Mrs. Quinn and the officers in charge of the different institutions, who afforded the Committee every opportunity for a careful inspection.

MICHAEL H. CLEARY,
WILLIAM H. LOTT,
EDWARD W. DIXON,
EDWARD W. PRESNO,
Committee.

EMPLOYEES AT RAINSFORD ISLAND.

The following communication from the Trustees for Children was received by the Common Council and placed on file, at its meeting held on the twenty-second instant:

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

32 Tremont Street, December 8, 1898.
TO THE HONORABLE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed I hand you a list of the persons employed at the House of Reformation, on Rainsford Island, this day, and the salaries of each, and would state that they are all citizens of Boston, with the exception of Annie L. Murphy of East Weymouth and Grace Merritt of Somerville, two of our teachers.

In regard to the inmates of the Institution, I would say that on the first of December, out of one hundred and forty-one (141) boys then present, thirty (30) were committed to the Institution for being

stubborn or disobedient children; and of the ages of thirteen (13) and under there were thirty-two (32) boys, or more than one-fifth of the total number.

Believe me,

Very respectfully yours,

H. A. LAMB, Chairman.

List of persons employed at the House of Reformation, Rainsford Island:

Lorenzo D. Perkins, superintendent, \$150 per month.

Maud Gates Everett, teacher, \$58.33 per month.

George F. Clark, instructor in printing, \$50 per month.

Russell R. Walton, instructor in shoe-making, \$50 per month.

Urban Wallace, sloyd teacher, \$40 per month.

Alvin E. Sanborn, carpenter, \$40 per month.

George Wilson, bandmaster, \$40 per month.

Alfred L. Leighton, house officer, \$35 per month.

Annie L. Murphy, assistant teacher, \$35 per month.

Kate Leeds Eddy, assistant teacher, \$400 per year.

Grace Merritt, assistant teacher, \$400 per year.

Annie M. Barrows, assistant teacher, \$400 per year.

George Mason, teacher of athletics, \$30 per month.

Frank H. Boyd, yard officer, \$30 per month.

Alexander Patten, watchman, \$25 per month.

Jeremiah Carroll, clerk and storekeeper, \$25 per month.

Georgie A. Perkins, house matron, \$25 per month.

Mary J. Richards, house cook, \$25 per month.

Annie E. Mason, institution matron, \$25 per month.

Lelia W. Knights, institution matron, \$25 per month.

Georgianna Leighton, seamstress, \$25 per month.

Thomas E. Ross, outside watchman, \$20 per month.

Benjamin Bean, kitchen assistant, \$10 per month.

Charles Stockmer, blacksmith, \$5 per month.

Charles West, engineer, \$10 per month.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting on the twenty-seventh instant voted to adjourn to meet on Saturday, December 31, 1898, at 12 M.

With cedar on plank, principally used for paving in 1889, it cost the City of Detroit \$55,990 to clean 133 miles of paved streets, while in 1898 it cost the city \$68,660 for cleaning 248 miles of paved streets.

TRADE AND THE FLAG.

In the current number of the "Contemporary Review," Lord Farrer considers the question, "Does Trade Follow the Flag?" In support of his contention that it does not, certain significant statistics relating to the trade of Great Britain with foreign countries and the British colonial possessions, respectively, are adduced.

The gist of Lord Farrer's argument may be summarized in his own words as follows:

The aggregate amount of the external trade of the United Kingdom was in 1854, £249,000,000; and of this, £181,000,000, or 72.7 per cent., was with foreign countries, and £68,000,000, or 27.3 per cent., was with British possessions. The aggregate amount of the external trade of the United Kingdom was in 1895, £643,000,000, and of this £477,000,000, or 74.2 per cent., was with foreign countries, and £166,000,000, or 25.8 per cent., was with British possessions. So that, comparing the first and the last years in the return, the proportion of the trade which the United Kingdom does with foreign countries has slightly increased, and the proportion which it does with British possessions has slightly diminished.

If, instead of taking two single years, we take the averages for quinquennial periods, we find that the percentages of the trade of the United Kingdom with foreign countries and with British possessions are as follows:

Quinquennial Periods.	Trade with foreign countries.	Trade with British Possessions.
1855-59 . .	73.4	26.6
1860-64 . .	69.4	30.6
1865-69 . .	74.7	25.3
1870-74 . .	76.6	23.4
1875-79 . .	74.0	26.0
1880-84 . .	72.4	27.6
1885-89 . .	72.6	27.4
1890-94 . .	73.4	26.6

The striking feature in these figures is the persistency of the proportion. It was 73.4 to 26.6 at the beginning and 73.4 to 26.6 at the end of the time—exactly the same; and in the meantime it had varied very little. In the above figures the re-exports of foreign and colonial goods from the United Kingdom are not included. If they were included, the proportion of our trade with foreign countries, as compared with that carried on with British possessions, would appear to be rather larger than is shown by the above figures.

The above figures give the comparative amount of trade reckoned in values. It will be interesting to make a similar comparison of the amount and growth of the

trade of the United Kingdom to places within and without the empire, reckoned in the tonnage of shipping, which, roughly speaking, gives some indication of quantity, not value.

Comparing the entries and clearances in the United Kingdom of ships bound from and to foreign countries with those of ships bound from and to British possessions, we find the proportions to be as follows:

Annual Average for	Percentage of Entries.		Percentage of Clearances.	
	From Foreign Countries.	From British Possessions.	To Foreign Countries.	To British Possessions.
1855-59	78.9	21.1	78.3	21.7
1860-64	79.2	20.8	78.1	21.9
1865-69	82.5	17.5	81.6	18.4
1870-74	84.9	15.1	82.3	17.7
1875-79	85.8	14.2	81.7	18.3
1880-84	86.6	13.4	81.6	18.4
1885-89	87.7	12.3	82.3	17.7
1890-94	88.0	12.0	84.3	15.7

Let us now sum up the result of these figures. What do they prove? I do not for a moment suggest that the natives of foreign countries, with wants and habits different from those of Englishmen, will buy and use as large a quantity of the things produced in England as people of English origin and habits would buy and use. I do not suggest that the trade of the United Kingdom would not have been larger if the British dominions had been larger, and if the Union Jack had waved over all the countries now dominated by the tricolor or by the double-headed eagle. Still less do I suggest that the protective and prohibitory tariffs of foreign nations, not to mention those of our own colonies, have not made the volume of the trade of the United Kingdom less than it would otherwise have been. What the above figures do prove is, that the trade of the United Kingdom with foreign nations is three times as great as the trade of the United Kingdom with countries under the British flag; that this proportion has been substantially maintained for the last half-century—in fact, for the whole period for which we have trustworthy statistics; that it has remained the same, or nearly the same, in spite of changes of all kinds; in spite of the enormous increase of the British Empire; in spite of wars and alterations of boundaries; in spite of changes in the internal policies of the nations; in spite of the partial adoption, and in spite of the subsequent relinquishment by other nations, of the principles of free trade. In short, these figures prove conclusively that extension of empire is not necessary for the maintenance of the foreign trade of the United Kingdom, and that there is some fundamental fallacy in the doctrine, so dear to jingoes and protectionists, that "the trade follows the flag."

THE PHILADELPHIA COMMERCIAL MUSEUM.

The Philadelphia Commercial Museum was established by ordinance of the City Councils in 1894, although in 1893, at the close of the World's Columbian Exposition, \$10,000 were appropriated by the city to defray the necessary expenses connected with bringing together a collection of the products of the world, to illustrate the commerce of the United States with foreign countries. Since 1893 additional appropriations, amounting to about \$420,000, have been made by the city for maintenance, equipment and enlargement, besides \$50,000 for building purposes, appropriated by the Pennsylvania Legislature during its 1897 session. The offices and exhibition rooms of the Museum cover sixteen acres.

The objects of the institution are to gather from all parts of the world, and to make available to business-men, full information concerning trade conditions and trade connections; to place on exhibition manufactured products from other countries; to bring before the manufacturer, dealer and consumer of the United States samples of the products of the world; to make examinations of those products, and to publish information concerning them. The management of the Museum is placed in a Board of Trustees, consisting of the Governor of the State, the Mayor of the City, the President of the Select and Common Councils of the city, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Commissioner of Forestry, the President of the Board of Public Education of the City, and the Superintendent of the Public Schools of Philadelphia, ex-officio, together with fourteen life members appointed by the Councils. To aid the work of the institution, a National Advisory Board, composed of members elected by commercial organizations throughout the United States, and a Diplomatic Advisory Board, consisting of heads of Legations at Washington for Latin-American Republics, was organized.

The work of the Museum is carried on and distributed through two distinct departments, viz.: (1) Scientific Department and (2) Information Department. They occupy over one hundred rooms and employ one hundred and twenty-five people.

Over nine hundred American firms are now regular subscribers to the Information Department, and are availing themselves of its facilities.

The area of Chicago is 193 square miles and its population is estimated at 1,850,000. The number of persons in the Police Department is 3,785; the salaries paid amount to \$3,771,130.

CONTRACT WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Mayor Quincy has signed the order passed by the Board of Aldermen authorizing the Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company to establish a new telephone system, with underground wires, after securing the execution by the company of the following contract to further strengthen and add to the obligations imposed upon it by the terms of the order. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 733.)

The agreement is as follows:

The Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, hereinafter referred to as the Massachusetts Company, in consideration of \$1 and other valuable considerations, to it paid by the City of Boston, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby agrees with said city as follows:

Article 1. Said Massachusetts Company, its successors and assigns, if it or they shall obtain the necessary permits to lay and maintain its wires in the streets of said city for the transmission of intelligence by telephone, shall within a reasonable time from the dates of such permits, and not exceeding two years from the date hereof in any case, construct, equip and operate an underground telephone system, with at least one telephone exchange in full operation, and without poles or wires overhead, and shall begin the construction of such system, if the necessary permits therefor are obtainable, not later than July 1, 1899.

Article 2. Said company, its successors and assigns, shall, as fast as its telephone system is installed and ready for operation, and within the territorial limits of such system, furnish to each and every person, firm or corporation in the City of Boston making application therefor telephone service of at least as good quality, and of least as many classes as to kinds of service and to rates, and at rates at least as low, as now furnished, established or fixed within and for the territory included within its several exchanges by the New England Telephone Company, a schedule of which services and rates is hereto annexed, so that each and every person, firm or corporation in said city now receiving, or able to receive, telephone service from said New England Company, shall be entitled to receive service of the same class or rate, at no greater price, from said Massachusetts Company, its successors and assigns, so far and so fast as it shall install its telephone system; and, furthermore, said Massachusetts Company shall not in any case, or for any kind of service, charge to any such person, firm or corporation a rate in excess of \$6 per month for the full and unrestricted telephone service, not limited as to number of calls, and connecting with all the subscribers of said company within the limits of said city, of each telephone transmitting and receiving apparatus placed in any business house, office or residence in said city.

Article 3. Said Massachusetts Company shall construct its system of underground conduits so as to provide a suitable duct for

carrying any electric wires for low tension currents that may be required by said city for its fire-alarm or police-signal systems, or for other municipal uses, and shall allow said city the use of such duct, with reasonable opportunity of access thereto, without any charge or rental therefor.

Article 4. Said Massachusetts Company, its successors and assigns, shall, as fast and as far as its telephone system is installed, furnish to said city, and to each and every one of the departments and offices thereof, such telephone service over its lines as may be required by the Mayor, without making any charge of any name or nature therefor.

Article 5. Said Massachusetts Company shall, within such reasonable time as is necessary to establish and connect the station applied for, furnish telephone service to any applicant therefor in said city.

Article 6. Said Massachusetts Company hereby agrees that it is bound by, and that it will in good faith carry out and perform, all of the stipulations, conditions and provisions contained in the order passed by the Board of Aldermen of said city on December 12, 1898, granting to it the right to construct, operate and maintain its telephone system within said city.

Article 7. Said company shall not sell or assign any right which may be granted to it to lay and maintain wires in the streets of said city without the consent of the Mayor and Aldermen of said city, shown by the vote of the Board of Aldermen, approved by the Mayor.

In witness whereof, said Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company has caused these presents to be signed, and its corporate seal affixed thereto at said Boston this twenty-third day of December, 1898.

Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company,

By ZEPHANIEL S. HOLBROOK,
President.

INDEX TO THE CITY RECORD.

There will appear in connection with next week's issue, a supplement containing a complete index to THE CITY RECORD for the year ending December 29, 1898.

There are 700,000 telephones in use in the United States; 140,000 in Germany and 116,000 in England.

According to a recent report from Manila made to the Supervising Surgeon-General of the United States Marine-Hospital Service, small-pox broke out about the middle of September among the United States troops stationed in that city. The reporting surgeon attributes the outbreak to the natives "who suffer from the disease with about the same frequency as children in the United States do from measles, as vaccination among them is entirely neglected. The cases seem to be of a virulent type, as the mortality has been about 50 per cent."

REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE AND CARE OF MILK.

On December 22, the following regulation was passed by the Board of Health:

Whereas, in the opinion of the Board of Health of the City of Boston, infectious diseases are spread by the distribution of milk produced, stored and distributed under improper conditions, it is, therefore,

Ordered, That the following regulation be, and hereby is, adopted:

Article I.—Section 1. All persons in the City of Boston engaged in the production of milk for sale, or in the business of selling, delivering or distributing milk in said city, shall, annually on the first day of May or within thirty days thereafter, make written application to the Inspector of Milk on forms prescribed by the Board of Health for a license.

Section 2. No person in said city shall engage in the business of producing milk for sale, or in the sale or distribution of milk in the City of Boston, without a license so to do, under these regulations and such other conditions as the Board of Health may impose, said license to be revoked if the licensee fails to comply with the conditions of his license or the regulations of this Board.

Section 3. The conditions under which every cow is kept whose milk is brought into the City of Boston, or kept, delivered, distributed, sold or offered for sale in said city, shall be made known by the licensee to the Inspector of Milk in such detail as the Board of Health may require, and shall be approved by said Board, and no milk, except that derived from such cow, shall be brought, kept, delivered, distributed, sold or offered for sale in said city.

Section 4. No milk shall be sold, offered for sale or distributed in the City of Boston unless the cows from which it is derived have, within one year, been examined by a competent authority and shown to be free from diseases dangerous to the public health, but this shall not be construed as forbidding the sale or use of milk from cows not tested with tuberculin.

Section 5. All persons having a permit or license to sell, deliver or distribute milk in the City of Boston, shall keep a copy of the license constantly posted in a conspicuous place on the premises, and shall have his name and the number of his license marked in plain uncondensed Gothic letters, not less than one inch in height, on vehicles used by him in the conveyance and sale of milk.

Article II.—Section 1. No milk for sale or distribution shall be stored in that portion of a building which is used for the stabling of horses, cows or other animals, or for the storing of manure, or in any room used in whole or in part for domestic or sleeping purposes.

Section 2. No person in the City of Boston engaged in the business of producing milk for sale, and no person engaged in the business of storing or delivering milk in said city, shall store, cool or mix said milk in any room which is occupied by horses, cows or other animals. All rooms in which milk is stored, cooled or mixed, shall be provided with tight walls and floor and kept constantly

clean. The walls and floors of said rooms to be of such a construction as to allow easy and thorough cleansing. The room or rooms aforesaid shall contain proper appliances for washing or sterilizing all utensils actually employed in the storage, sale or distribution of milk, and all such apparatus and utensils shall be washed with boiling water or sterilized by steam regularly after being so used.

Sect. 3. No urinal, water-closet or privy shall be located in the rooms called for in the preceding section, or so situated as to pollute the atmosphere of said rooms.

Sect. 4. All milk produced in the City of Boston for sale shall be strained, cooled or stored as soon as it is drawn from the cow.

Article III.—Section 1. Milk kept for sale in any store, shop, restaurant, market, bakery or other establishment, shall always be kept in a covered cooler, box or refrigerator, properly drained and cared for, and while therein shall be kept tightly closed and only in such locations and under such conditions as shall be approved by the Board of Health.

Article IV.—Section 1. All cans, bottles or other vessels of any sort used in the retail sale, delivery or distribution of milk to the consumer, must be cleaned or sterilized before they are again used for the same purpose, and it shall be deemed a sufficient reason for forfeiture of license for any milk dealer to fail so to do.

Sect. 2. No person shall use in any way a milk vessel for any other substance than milk, and any licensed milk dealer who shall so misuse such vessel shall be liable to forfeiture of license.

Article V.—Section 1. Every person engaged in the production, storage, transportation, sale, delivery or distribution of milk shall immediately on the occurrence of any case or cases of infectious disease either in himself or in his family, or amongst his employees or within the building or premises where milk is stored, sold or distributed, notify the Board of Health, and at the same time shall suspend the sale and distribution of milk until authorized to resume the same by the Board of Health. No vessels which have been handled by persons suffering from such diseases shall be used to hold or convey milk until they have been thoroughly sterilized.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

A true copy.

Attest:

C. E. DAVIS, JR.

The providing of free text-books in the public schools is optional in Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin.

Uniformity throughout the State, in respect to the text-books used in the public schools, is required by law in seventeen States, while uniformity in each county of the State is required by the laws of Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Dakota and West Virginia.

California is the only State in the Union which publishes the text-books used in its public schools.

PUBLIC BATHS STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD 1866-1898.

UNDER THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BATHING.

YEAR.	Number of Bath-houses.	NUMBER OF BATHERS.			Annual Appropriations.	Annual Expenditures.
		Males.	Females.	Total.		
1866	6	381,854	51,836	433,690	\$10,000	\$13,395
1867	12	705,973	101,228	807,201	25,000	21,457
1868	14	738,104	104,513	842,617	25,000	19,117
1869	15	876,620	174,454	1,051,074	26,500	21,808
1870	16	1,182,287	215,627	1,397,914	32,500	21,284
1871	17	1,276,575	190,701	1,467,276	37,000	38,997
1872	17	1,348,520	170,602	1,519,122	40,000	40,464
1873	17	1,218,315	171,611	1,389,926	40,000	37,299
1874	20	1,169,404	257,762	1,427,166	40,000	28,881
1875	20	809,801	277,126	1,086,927	30,000	21,440
1876	20	1,109,408	327,905	1,437,313	25,000	24,643
1877	18	1,004,222	245,475	1,249,697	25,000	22,666
1878	20	899,826	236,819	1,136,645	23,000	22,361
1879	16	807,530	213,786	1,021,316	12,500	21,423

UNDER THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

1880	16	866,422	260,136	1,126,558	\$12,500	\$12,500
1881	16	524,425	171,027	695,452	12,000	12,000
1882	16	598,736	183,486	782,222	13,000	12,995
1883	17	634,418	180,940	815,358	15,000	15,000
1884	17	638,298	185,646	823,944	16,000	16,000
1885	17	762,730	197,035	959,765	16,000	14,262
1886	17	714,514	194,886	909,400	16,000	16,094
1887	17	689,160	177,449	866,609	16,000	17,140
1888	17	625,694	158,691	784,385	18,000	15,854
1889	17	624,144	156,000	780,144	16,000	15,999
1890	17	802,084	185,994	988,078	*18,000	15,746
1891	18	836,086	178,702	1,014,788	*17,000	14,481
1892	18	908,889	216,947	1,125,836	*17,000	17,445
1893	18	825,614	181,864	1,007,478	*16,000	18,429
1894	18	860,944	221,731	1,082,675	*16,000	21,053
1895	18	589,979	177,046	767,025	*16,000	18,837
1896	18	611,894	189,341	801,235	*18,000	20,104
1897	18	536,360	120,915	657,275	*18,000	23,768

UNDER THE BOARD OF BATHS COMMISSIONERS.

1898	24	1,423,697	491,557	1,915,254	\$40,000	—
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* From 1890-1897 inclusive, the maintenance of the Public Baths was met out of the general appropriation from the Board of Health, and the figures starred should be read "Estimated Expenditures."

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Tuesday, December 27, 1898, Chairman Dyar presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages were received from His Honor the Mayor:

Foot Bridge, Dorchester.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 27, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of constructing a foot-bridge across the tracks of the Shawmut branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, from Rowena street to Fuller street.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

December 24, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with request contained in inclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I beg to report that the estimated cost of constructing a foot-bridge across the tracks of the Shawmut branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, on the line of Rowena and Fuller street extensions, is as follows:

For a steel structure	\$2,600
For a wood structure	1,000

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Enlarging of East Boston Ward-room.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 27, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of enlarging the ward-room on Maverick street, Ward 2.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

December 27, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reply to the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting the Superintendent of Public Buildings to submit an estimate of the cost of enlarging the ward-room on Maverick street, Ward 2, I beg leave to submit the following:

To extend building to street line, do the necessary repairs on the roof, painting, plastering, and all work incidental thereto, would cost \$2,000.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DROHAN,

Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Placed on file.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., Thursday, December 22, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The following messages were received from His Honor the Mayor:

Auctioneer's Licenses.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 15, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police in reply to your order asking information as to the "extent to which business is conducted in this city by auctioneers who are not duly licensed, and what means should be adopted to remedy the matter."

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE.

December 14, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The Board of Police has received the order passed by the Common Council on November 18, making inquiries in relation to the extent to which business is conducted in this city by auctioneers who are not duly licensed and what means should be adopted to remedy the matter.

In reply I would say that the city has been canvassed by the different police divisions and we find that there are no persons doing an auctioneer business without a license. Some of them, however, hold State licenses other than those granted by the Board of Police, and under the law they have a right to do business in the City of Boston without obtaining a license from the city or from this Board. We do not know of any remedy for this matter except to change the statute law of the Commonwealth, which gives auctioneers holding State licenses authority to sell in any city or town of this Commonwealth. If you desire we can furnish you with a list of auctioneers doing business under a State license and those doing business under licenses granted by the Board of Police.

Very respectfully,

A. P. MARTIN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Skating — M Street Playground.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 15, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Commissioners, stating that

they had already taken the necessary action toward flooding the M Street Playground for skating before receiving your order requesting that it be done.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

December 13, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We have received the order of the City Council requesting the flooding of the M Street Playground for skating. The Board has already taken the necessary action toward this end.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Sleighting on Main Thoroughfare.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 15, 1898.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order requesting information as to the possibility of keeping one of the main thoroughfares running from the South End to the market district in a condition fit for sleighing.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

December 14, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In reply to the inquiry contained in inclosed order of the Common Council "if it would be possible to keep one of the main thoroughfares running from the South End to the market district in a condition fit for sleighing," I would say that, under good sleighing conditions, this is always done. If a soft spell comes, however, the snow on the crossings is melted down to the stone, and may make travelling difficult; but I think there is no trouble, as stated above, under good sleighing conditions, in finding a route across the city by avoiding Washington street.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

Lease of Unused School-house.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 12, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The Street Commissioners now have under their charge an unused school building on Thomas street, which they are willing to lease to be used as a temporary home for destitute Jewish children, and a charitable organization formed for the purpose is ready to take the building and make the necessary changes in it to adapt it to such use, if it can be given a lease for five years. This requires

authority from the City Council, and believing that there is need of a home of this character, I gladly recommend the passage of the accompanying order giving the necessary authority to make the lease.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be authorized to lease the old school building on Thomas street, now in their charge, for a period of not exceeding five years, at a nominal rent, to be used as a temporary home for destitute Jewish children.

The message was sent up and the order passed. Sent up.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

December 21, 1898.

General Order No. 558.

Patrolman William H. Clegg, of Division 7, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty-three years, and having been pronounced physically incapacitated for active service by the physician to the Board of Health, it is, therefore, hereby ordered, His Honor the Mayor having approved the same, that the said Patrolman Clegg be retired from active service and placed upon a pension roll with pay at the rate of \$600 per annum, being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him in the office from which he is retired.

This order will take effect at roll-call, at 5.45 o'clock P.M., Thursday, the twenty-second instant.

December 24, 1898.

General Order No. 559.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman William Nixon of Police Headquarters for conduct unbecoming an officer, to wit:

First specification: In that after certain tools had been stolen from one Joseph A. Duff by some person or persons to your complainant unknown, the said William Nixon did make an arrangement with the person or persons who had stolen the said tools, whereby said tools were delivered into the custody of Officer Albert F. Gould of Division No. 9. The said Nixon intending thereby to aid the said person or persons to escape the penalties provided by law. This at Boston, on or about the twenty-third day of September, A.D. 1898.

Second specification: In that on the twenty-ninth day of September, A.D. 1898, the said William Nixon, well knowing that some person or persons, whose names are to your complainant unknown, had stolen certain tools within the limits of the City of Boston, and well knowing who said person or persons were, omitted and neglected to prosecute said person or persons, and has continuously omitted and neglected to prosecute said person or persons from that day to the day of the making of this complaint.

Third specification: In that on the twentieth day of September, A.D. 1898, the said William Nixon, well knowing that some

person or persons, whose names are to your complainant unknown, had stolen certain tools within the limits of the City of Boston, and well knowing who said person or persons were, omitted and neglected to give to any member of the Police Department of the City of Boston any information that would lead to the conviction of said person or persons, and has continuously omitted and neglected to give any such information to any member of the said Police Department from that day to the day of the making of this complaint.

Fourth specification: In that after two kegs of nails, five double rolls of tarred paper, one mitre-box and one saw had been stolen from one Magloire Sawyer by some person or persons to your complainant unknown, the said William Nixon did make an arrangement with the person or persons who had stolen the said chattels, whereby said chattels were delivered into the custody of Officer Vinal W. Harmon, of Division 11, the said Nixon intending thereby to aid the said person or persons to escape the penalties provided by law. This at Boston on or about the thirteenth day of November, A.D. 1898.

Fifth specification: In that on the eleventh day of November, A.D. 1898, the said William Nixon, well knowing that some person or persons, whose names are to your complainant unknown, had stolen certain chattels within the limits of the City of Boston, and well knowing who said person or persons were, omitted and neglected to prosecute said person or persons, and has continuously omitted and neglected to prosecute said person or persons from that day to the day of the making of this complaint.

Sixth specification: In that on the eleventh day of November, A.D. 1898, the said William Nixon, well knowing that some person or persons, whose names are to your complainant unknown, had stolen certain chattels within the limits of the City of Boston, and well knowing who said person or persons were, omitted and neglected to give to any member of the Police Department of the City of Boston any information that would lead to the conviction of said person or persons, and has continuously omitted and neglected to give any such information to any member of the said Police Department from that day to the day of the making of this complaint.

On the charge, and on all the specifications, the Board finds the said Patrolman William Nixon not guilty, and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Robert L. Wetherbee, of Division 10, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit, neglect of duty, in that he failed to report at the station-house at the end of his tour of duty on Wednesday, December 7, current, the Board finds the said Patrolman Wetherbee guilty, and sentences him to a forfeiture of thirty days' pay.

A large delegation, representing the Merchants' Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Produce Exchange, the various steamship companies and the Board of Marine Underwriters of New York appeared last week before the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors in advocacy of the improvement of the waterways of New York.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved December 21, 1898:

Ordered, That all expenses incurred by the reconstruction of Capen street, at Dorchester, be charged to the special appropriation made for "Capen street, laying out."

The following were approved December 23, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward A. Packard the sum of \$260.07, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate, 66-68 Hano street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2553, fol. 173.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Jacob Brodie the sum of \$150.20, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Washington street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 564.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Herman A. Savage the sum of \$109.56, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Bartlett street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2408, fol. 157.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Timothy D. Baker the sum of \$87.58, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Fairview street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 20.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Helen G. McDonald the sum of \$39.15, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Milton avenue and Armandine street, lot 36, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2501, fol. 73.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Abraham P. Robison the sum of \$44.89, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Hyde street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2408, fol. 155.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward A. Packard the sum of \$260.27, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate, 62 and 64 Hano street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed

recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2553, fol. 171.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William J. Hayes the sum of \$31.21, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Corona street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 5.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Helen G. McDonald the sum of \$33.39, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Milton avenue, lot 37, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2501, fol. 75.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Sylvester B. Hinckley the sum of \$249.52, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Englewood avenue, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 69.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company the sum of \$1,482.86, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of ten estates on Sears place and Anderson street for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 329-347, inclusive.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to R. W. Thompson the sum of \$129.15, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Nelson street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 555.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Mary A. Power the sum of \$63.23, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Dorchester street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2406, fol. 616.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Annie M. Murray the sum of \$53.03, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 51 Morris street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2408, fol. 114.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William E. Gilman the sum of \$151.41, being the amount held by the city, under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Devon street for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 66.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to James J. Logan the sum of \$151.41, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on _____ street for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 68.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved December 21, 1898:

Permits to project bay-windows, viz.:

Patrick Donlin, two, at 1528 Tremont street, Ward 19.

Maria Hill, two, at 312-314 Bunker Hill street, Ward 4.

Fuohs & Wangler, one, at 7 Central square, Ward 2.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

To Clarence B. Wilbur, auctioneer's flag, at 175 Washington street, Ward 6.

To Agostino Annese, sign, at 30 Bennington street, Ward 1.

To Browning, King & Co., five incandescent lights at 700 Washington street, Ward 7.

To George T. Litchfield, sign (transparency), at 511-513 Rutherford avenue, Ward 4.

To Gertie Seyboth, sign, at 18 Temple place, Ward 7.

To Charles Wirth & Co., transparency, at 33 Essex street, Ward 7.

Ordered, That the location granted by the Board of Aldermen for a night lunch wagon at the north-west corner of Washington and Northampton streets, be, and the same is, hereby changed to the north-east corner of Washington and Northampton streets.

Ordered, that the expense of the hearing given by the Committee on Public Improvements on the petition of the Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Hamilton I. Smith the sum of \$17.50 in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs November 26, 1898; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That the Boston Electric Light Company be, and is hereby, granted locations in the streets, squares and other public places in the City of Boston for wooden posts for the transmission of electricity and the support of electric lamps in substantially the same places as those now occupied by and in substitution for the iron lamp-posts belonging to the city as indicated on a map dated December 19, 1898, bearing the written approval of the Superintendent of Lamps, which map shall be deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets; and the locations of posts as designated on said map shall be deemed and taken to be the true locations thereof.

The following were approved December 23, 1898:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company to forthwith construct, operate and maintain an underground system of conduits and wires, or other underground conductors for transmitting messages or intelligence by telephone or telegraph, in the streets, lanes and highways of the City of Boston, included in the district bounded as follows (see THE CITY RECORD, page 729):

In Richmond street, beginning at its intersection with Dorchester avenue to Sanford street, thence in Sanford street to Cedar street, thence in Cedar street to Manchester street, thence in Manchester street to Ashland street, thence in Ashland street to Washington street, thence in Washington street to Columbus avenue, thence in Columbus avenue to Massachusetts avenue,

thence in Massachusetts avenue to Beacon street, thence in Beacon street to Brimmer street, thence in Brimmer street to Pinckney street, thence in Pinckney street to Charles street, thence in Charles street to Leverett street, thence in Leverett street to Causeway street, thence in Causeway street to Commercial street, thence in Commercial street to Atlantic avenue, thence in Atlantic avenue to Federal street, thence in Federal street to High street, thence in High street to South street, thence in South street to Broadway, thence in Broadway to Dorchester avenue, thence in Dorchester avenue to Richmond street, and the streets directly and remotely connected therewith; Rutherford avenue in Charlestown, Meridian street in East Boston, Broadway in South Boston, and the streets directly and remotely connected with these streets; and also in any streets, lanes, or highways in the City of Boston, not included within the above description.

And also ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets and the Commissioner of Wires of said city are instructed to grant necessary permits to said Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company to dig up and open the ground in any of the streets, lanes and highways in said City of Boston, so far as is necessary to accomplish the objects of the corporation, upon condition, however, that the work of laying said conduits and wires shall be done at such times and in such manner and places of opening as the Superintendent of Streets shall direct.

Provided, however, that said company shall comply in all respects with the requirements of Chapter 38 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, and all amendments thereof.

Provided, further, as follows:

That this order and all rights granted thereby shall be wholly void and of no effect if said company, its successors or assigns, shall fail:

(1.) To establish, construct and equip, under this order, an underground system, without poles or wires overhead, within a reasonable time from the passage of this order, with a telephone exchange in full operation.

(2.) To furnish to any applicant in the City of Boston, within such reasonable time as is necessary to establish and connect the station applied for, telephone service, not limited as to number of calls.

Provided also that this order shall forthwith become void and of no effect if said company, its successors, or assigns, shall in any event, either directly or indirectly, in the shape of rates, charges, rentals, tolls, or any other system or method of computation, exceed the maximum charge of \$6 per month for any business house, office or residence.

Provided also that this order shall not take effect until said company shall execute a binding agreement with the City of Boston, to be approved by its Law Department, that it will in good faith carry out, perform and be bound by all the foregoing stipulations and provisions; and until said company shall file with the city its bond, with satisfactory surety, in the sum of \$20,000, conditioned for the full and faithful performance of such agreement, and of all the stipulations and provisions of this order, and holding the city harmless against loss,

cost, damage or expense in any way due to, or arising from, the work to be performed under this order; and it is further provided that said company will furnish such telephone service to the City of Boston as it may require, without charge therefor.

Provided also that the rates for the use of each telephone and exchange service, all complete, to be charged or received by the said company, its successors and assigns, shall never in any event, either directly or indirectly, in the shape of rates, charges, rentals, or by any other system or method of computation, exceed the maximum rate of \$6 per month for all business houses and offices, residences, or other users thereof, and provided that the said company is to furnish an efficient telephone service for the inhabitants of the City of Boston not exceeding said rates.

This grant is made upon condition that the Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company shall execute some binding obligation which will be satisfactory to the Mayor of the City of Boston, that it will furnish free telephone service to the City of Boston, and that it will not sell or dispose of the franchise of this company to other persons, or corporations (reserving to itself, however, the right to license telephones and to sell its stock by subscription as any other corporation), and shall also satisfy the Mayor that said company has financial resources which will enable it to construct and operate a satisfactory telephone and telegraph system under this grant, and that said corporation can, and will, execute the requisite bonds required by the Mayor.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The following order was presented to the Mayor December 13, 1898, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That in addition to the sums heretofore allowed for clerical assistance in the office of the Register of Probate and Insolvency for the County of Suffolk, there be allowed from December 1, 1898, and until otherwise ordered, the sum of \$2,600 per annum, to be paid from the treasury of the County of Suffolk, upon the official certificate of said Register, countersigned by a Judge of Probate and Insolvency for said county.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an examination will be held on January 24-25, 1899, commencing at 9 A.M., at Boston or any other city in the United States where it has a Board of Examiners, for the position of compass expert, Bureau of Equipment, Navy Department, at a salary of \$4.80 per diem.

Two days of seven hours each are allowed for this examination.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. Persons who desire to enter this examination should at once write to E. E. Stebbins, Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Boston Post-office Building, for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and promptly filed with the Commission at Washington, D.C.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on February 7, 1899, examination may be taken at any city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners, including Boston, for the position of guard in the United States Penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, at a salary of \$60 per month.

The Department desires men not less than twenty-two years of age nor more than fifty years of age, who are not less than five feet nine inches in height, and who weigh not less than one hundred and fifty pounds, who are possessed of sound physical courage, a kindly but firm disposition, sound judgment and discretion, an inclination to faithfully carry out the orders of a superior, a personality and characteristics which would command the respect and obedience of persons in their custody, and a temperament calculated to gain the confidence and friendship of prisoners in their charge. Those who, by the evidence presented, fail to pass these preliminary requirements, will not be admitted to the written part of the examination.

The written part of the examination will be of a very light character, consisting of spelling, elementary arithmetic, letter-writing, penmanship, copying from plain copy. In determining the general average of the competitors who pass the preliminary requirements the written part of the examination will be given a weight of 70 per cent., and the element of experience a weight of 30 per cent.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements, without regard to race or to political or religious affiliations. All such citizens are invited to apply.

Those who possess the preliminary qualifications and who desire to compete in the examination should at once write to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 1,036), which should be properly executed and forwarded to the Commission at Washington.

The medical certificate in Form 304 must be executed.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Chairman, J. Albert Brackett, 92 State street, on Tuesday, December 20, at 3 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse, Fallon and Atteaux.

The Board discussed, informally, the question of finances for the coming year.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, December 22, 1898.

The forty-second regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held on Monday, December 5, the full Board being present.

A letter from Miss Mary A. Morris, Superintendent of Nurses at Long Island, was received, asking that the salaries of herself and her assistants be increased. The request was referred to the Hospital Committee, with power.

The Finance Committee was authorized to buy a typewriter for use at the Charlestown Almshouse.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported that they had authorized the extension of the water-pipes, and the construction of an artificial ice-pond at Long Island.

The Superintendent of Long Island came before the Board and spoke of the difficulty in securing the proper amount of work from able-bodied men who were inmates of the Institution. He was authorized to have certain sections of Article 445, Acts of 1895, printed and placed in public positions in the men's building.

The Superintendent of Long Island was also authorized to purchase a new mangle, cost of the same, with allowance for old machine, to be \$282.50.

The front wharf at Long Island, which was injured during the gale of November 27, has been partly repaired.

On request of the Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse, it was

Voted, That a small room, with chimney and stove, be provided in the stable at the Almshouse, if it can be arranged without danger of fire to the building.

Voted, That in cases where this Department can show repeated admissions to Long Island, together with repeated admissions to Deer Island, the court shall be consulted as to the proper disposition of the case, and whether such individuals can be considered as vagrants under the law.

The following census for Long Island on December 3, 1898, is given:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	89	116	205
Children	2	1	3
Dormitory:			
Adults	0	236	236
Children	4	5	9
Institution	282	0	282
Totals	377	358	735

Alice N. Lincoln, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, December 16, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, DeNormandie, Lincoln and the Librarian.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation amounting to \$10,715.19; chargeable to the trust funds, \$453.96; chargeable to the "Broadway Extension Improvements" appropriation, \$40.89; chargeable to the Library Building, Dartmouth street appropriation, \$462.07; chargeable to the Library Building furnishing appropriation, \$165. The President was authorized to sign special drafts in favor of Lynch & Woodward for \$462.07, and the Mellish & Byfield Company for \$165.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$390.22; to trust funds, \$151.68 plus \$16.50; "Station P," \$8.15; Fellowes Athenæum, \$35.87; miscellaneous articles, \$906.90.

The committee of the Trustees to which was referred the request of the Mayor for estimates for the maintenance of this Department during the coming fiscal year, submitted a schedule of estimates together with a draft of a communication, which were considered, accepted and adopted, and transmitted to the Mayor as the response of the Board.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Awards of Contracts.**Street Department.**

Proposals for work have been opened by the Superintendent of Streets as follows:

Feed water heater, meters, etc.; bids opened December 12:

Bidders.	Bids.	
	Item 1 (a).	Item 2 (b).
Lockwood Manufacturing Company	\$2,400	\$1,700

The contract was awarded to Lockwood Manufacturing Company under Item 1 (a) which calls for the larger heater.

Building culvert (Item 1) and grading section of Columbia road (Item 2); bids opened December 23:

	Item 1.	Item 2.
J. W. Hensby	\$2,295 00	\$0 69
S. J. Donovan	2,386 24	69½
D. F. O'Connell	2,300 00	79
H. P. Nawn and N. S. Brock,	2,400 00	87

The contract was awarded to S. J. Donovan.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

The paid Fire Department of New York City was created in 1865, and in that year \$564,228.80 was required for its maintenance.

Department Communications.**Health Department.**

Old Court House, December 24, 1898.

The following application has been received for the occupancy of a stable:

Arthur H. Kinder, 17 Woodward Park street, Ward 16, for one horse; hearing January 5, at 11 o'clock.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

S. B. Shapleigh, Mechanic street, 200 feet east from Allston Heights, Ward 25, three horses; Alice A. Bullock, 24 John A. Andrew street, Ward 22, four horses.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending December 23:

Steers	270
New England cows	27
New England bulls	15
Western cows	47
Sheep	46
Calves	234
Hogs	50
Total	689

During the past week, 410 pounds of tuberculous beef and 154 pounds of septicæmic mutton have been condemned.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending December 24, 1898:

Two hundred and seventeen cases of poultry, 199 cases of veal, sixty cases of fish, four barrels of cranberries, one barrel of potatoes, five crates of beans.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending December 24:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	10	21	31
Negative	67	226	293
No growth	3	1	4
Totals	80	248	328

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, December 27, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending December 24, 1898:

Cases pending	2	
Number of applications	134	
		136
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	81	
Long Island Almshouse	28	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	3	
Boston Insane Hospital	4	
Foxboro' Asylum	3	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	3	
		122
Number of applications refused,		2
Number of applications withdrawn	10	
Cases pending	2	
		136
Legal settlements investigated,		167

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont street, December 27, 1898.

Statistics for the week ending December 24:

	South Boston House of Correction.	Deer Island House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	135	13
Females	22	2
Totals	157	15
Offences:		
Against the person	6	1
Against property	17	11
Against public order and decency	134	3
Totals	157	15
Discharges:		
Males	181	13
Females	29	2
Totals	210	15
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	121	12
Permit of Commissioner,	64	1
Payment of fine	25	0
Transferred to Sherborn,	0	1
Pardoned by Governor	0	1
Totals	210	15
Population:		
December 19, 1898.	1,472	503
Committed Since December 19	157	15
Totals	1,629	518
Discharged since December 19	210	15
December 24, 1898.	1,419	503

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, December 27, 1898.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending December 24, 1898:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	254
Defects reported	40
Defects corrected	4
Notices of new work received	30
Dead wire removed (feet)	14,800
Fixtures removed	9
Poles removed	1

Investigation has been made of cause of fire in trees December 21, with the result that the Boston Electric Light Company wires were found in contact with limbs, the heavy rain having caused arcing.

Investigation has also been made of fire at 554 Dorchester avenue December 22, at 8.30 P.M. The same was found to be due to grounding of arc wires on lamp support attached to side of building, several clapboards being burned as a result of same.

In conjunction with employees of the Boston Electric Light Company, pole locations were made in South Boston and Dorchester.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	231
Notices of new work received	133

Inspections have been made of the temporary wiring at the various theatres.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Building connections	9
Pole connections	8
Repairs	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	3
Building connections	13
Lamp connections	1
Pole connections	3
Repairs	5
Cable drawings	62
Installations of underground transformers,	1

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF HOUSE OF REFORMATION.

At a meeting of the Trustees for Children, held on December 16, Mr. John C. Anthony was appointed Superintendent of the House of Reformation, at Rainsford Island, in place of Mr. Lorenzo D. Perkins, resigned.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR 1899.

The new City Government will assemble for the first time in the Common Council Chamber on Monday, January 2, 1899, at 10 o'clock. His Honor Mayor Quincy will deliver his annual message, and both branches of the City Council will proceed to elect officers for the ensuing year.

MUNICIPAL CONCERTS.

The usual concert by the Municipal Orchestra, Mr. John C. Mullally, conductor, assisted by Miss Hattie Belle Ladd, contralto, will be given in Music Hall on Sunday evening, January 1. Admission to the concert will be ten, fifteen and twenty-five cents.

The next weekly concert by the Municipal String Quartet will be given in the ward-room, corner of Vine and Dudley streets (old Vine-street church), Roxbury, on Tuesday evening, January 3, at 8 o'clock. Free admission is given to the concert, and tickets may be obtained at the stores of John F. Murphy, 820 Albany street; E. C. Jernegan, corner Dearborn and Dudley streets; C. J. Halligan, 11 Eustis street; Sumner Blanchard, corner Dudley and Adams streets, and at Hayman's drug store, corner Hampden and Dudley streets.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DELIVERY STATION.

The eighteenth delivery station of the Boston Public Library, known as Station U, was established at 62 Union Park street on

Tuesday, December 27, 1898. The property occupied by the Station is owned by the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, whose representatives offered it to the Trustees of the Library together with heating, lighting and janitor service.

The Trustees accepted this offer at a meeting held on December 12. As at all other stations a daily delivery will be made from the Central Library. In addition, about 400 books suited to the needs of the district will be kept on the shelves. The hours during which the Station is open, are from 2 to 6 P.M. and from 7 to 9 P.M. daily, except Sundays and holidays.

In the period, 1855-59, Great Britain's imports from British North America averaged £5,000,000 annually, or 3.3 per cent. of her total imports. In 1890-94 they averaged £13,000,000, or 3.3 per cent. of the whole. British exports to British North America averaged £4,000,000 annually in 1855-59, or 3.1 per cent. of her total exports, while in 1890-94 they averaged £7,000,000, or 3 per cent. of her total exports.

The aggregate imports of Great Britain from Australia and New Zealand have very largely increased, both absolutely and proportionately in the last fifty years. They averaged £6,000,000, or 3.3 per cent. of total imports in 1855-59, and £30,000,000, or 7.3 per cent. of total imports, in 1890-94. British exports to those colonies increased from £10,000,000 on the average in 1855-59, to twice that sum on the average in 1890-94. But the percentage of such exports to Great Britain's total export trade has not increased. It was 8.4 per cent. in 1855-59, and 8.4 per cent. in 1890-94. Nor has it been steady. It was as low as 6 per cent. in 1870-74, and as high as 10.2 in 1885-89.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending December 24, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	22.9
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897,	22.9
Number of deaths:	
Males	128
Females	105
Total	233
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	175
Increase	58

Of the 233 decedents, 228 were white and 5 colored; 149 were born in the United States, 82 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 2 was unknown; 60 were of American parentage, 154 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 19 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	63	6
Scarlatina	22	1
Typhoid fever	9	5
Measles	122	0
Totals	216	12

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	29
Heart disease	30
Bronchitis	18
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	13

Total from principal causes	120
Total from infectious diseases	12
Total from other causes	101
Total from all causes	233

Deaths of children under 1 year	37
Deaths of children under 5 years	56
Deaths of persons over 60 years	54
Deaths in public institutions	55

Massachusetts was the first State in the Union to enact a compulsory free text-book law. Since 1883, the date of the Massachusetts law, similar compulsory laws have been passed by Delaware, Idaho, Maine, Maryland, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSIONERS:

Boston, December 20, 1898.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Cambridge street, between Charles street and Charles river, be widened, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of the City Engineer of the City of Boston—that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 467 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 3 o'clock P.M., of the tenth day of January, 1899, and the office of the Mayor of the City of Boston as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Chairman Cambridge Bridge Commission.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The School Committee of the City of Boston, will receive proposals for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the Mechanic Arts High School-house, Dalton and Belvidere streets, Boston, Mass., and furnishing a bond in the sum of \$1,000 for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the office of Wheelwright and Haven, Architects, 1129 Tremont Building, 73 Tremont street, in said city, fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of January 3, 1899, with a certified check for \$500 payable to the City of Boston, the check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The proposals of bidders who conform to the above directions, and no other, will at said time and place be publicly opened and read. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

WILLIAM T. EATON,

Chairman Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of the City of Boston.



